

ROOD REVIEW

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The Truth of Hanukkah

Why don't we know about Hanukkah? Why do we not understand the event on which Yeshua went up to the "feast" where he would declare, "I am the Light of the world?" It's because, in 1825, the book of Maccabees was taken out of the King James Version of the Bible, forever mystifying Christians about the origins of the Feast of Dedication (Hanukkah). Allow me to re-educate you.

During the time that the Greeks occupied Israel, Antiochus Epiphanes invaded Jerusalem and banned anyone from reading the Holy Scriptures. He outlawed the worship of the God of Abraham (YeHoVaH) and desecrated the Temple. He set up a statue of Zeus (Jupiter) in the temple on December 25 (Zeus's birthday), declaring Zeus to be God. He then ordered that a female pig be slaughtered on the altar, defiling it. This was the first fulfillment of the abomination of desolation.

All appeared lost, but a handful of priests decided they were not going to submit to the Greek king's demands. Vastly outnumbered and facing armored elephants, they marched on in the name of YeHoVaH, destroyed the Greek army, and rededicated the temple. This implausible victory happened exactly three years after the abomination of desolation, on December 25. In other words, Christmas (the abomination) and Hanukkah (the rededication) happened on the very same day.

The point of Hanukkah is to celebrate the power of the Almighty's people over those who want to destroy our faith. It is an expression of the fact that the Almighty will not be outlawed and his Word will not be subverted. It is a reminder to dedicate ourselves to him, to remain faithful, and to stand strong for him. It is a reminder that we are priests and kings in the court of the Almighty; we are to be righteous judges now and in the future. It is a reminder that we are strong because our strength comes from YeHoVaH. Hanukkah is a feast for all of the Almighty's faithful!



Happy Hanukkah,

Michael J. Rood

The **12** Truths of ~~Christmas~~

Yeshua's Birth

Modern Christianity doesn't get much right about Yeshua's birth – but this time of year IS a perfect time to share with your friends and relatives the truth of how and when he came.

Here are 12 truths that can help you explain how each piece of the traditional Christmas narrative (regardless of its inaccuracies) fits into the timeline of what REALLY happened!

Yeshua was not born on December 25th. But those who were include Nimrod, the Babylonian sun god, reborn as Tammuz; Rah, the Egyptian sun god; Zeus, the Greek god; and Mithra, the Roman sun god.

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Yeshua was born on the 15th day of 7th month of the biblical calendar, the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles (a High Sabbath), which always occurs in autumn. On the Julian calendar, it was Thursday, September 26, 3 BCE.

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Yeshua was born on a High Sabbath (15th day of the 7th month), circumcised and named on a High Sabbath (22nd day of the 7th month), and raised from death on a Sabbath (17th day of the 1st month).

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Yeshua was not placed in a feeding trough when he was born. He was placed in a "manger" which is the same word as "sukkah" in Hebrew – a three-sided temporary dwelling erected at the autumn Feast of Tabernacles, the true timing of his birth.

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Yeshua was wrapped in "swaddling" cloths, part of an initial dedication of a child of the king. The cloths were made from priests' garments that were no longer in use; most likely, Elizabeth sourced them since her husband, Zechariah, was a priest in the temple.

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The town in which Yeshua was born, Bethlehem (beit lechem), literally means "house of bread," which ties into what he said of himself in John 6:51 – "I am the living bread which came down from heaven!"

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The concept that there were three "wise men" that came to visit Yeshua is assumed; there were three gifts, not three people.

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The great sign in the heavens that the "wise men" saw was the constellation Bethulah (the virgin) along with the planet HaTzaddik (Jupiter or the "righteous") coming into conjunction with the star HaMelech (the king) within the constellation of Ariel (the lion of Judah).

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The so-called "wise men" who came to see Yeshua as a toddler were descendants of the Chaldean astronomers, which the prophet Daniel had trained and entrusted with his treasure – the treasure given to Yeshua and his parents.

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The wise men arrived with their gifts for Yeshua when he was 14 months old; the very next night, Joseph and Miriam were able to use the treasure to finance their escape to Egypt to avoid Herod's infant death sentence.

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The gold, frankincense, and myrrh presented to the toddler Yeshua were traditional gifts presented to royalty. The pure oils of frankincense and myrrh were more valuable than their weight in gold.

