

Chanukah



Key points

- Messiah celebrated Chanukah
- Messiah compared Chanukah to the end times
- Should we celebrate it?

John (Juan) 10:22-24

Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter.

And Yeshua walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch.

Then the Jews surrounded him and said to him, "How long do you keep us in doubt? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Matthew (Mateo) 24:2-3

And Yeshua to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not [one] stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down." Now as he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what [will be] the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

Matthew (Mateo) 24:4-6

And Yeshua answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many.

And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars.

See that you are not troubled; for all [these things] must come to pass, **but the end is not yet."**

1 Maccabees 1:20-22

After his conquest of Egypt, in the year 143, Antiochus turned about and advanced on Israel and Jerusalem in massive strength. **Insolently breaking into the sanctuary, he removed the golden altar** and the **lamp-stand** for the light with all its fittings, together with **the table for the loaves** of permanent offering, the libation vessels, the cups, the golden censers, the veil, the crowns, and the golden decoration on the front of the Temple, which he stripped of everything.

Matthew (Mateo) 24:7-8

"For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

All these [are] the beginning of sorrows."

1 Maccabees 1:25-28

There was deep mourning for Israel throughout the country: Rulers and elders groaned; girls and young men wasted away; the women's beauty suffered a change; every bridegroom took up a dirge, the bride sat grief-stricken on her marriage-bed. **The earth quaked** because of its inhabitants and the whole House of Jacob was clothed with shame.

Matthew (Mateo) 24:9-10

"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another."

(Greatest commandment??)

1 Maccabees 1:37-40

They shed innocent blood all round the sanctuary and defiled the sanctuary itself. **The citizens of Jerusalem fled because of them,** she became a dwelling-place of strangers; estranged from her own offspring, her children forsook her. **Her sanctuary became as forsaken as a desert, her feasts were turned into mourning, her Sabbaths into a mockery,** her honor into reproach. Her dishonor now fully matched her former glory, her greatness was turned into grief.

1 Maccabees 1:41-44

The king then issued a proclamation to his whole kingdom that all were to become a single people, each nation renouncing its particular customs.

All the gentiles conformed to the king's decree, and many Israelites chose to accept his religion, **sacrificing to idols and profaning the Sabbath.**

The king also sent edicts by messenger to Jerusalem and the towns of Judah, directing them to adopt customs foreign to the country...

Matthew (Mateo) 24:11-13

"Then many false prophets (teachers) will rise up and deceive many.

And because Torahlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

But he who endures to the end shall be saved."

1 Maccabees 1:10-11

From these there grew a wicked offshoot, Antiochus Epiphanes son of King Antiochus; once a hostage in Rome, he became king in the 107th year of the kingdom of the Greeks.

It was then that there emerged from Israel a set of renegades who led many people astray. 'Come,' they said, 'let us ally ourselves with the gentiles surrounding us, for since we separated ourselves from them many misfortunes have overtaken us.'

1 Maccabees 1:12-15

This proposal proved acceptable, and a number of the people eagerly approached the king, who authorized them to practice the gentiles' observances. So they **built a gymnasium in Jerusalem,** such as the gentiles have, disguised their circumcision, and abandoned the holy covenant, submitting to gentile rule as willing slaves of impiety.

1 Maccabees 1:50-53

Anyone not obeying the king's command was to be put to death. Writing in such terms to every part of his kingdom, the king appointed inspectors for the whole people and directed all the towns of Judah to offer sacrifice city by city. Many of the people -- that is, every apostate from the Torah -- rallied to them and so committed evil in the country, **forcing Israel into hiding in any possible place of refuge.**

1 Maccabees 1:45-49

Banning burnt offerings, sacrifices and libations from the sanctuary, profaning Sabbaths and feasts, defiling the sanctuary and **everything holy**, building altars, shrines and temples for idols, **sacrificing pigs and unclean beasts,** leaving their sons **uncircumcised**, and prostituting themselves to all kinds of impurity and abomination, **so that they should forget the Torah and revoke all observance of it.**

Matthew (Mateo) 24:15-17

"Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place, then let **those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.**

Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house."

1 Maccabees 1:54-57

On the fifteenth day of Chislev in the year 145 the king built the appalling abomination on top of the altar of burnt offering; and altars were built in the surrounding towns of Judah and incense offered at the doors of houses and in the streets. Any books of the Torah that came to light were torn up and burned.

Whenever anyone was discovered possessing a copy of the covenant or practicing the Torah, the king's decree sentenced him to death.

1 Maccabees 2:23-25

As he finished speaking, a Jew came forward in the sight of all to offer sacrifice on the altar in Modein as the royal edict required. When Mattathias saw this, he was fired with zeal; stirred to the depth of his being, he gave vent to his legitimate anger, threw himself on the man and slaughtered him on the altar.

²⁵ At the same time he killed the king's commissioner who was there to enforce the sacrifice, and tore down the altar.

1 Maccabees 2:26-28

His zeal for the Torah he acted as Phinehas had against Zimri son of Salu. Then Mattathias went through the town, shouting at the top of his voice, 'Let everyone who has any zeal for the Torah and takes his stand on the covenant come out and follow me.' Then he fled with his sons into the hills, leaving all their possessions behind in the town.

(Why flee to the hills/mountains?)

Psalm (Salmos) 121:1-4

A song of ascents. I lift up my eyes to the mountains--where does my help come from?

