CHANUKAH FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS & THE DEDICATION

Redemption has come to the believers of Family of YAH/House of Elohim and all believers in His set-apart Name.

We celebrate the Festival of Lights & Liberty in honor and remembrance of the Most High Creator YAHUAH and His Laws that brought light into the world. This celebration depicts our freedom to return to the Sovereignty of YAHUAH. The Awesome Presence of YAH returns to us when we repent. We have returned to the children of Yisrael in the House of Ya'aqob.

And He said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, when I dwell in the midst of the children of Yisra'el forever, and the house of Yisra'el shall no longer defile My set-apart Name, they nor their sovereigns, by their whoring and by the corpses of their sovereigns on their high places." (Yehez/Ezek. 43:7)

REMEMBER THE MACCABEES AND THE EVIL KING ANTIOCHUS, THE GREEK

In the land of Judah in ancient times, an evil king by the name of King Antiochus arose. This evil king took over all the regions of the middle east conquering from Egypt to Israel. He sought to bring all people under his evil reign.

He went into the land of Yisrael to turn the people away from following YAH to follow his idols. He promised the people that if they follow him, then they would live well and he would not kill them. Many of the Yahudim at that time, out of fear, forsook the Covenant of the fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and joined the evil king. The king went through the land killing many, many people who refused to do as he commanded.

This king attempted to replace the Laws of Elohim with his own laws and commandments. His laws commanded that all the people follow his idols (such as zeus) and keep all of his idolatrous ways.

He robbed the Temple of Elohim of all its treasured possessions, including the Menorah of gold and all the hidden treasures of the Temple. He placed statues of idols throughout the cities of David. He commanded that the people not keep the Sabbath nor keep the festivals of Elohim but to do things his way instead. King Antiochus demanded the Hebrews to not keep the New Moons, festivals, or the Sabbath. He also killed many Hebrew women who refused to not circumcised their babies.

Antiochus outlawed everything that the Yahudim observed. He tore down Judaism as was practiced by the Hebrews. Then on the 25th day of Kislev, he destroyed the Temple of Elohim and grossly profaned the Altar of Elohim with the sacrifice of a swine.

The laws of Antiochus were made to cause the people to forsake YAH and his Laws and to serve the Greek idols instead. It was a horrible situation.

But YAH came to the aid of His people! A priest called MattitYahu (Matthias) arose and fought against this evil regime. The battles continued but MattitYahu remained zealous for the Laws of Elohim. The Yahudim prayed and fought until MattitYahu died. But before he died, he called for his son Yahudah (Judas) called Maccabee to take over.

Yahudah was courageous and zealous for the Laws of Elohim. The Maccabees' army was very small compared to the Greek armies of king Antiochus. Therefore, they prayed and made offerings to the Elohim of the Heavens and asked for His help.

As they laid down crying out to Him, YAH heard their cry, and He answered. Yahudah and the Maccabees defeated the army of the king. YAH gave him the victory over evil. They had several battles later until the evil king retreated and went into Persia. YAH gave the victory to all his mighty men who were zealous for His laws.

The Altar which had been profaned was rebuilt and cleansed, and Temple worship was restored. The Laws which were profaned were restored to the people. Statues were torn down and removed from the Set-Apart Place. Everything that defiled the worship of Elohim was removed.

They worshiped Elohim of the heavens and the earth. They kept His laws by observing the New moons, Festivals, Sacrifices of burnt offerings and drink offerings, Tithes, incense offering, the lighting of the Menorah lamps, the circumcising of the male children, the kashrut laws of eating clean meat, and all that was ritually clean.

Freedom was granted back to the people. When they repented and cried out to YAH in sackcloth and ashes, YAH relented and gave them the victory over their enemies so that they serve only Him in the manner He willed.

Yahudah Maccabee set up a memorial on the 25th day of the ninth month. This was the day that king Antiochus destroyed the Temple and attempted to destroy all Yisrael in the land. Therefore, on this day at this same time, for eight days you shall celebrate the Temple Restoration and rededicate the Temple by lighting the Menorah in Thanksgiving to YAH for His Laws.

Our Scroll: We Were Broken, Now Restored

We were once Christians who did not keep the commandments of Elohim. We honored the festivals of pagan idols, ignorant of the festivals of the Hebrews. We ate foods prohibited in the Scriptures and profaned ourselves by eating swine. We did not know the Name of our Father. Thus, we called the pagan names we were taught. We were not taught as Hebrews but rather as Greeks and Romans.