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We know that Joseph and Miriam were financially poor because their offering at Yeshua's dedication in the Temple was the "poor man's offering" of two young pigeons.

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YOU ARE DEFEATING THE WORLD'S LIES!



Dear Friend,

Michael and I would like to say a huge ***THANK YOU*** for your prayers and financial support of A Rood Awakening! International this year. Your prayers for this ministry have been greatly felt and you have been a tremendous blessing to us.

MICHAEL UPDATE

Since Michael's stroke, he has been running a marathon to get back with you. Almost every day, he goes to some type of therapy — physical, occupational, speech, or just plain walking! He is making great progress and cannot wait to be back in the teaching chair for you! But most of all, he thanks you, as I do, for supporting A Rood Awakening! International with your sacrificial giving and prayers. Michael's dream of getting the Truth of the Gospel of the Kingdom to all the nations is coming true and ***YOU*** are the reason it's happening!

NEW PROJECTS

In 2023, A Rood Awakening! International has plans to take the Truth of Yeshua Messiah even farther than we ever have before. Thanks to your support, we are able to bring high quality speakers from around the world — both seasoned favorites and new faces — into your home, and we have new ways to do that in 2023.

We have started some new programs! Watch for ***Deep Dive*** with Keith Johnson on Sundays at 1:00pm. A new panel discussion program we call ***The Biblical View***. Our moderators for this program will include Nehemia Gordon, Keith Johnson, Scott Laird, myself and more. Rood Radio is back! It is a podcast program ***Rood Radio: The Podcast***. It will go even deeper on topics our guests have been teaching on ***Shabbat Night Live***, our flagship program. As 2023 continues, we pray to see Michael back, in-person, and hear more of his teachings.

More for 2023! We are so excited to announce the Rood events of Passover 2023 and Yom Teruah 2023. Michael will be with us, in-person, for both of these events. Plan to attend at our headquarters in Charlotte. We will have limited seating. Be watching for our announcements as they happen. Get your tickets early for these very exciting celebrations! Your support makes these programs and events possible. Thank You!

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INTERNATIONAL

THE WORLD NEEDS THE TRUTH!

With wars happening overseas, political unrest, supply shortages at every turn, inflation hitting all-time highs and countries, along with social media platforms, banning YeHoVaH's Word, it's more important now, more than ever, to have The Word, The Truth of the Bible, go to those people who need it the most.

YOUR DONATION HAS POWER

Your partnering with A Rood Awakening! International will get these important teaching resources and materials into the hands of those who are desperate to hear about Yeshua Messiah.

In fact, your donations help **DEFEAT** the system! While prices of everything in our lives are continually going UP, your donations are helping to subsidize our teaching resource costs. In other words, your donations enable us to keep prices **AFFORDABLE**, even though these materials are costing more for us to produce.

THE TIME FOR ACTION IS NOW

Michael and I are asking that this year, you prayerfully consider giving, over and above, before December 31, 2022. The Bible says in Luke 6:38: Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." This tax-deductible end of year donation will go far to bring the message of YeHoVaH to a lost and dying world.

You can give to A Rood Awakening! International or you can give to the government. Which will do more for The Kingdom?

From the entire Rood Crew, we wish you peace and happiness for 2023 and please, keep praying for us, as we bring the truth of Yeshua — the Gospel of the Kingdom — to the world.

Again, Thank You



Tedd Clayton CEO



THIS MONTH ON ...

Shabbat
NIGHT LIVE
with Michael Rood

Why Not JESUS?

with Keith Johnson

Most of us did not start our spiritual journey with a Torah-observant mindset — we had what Keith Johnson calls a “Jesus journey.” We learned Jesus stories and Jesus songs, but there’s a big difference between knowing about him and truly knowing him.

The truth is, we cannot truly understand his ministry or his message without first understanding his original, given name: Yeshua.

Why Not Jesus? with Keith Johnson stresses the importance of knowing the power and purpose of our Messiah’s name — because without it, we will fall into the trap of creating our own “Jesus” and our own religion.




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The Christ Controversy with Keith Johnson takes us on a journey over thousands of years to explore the intriguing history of priests, prophets, kings, queens, and the mysterious ceremony of anointing.

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