My help comes from YHVH, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip--he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Psalm (Salmos) 121:7-8

YHVH will keep you from all harm--he will
watch over your life;

YHVH will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Zechariah (Zacarias) 14:2-3

For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Then YHVH will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle.

Matthew (Mateo) 24:18-20

"And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

And pray that your flight may not be in **winter** or on the **Sabbath.**"

1 Maccabees 1:58-61 (Warning)

Month after month they took harsh action against any offenders they discovered in the towns of Israel. On the twenty-fifth day of each month, sacrifice was offered on the altar erected on top of the altar of burnt offering. **Women who had had their children circumcised were put to death according to the edict with their babies hung round their necks, and the members of their household and those who had performed the circumcision were executed with them.**

Matthew (Mateo) 24:23, 26

"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here [is] the Messiah!' or 'There!' do not believe [it].

Therefore if they say to you, '**Look, He is in the desert!**' **do not go out;** [or] 'Look, [He is] in the inner rooms!' do not believe [it]."

1 Maccabees 2:29-31

Many people who were concerned for virtue and justice went down to the desert and stayed there, taking with them their sons, their wives and their cattle, so oppressive had their sufferings become. Word was brought to the royal officials and forces stationed in Jerusalem, in the City of David, that those who had repudiated the king's edict had gone down to the hiding places in the desert.

1 Maccabees 2:32-34

A strong detachment went after them, and when it came up with them ranged itself against them in battle formation, **preparing to attack them on the Sabbath day**, and said, 'Enough of this! Come out and do as the king orders and you will be spared.' The others, however, replied, '**We refuse to come out, and we will not obey the king's orders and profane the Sabbath day.**'

Matthew (Mateo) 24:37-39

"But as the days of Noah [were], so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

For as in the days before the flood, **they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."**

Matthew (Mateo) 24:40-42

"Then two [men] will be in the field: **one will be taken** and the other left.

Two [women will be] grinding at the mill: **one will be taken** and the other left.

Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming."

Matthew (Mateo) 24:43-44

"But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

(Sin is at the door, its desire is for you, but you should rule over it. Sin entered before army)

Matthew (Mateo) 24:45-47

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?

Blessed [is] that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods."

(Joseph?? Why?-Master gone-Among nations-Careful to obey)

Deuteronomy (Deuteronomio) 4:6

"Therefore be careful to observe [them]; for this [is] **your wisdom** and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation [is] a wise and understanding people.'" (Fear of Yah beginning of wisdom.)

Deuteronomy (Deuteronomio) 5:32

"Therefore you shall be careful to do as YHVH your Elohim has commanded you; **you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.**"

1 Maccabees 1:62-63

Yet there were many in Israel who stood firm and found the courage to refuse unclean food. They chose death rather than contamination by such fare or profanation of the holy covenant, and they were executed.

1 Maccabees 2:19-22

Raising his voice, Mattathias retorted, 'Even if every nation living in the king's dominions obeys him, each forsaking its ancestral religion to conform to his decrees, I, my sons and my brothers will still follow the covenant of our ancestors. May Heaven preserve us from forsaking the Torah and its observances.

As for the king's orders, we will not follow them: we shall not swerve from our own religion either to right or to left.'

(As for me and my house, we will serve YHVH)

Matthew (Mateo) 24:48-49

"But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,'
and begins to beat [his] fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards..."

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Matthew (Mateo) 24:50-51

“The master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for [him] and at an hour that he is not aware of,
and **will cut him in two** and appoint [him] his portion with the hypocrites. **There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”**
(Gen. 15-covenant-adam & eve)

What happened?

1 Maccabees 4:36-39

Judas and his brothers then said, 'Now that our enemies have been defeated, let us go up to purify the sanctuary and dedicate it.' So they marshalled the whole army, and went up to Mount Zion. There they found the sanctuary deserted, the altar desecrated, the gates burnt down, and vegetation growing in the courts as it might in a wood or on some mountain, while the storerooms were in ruins. They tore their garments and mourned bitterly, putting dust on their heads.

(Lev. 26:8- 100 will put 10,000 to flight)

1 Maccabees 4:40-43

They prostrated themselves on the ground, and when the trumpets gave the signal they cried aloud to Heaven. Judas then ordered his men to keep the Citadel garrison engaged until he had purified the sanctuary. Next, **he selected priests who were blameless and zealous for the Torah** to purify the sanctuary and remove the stones of the 'Pollution' to some unclean place.

1 Maccabees 4:47-49

They took unhewn stones, as the Torah prescribed, and built a new altar on the lines of the old one. They restored the Holy Place and the interior of the Dwelling, and purified the courts. They made new sacred vessels, and brought the lamp-stand, the altar of incense, and the table into the Temple.

1 Maccabees 4:52-54

On the twenty-fifth of the ninth month, Chislev, in the year 148 they rose at dawn and offered a Torahful sacrifice on the new altar of burnt offering which they had made. The **altar was dedicated**, to the sound of hymns, zithers, lyres and cymbals, at the same time of year and on the same day on which the gentiles had originally profaned it.

1 Maccabees 4:55-56

The whole people fell prostrate in adoration and then praised Heaven who had granted them success. For eight days they celebrated the dedication of the altar, joyfully offering burnt offerings, fellowship and thanksgiving sacrifices.

1 Maccabees 4:59

Judas, with his brothers and the whole assembly of Israel, made it a Torah (Vow) that the days of the dedication of the altar should be celebrated yearly at the proper season, for eight days beginning on the twenty-fifth of the month of Chislev, with rejoicing and gladness.

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