

Hanukkah – 2017

Background: 168-165 BC

1 Maccabees 4:36 Then Judas and his brothers said, now that our enemies have been crushed, let us go up to purify the sanctuary and **rededicate (HANUKKAH)** it."

2 Maccabees 10:5-6 It happened that on the same day on which the sanctuary had been profaned by the foreigners, the purification of the sanctuary took place, that is, on the twenty-fifth day of the same month, which was Chislew. 6 They celebrated it for eight days with rejoicing, in the manner of the festival of booths, remembering how not long before, during the festival of booths, they had been wandering in the mountains and caves like wild animals.

1 Maccabees 4:58-59 There was great joy among the people now that the disgrace of the Gentiles has been removed. Then Judah and His brethren and the congregation of Israel decreed that the days of Hanukkah (The Dedication) of the altar should be observed with joy and gladness on the anniversary every year for eight days, from the twenty fifth day of the month Chislew.

Antiquities of the Jews - Josephus - Book 12, chap. 7, sec. 6-7 "... And from that time till this we celebrate this festival, **and call it "Lights", I suppose the reason was, because this liberty beyond our hopes had appeared to us;** and that thence was the name given to that festival." [written around 70 AD]

Y'shua at Hanukkah:

John 10:22-25 And it was the feast of the dedication at Jerusalem: ²³it was winter; and Y'shua was walking in the temple in Solomon's porch. ²⁴The Jews therefore came round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou hold us in suspense? If thou art the Messiah, tell us plainly. ²⁵ Y'shua answered them, I told you, and ye believe not: the works that I do in my Father's name, these bear witness of me.

John 9:1-5 And as he passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. ²And his disciples asked him, saying, Rabbi, who sinned, this man, or his parents, that he should be born blind? ³ Y'shua answered, Neither did this man sin, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. ⁴I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. ⁵When I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

John 10:26-30 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: ²⁸and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who hath given them unto me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.

Believers and Hanukkah:

Mat 5:14-16 Ye are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵Neither do *men* light a lamp, and put it under the bushel, but on the stand; and it shineth unto all that are in the house. ¹⁶Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Иоанна 10:22-25 Настал же тогда в Иерусалиме *праздник* обновления, и была зима. ²³ И ходил Иисус в храме, в притворе Соломоновом. ²⁴ Тут Иудеи обступили Его и говорили Ему: долго ли Тебе держать нас в недоумении? если Ты Христос, скажи нам прямо. ²⁵ Иисус отвечал им: Я сказал вам, и не верите; дела, которые творю Я во имя Отца Моего, они свидетельствуют о Мне.

Иоанна 9:1-5 И, проходя, увидел человека, слепого от рождения. ² Ученики Его спросили у Него: Равви! кто согрешил, он или родители его, что родился слепым? ³ Иисус отвечал: не согрешил ни он, ни родители его, но *это для того*, чтобы на нем явились дела Божии. ⁴ Мне должно делать дела Пославшего Меня, доколе есть день; риходит ночь, когда никто не может делать. ⁵ Доколе Я в мире, Я свет миру.

Иоанна 10:26-30 Но вы не верите, ибо вы не из овец Моих, как Я сказал вам. ²⁷ Овцы Мои слушаются голоса Моего, и Я знаю их; и они идут за Мною. ²⁸ И Я даю им жизнь вечную, и не погибнут вовек; и никто не похитит их из руки Моей. ²⁹ Отец Мой, Который дал Мне их, больше всех; и никто не может похитить их из руки Отца Моего. ³⁰ Я и Отец - одно.

Матфея 5:14-16 Вы - свет мира. Не может укрыться город, стоящий на верху горы. ¹⁵ И, зажегши свечу, не ставят ее под сосудом, но на подсвечнике, и светит всем в доме. ¹⁶ Так да светит свет ваш пред людьми, чтобы они видели ваши добрые дела и прославляли Отца вашего Небесного.