His House was broken, and the Altar was nowhere in our lives. We only knew about the vast amount of houses of Baal worship.

Yet, our desire was to serve the One Most High El and to become His. In 1989, **YAH** saved me from the grave, and I entered a Covenant with Him promising that I would seek Him to know Him and would follow Him.

In 1992, we found the Torah and began keeping Sabbath. But we still had to find the truth, so we continued to seek until we found it.

We were a defiled people without the covenant and without atonement. Like it is written in the Book of Maccabees, we were the Altar that was defiled. We had to change our lives by being humbled by **YAH**. We struggled with family, finances, and societal pressures. We were being pushed so we could change our ways.

Breaking us down was getting our being to understand that we committed a grievous sin by being in the Church system. This breaking down of our being was like the Maccabees breaking down the filthy defiled Altar.

In the Book of Maccabees, they fought against the Greek king, and **YAH** gave them the victory. They restored the House and rebuilt the Altar. We too were broken as we came out of the Greco-Roman regime. Returning to the true Laws of Elohim is our purification and rebuilding.

CHRISTIANITY IN COMPARISON TO THE TIME OF THE MACCABEAN ERA

Christianity is of Greco-Roman origin. Christianity – A RELIGION OF THE WORLD – has a Roman king, the **Pope**. The Pope is the head of Christianity, and he sits in the seat of JC.

The Catholics do not follow the Laws of Elohim completely. They have statues all around the world of their popes and saints. They follow Egyptian practices. They do not command circumcision, and all their appointed times are pagan.

They have most of the world under their domain. Like King Antiochus, they teach lawlessness by teaching the people to worship an idol. Much like the Greek king, they are continuing to carry on the traditions of paganism. The pagans to this day are still trying to destroy Hebrew belief (Judaism) with secrets of destroying the people and their Nation. Hitler was a remembrance of the evil Antiochus.

THE BATTLE TO CONOUER EVIL AND FALSEHOOD IN OUR DAY

What were we called to do? How can we conquer a people so great? Christianity is worldwide.

Billions of people worldwide are in paganism, and many do not know it. Out of ignorance they serve another. The war is spiritual, and the battle is over belief in the Laws of Elohim or belief in the laws of the Greeks and Romans.

The multitude of people are in falsehood and ignorance. Therefore, the battle is with the heads.

The evil spirits have been rendered powerless and have been condemned. The heads of the people have already been judged and the rest is in the hands of YAH.

I began to understand and realize the meaning of a dream given to me years earlier. In the dream, a Messenger of Elohim walked by my side as we walked through a building standing in a graveyard on a hill. The building was like a church with a long empty hallway. We walked until we came up to the front. We stopped for I felt a force that was very strong.

We had come up to that serpent of old – huge, powerful, and strong. He uttered words like, "You are not more powerful than i" in a prideful voice. I was taken aback because I felt his power.

Then, the Messenger who walked with me placed words in my mind, and I spoke saying, "Oh, but I disarm you of all your power!" Then all of his power fell from him.

I proceeded towards the Serpent, and said to him, "Give me back my keys!" I took the keys and went out the side door. I awoke from the dream knowing something fantastic happened but didn't quite understand it all until years later when we walked out the dream literally in Rome, Italy in 2018.

The time came for the world's lies to be exposed, and the people to come to the truth. It was the time for the judgment to come to the Vatican. It was time for the set-apart ones of Elohim to judge and condemn the heads of the Church. This was today's spiritual battle against Rome and Greece.

In October of 2018, being impressed upon by YAH, we went to Rome to enter a spiritual warfare battle. I then began to understand the dream that YAH gave to me years earlier. That dream began to unfold at the Vatican.

Our tour guide led us through the Vatican. We went through St. Peter's Basilica rebuking the evil spirits and disarming the devil as we walked through. Then, the next day, we stood in front of the Basilica and on their ground condemned the evil practices and enslavement of the people and the defiling of children in churches around the world.

We condemned it all so that all people will some day come to the truth and return to the Laws of Elohim.

YAH confirmed His judgment a week later with an unusual hail storm. Their fate is in the hands of the Almighty Elohim. It is He who fights our battles for us.

YAH gave us the victory when we obeyed Him to go to Rome. Like Yahudah Maccabee, we are zealous for the Kingdom of Elohim and His Laws. HalleluYah!

People have a right to choose and seek out the truth with no interference from the evil one.

We celebrate our existence as true believers who through the last 33 years have been broken, cleansed, and rebuilt to stand as His Altar of burnt offerings and peace offerings, serving Him by making offerings of righteousness to **YAH** Most High. We are Ambassadors for the Kingdom of הוה.

We have renounced all paganism and pagan idols, destroyed all Asherim, removed all pagan teachings and Greco-Roman influences, and cast down all that has to do with evil. We have removed the mixture of pagan and righteous service. We have returned to the service of **YAHUAH** the Most High to serve only Him.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION UNTO YAHUAH ELOHIM

25 KISLEV - 2 TEVET

With songs, trumpets, & cymbals, we celebrate הוה our Elohim!

In Thanksgiving, we dedicate our lives fully to the Reign of יהוה!



"And now, O Yisra'ĕl, listen to the laws and the right-rulings which I am teaching you to do, so that you live, and shall go in and possess the land which היהי Elohim of your fathers is giving you. "Do not add to the Word which I command you, and do not take away from it, so as to guard the commands of יהיה your Elohim which I am commanding you. (Deut 4:1-2)

DAY 1: CHOOSE יהוה MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

DAY 1: Light the middle* candle and the first one on the right of the Chanukiah. Bless YAH.

*(Light the candle that sits higher than all the others first. Depending on your chanukiah, it may be in the center or on one of the ends.)

<u>Confess before YAH</u>: You are my Elohim and I belong to You and only you. I will not serve another for it is written: Shemoth/Exodus 20:1 And Elohim spoke all these Words, saying,

- (2) "I am יהוה your Elohim, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, out of the house of slavery.
- (3) "You have no other mighty ones against My face.
- (4) "You do not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of that which is in the heavens above, or which is in the earth beneath, or which is in the waters under the earth,

(7) "You do not bring the Name of יהוה your Elohim to naught, for יהוה does not leave the one unpunished who brings His Name to naught."

Praise Offering: Psalm 145

DAY 2: ACCEPTANCE OF THE LAWS OF ELOHIM

Day 2: Light the center candle once again, then use it to light candles 1 and 2 from the right side of the Chanukiah. Bless YAH.

<u>Confession</u>: I will be zealous for the laws of Elohim, to learn them and to obey them. I will follow only the Laws of the Elohim of the Heavens to do His will. We shall study the Torah and read from it daily.

Shemoth/Exodus 20:5 "you do not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, יהוה, your Elohim am a jealous Ěl, visiting the crookedness of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

(6) but showing kindness to thousands, to those who love Me and guard My commands."

Praise Offering: Psalm 119:1-8

DAY 3: KEEPING THE SABBATHS – WEEKLY AND FESTIVAL SABBATHS

Day 3: Light the center candle, and use it to light candles 1, 2, and 3 from the right side of Chanukiah. Bless YAH.

<u>Confession</u>: I will honor the weekly sabbath by keeping it set-apart as written in the Scriptures. I will honor all festivals of YAH that are Sabbaths to keep them set-apart.

Shemoth/Exodus 20:8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to set it apart.

(9) "Six days you labour, and shall do all your work,

(10) but the seventh day is a Sabbath1 of יהוה your Elohim. You do not do any work – you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates."

<u>YeshaYahu/Isaiah 56:2</u> "Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who lays hold on it, guarding the Sabbath lest he profane it, and guarding his hand from doing any evil.

- (3) "And let not the son of the foreigner who has joined himself to יהוה' speak, saying, 'הוה' has certainly separated me from His people,' nor let the eunuch say, 'Look I am a dry tree.' "
- (4) For thus said יהוה, "To the eunuchs who guard My Sabbaths, and have chosen what pleases Me, and hold fast to My covenant:
- (5) to them I shall give in My house and within My walls a place and a name better than that of sons and daughters I give them an everlasting name that is not cut off.
- (6) "Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to יהוה, to serve Him, and to love the Name of יהוה, to be His servants, all who guard the Sabbath, and not profane it, and hold fast to My covenant –

Praise Offering: Psalm 119:9-18

DAY 4: RESTORING THE OFFERINGS OF ELOHIM

DAY 4: Light the center candle, then with it light candles 1, 2, 3, and 4. Bless YAH.

<u>Confession</u>: I will offer to You YAH, offerings for my sins and guilt. I will do Burnt and Peace offerings to You. I will be faithful with my tithes and monetary offerings to You. I will not withhold from what You have blessed me. I will offer the offerings of praise and thanksgiving day and night to YAH.

Debarim/Deut. 12:5 "but seek the place which יהוה your Elohim chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His Name there, for His Dwelling Place, and there you shall enter.

- (6) "And there you shall take your burnt offerings, and your offerings, and your tithes, and the contributions of your hand, and your vowed offerings, and your voluntary offerings, and the firstlings of your herd and of your flock.
- (7) "And there you shall eat before יהוה your Elohim, and shall rejoice in all that you put your hand to, you and your households, in which יהוה your Elohim has blessed you."

Praise Offering: Psalm 119:19-26

DAY 5: DO NOT POLLUTE OR DEFILE, THE SET-APART NATION, THE PEOPLE, OR THE SANCTUARY

DAY 5: Light the center candle, and with it light the candles 1,2,3,4, and 5. Bless YAH.

<u>Confession</u>: Oh YAH I will not profane Your set-apart Nation, nor Your people, nor Your Sanctuary. I will not defile Your Nation with unclean matters, but guard it to keep it set-apart.

Wayyiqra/Leviticus 18:30 "And you shall guard My Charge, so as not to do any of these abominable practices which were done before you, so as not to defile yourselves by them. I am יהוה your Elohim.' "

Bemidbar/Numbers 35:34 "And do not defile the land which you inhabit, in the midst of which I dwell, for I, הוהי, am dwelling in the midst of the children of Yisra'el.' "

Shemoth/Exodus 20:12 "Respect your father and your mother, so that your days are prolonged upon the soil which יהוה your Elohim is giving you.

- (13) "You do not murder.
- (14) "You do not commit adultery.
- (15) "You do not steal.
- (16) "You do not bear false witness against your neighbour."

Praise Offering: Psalm 146

DAY 6: KEEP KOSHER

DAY 6: Light the center candle, then light candles 1,2,3,4,5, and 6 and Bless YAH.

<u>Confession</u>: I will not eat unclean food nor partake of any defiled substances. I will keep the laws of Kashrut by eating what is kosher. It is Written:

Wayyigra/Leviticus 11:1 "And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying to them,

- (2) "Speak to the children of Yisra'ĕl, saying, 'These are the living creatures which you do eat among all the beasts that are on the earth:
- (3) 'Whatever has a split hoof completely divided, chewing the cud, among the beasts, that you do eat."

Praise Offering: Psalm 150

DAY 7: THE CIRCUMCISION

DAY 7: Light the center candle, and with it light candles 1,2,3,4,5,6, and 7. Bless YAH.

Confession: Bless יהוה I promise to observe the law of circumcision and to guard it among the set apart people. It is written:

Bereshith/Genesis 17:23 "And Abraham took Yishma'ĕl his son, and all those born in his house and all those bought with his silver, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that same day, as Elohim told him.

- (24) And Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
- (25) And Yishma'ĕl his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.
- (26) Abraham and his son Yishma'ĕl were circumcised that same day.
- (27) And all the men of his house, born in the house or bought with silver from a foreigner, were circumcised with him."

Praise Offering: Psalm 150

PRAISE YAH!

DAY 8: GUARD HIS LAWS AND THE SET-APART PLACE

DAY 8: Light the center candle then with it light candles 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, and 8. Bless YAH.

<u>Confession</u>: In thanksgiving, we thank You יהוה entrusting Your Laws to us to obey and to teach. We must also use right-ruling and righteousness in carrying out the Laws and making sure that the people are obeying His Laws. It is Written:

Debarim/Deuteronomy 4:6 "And you shall guard and do them, for this is your wisdom and your understanding before the eyes of the peoples who hear all these laws, and they shall say, 'Only a wise and understanding people is this great nation!'

Deb/Deut. 6:17 "Diligently guard the commands of יהוה your Elohim, and His witnesses, and His laws which He has commanded you.

(18) "And you shall do what is right and good in the eyes of יהוה, that it might be well with you, and you shall go in and possess the good land of which יהוה swore to your fathers,"

Praise Offering: Psalm 104

Psalm 119:4-8

You have commanded us To guard Your orders diligently.
(5) Oh, that my ways were established To guard Your laws!
(6) Then I would not be ashamed, When I look into all Your commands.
(7) I thank You with the uprightness of heart,
When I learn the right-rulings of Your righteousness.
(8) I guard Your laws; Oh, do not leave me entirely!

With all the candles fully lit, we all give YAH the praise and thanksgiving for He has accepted our way. Our way is His Way, our mandate is His Mandate, and our lives are in His Life. We owe Him for our joy and peace. He is the Greatest! So Be It!