

HAPPY HANUKKAH!!

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We should all be looking forward to a worldwide Hanukkah. It may be coming sooner than we think! Here is why. In 167 BC Antiochus IV made the flat statement he was God manifested in the flesh! At the same time most of God's people were completely assimilated into the culture he enforced and the society he ruled. God intervened! He used a very small group of people to defeat the Grecian Empire Antiochus ruled through and they regained control of Jerusalem and the temple. What a foreshadow, a picture of today!!

To lay a foundation, to show the similarity, let us read from Isaiah 14 starting in verse 12 and read to verse 14.

Isaiah 14:12-14

12 “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer (or Satan, Devil), son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!

13 For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; (in other words, rule God's people)

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ (Sounds just like Antiochus!)

Let us read also from Ezekiel 28:13-16. God spoke to the King of Tyre, but was actually addressing Satan who possessed him in the same way He spoke to Peter in Matthew 16:23.

Ezekiel 28:13-16

13 You (Lucifer or Satan) were in Eden, the garden of God (the only humans in the garden were Adam and Eve); every precious stone was your covering: the sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created (he was heaven's praise and worship leader).

14 “You were the anointed cherub (the king was not an angel either) who covers (he was to cover or watch over mankind, protect them); I established you (God anointed and appointed him to take care of His creation); you were on the holy mountain of God (Zion where the temple was, he was to guard God's kingdom on earth); you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones (Hebrews 1:7, Hebrews 1:14, he was the head angel).

15 You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created (God only created perfection), till iniquity was found in you.

16 “By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within (those Satan possesses he causes to amass wealth as money is power), and you sinned; therefore **I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God**; and I destroyed you (cast him out of His Kingdom), O covering cherub (took his responsibilities from him), from the midst of the fiery stones (barred him from Eden).

So the same fallen angel not only operated through Antiochus, but the King of Tyre as well. You see, it has been Satan all along that has achieved his desires through the cruel, the evil, the wealthy and powerful down through the ages. Unfortunately he is still functioning through mankind today along with the evil spirits that follow him. He continues to relentlessly prove he is God to the world! Those in top level positions in the world are for that reason still his favorites to work through. The masses as a whole are so caught up in their personal daily lives that they pay little attention to what is happening around them and to them, in fact, they are oblivious of what is happening to the detriment of all creation. Everything is at risk! God sees, God knows and will at some point intervene. So you can see, it is no different today than it was in 167 BC, the people are just as absorbed into the world as they were then and the heads of the world's system have truly allowed Satan to become as God to the people through them!

Just as in the Maccabean era the enemy has seen to it that every law of God is broken. The works of the flesh are much more prevalent in humanity than the fruit of the Spirit for sure this time and they are global! This is evidence man's soul is in control over his spirit man, therefore Galatians 5:19-21 describes a very large sector of the society around us.

Galatians 5:19-21

19 Now **the works** of the **flesh** are **evident**, which **are**: **adultery** (spiritual and physical), **fornication**, **uncleanness** (did you know the word unclean is the opposite of modest?), **lewdness** (crude and offensive in a sexual way),
20 **idolatry** (anything that takes man's eyes and hearts off of God), **sorcery** (witchcraft, wizardry), **hatred**, **contentions**, **jealousies**, **outbursts of wrath** (many walk in these), **selfish ambitions** (do what they want to do at the cost of others), **dissensions** (anything that causes man to remain out of order with the rest of the universe), **heresies** (nonconforming, dissensions, deviation from truth),

21 **envy**, **murders** (mankind is about to self destruct over this one), **drunkenness** (addictions of all kinds are at an all time high), **revelries** (noisy festivities, especially those that involve alcohol), **and the like**; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that **those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God**. (Maybe the world's people should take a second look at this scripture!!)

Satan's plan is to harvest as much of humanity as possible to the kingdom of darkness. How many walk in these things? How successful has he been? Those that walk in these things are evidence, his proof of ownership to God! See how cleverly he has shaped mankind to reflect his image? .

Those that walk in the works of the flesh are seeds from the fruit of the Tree of Good and Evil, Satan himself! You find the fruit of this tree reproduced in all the systems of his world, its banking, government, schools and churches. Its culture also is evidence, proof he has become god to the multitudes! He has made them willing subjects of the kingdom of darkness. Their manners, morals, dress, speech and cruel personalities mirror his nature. This world he has masterminded stands alone in the universe, at odds with God, apart from the rest of creation, out of the order and original perfection God meant for earth to enjoy. How long will the sovereign God of the universe put up with all this! It all depends on how much time Father has allotted to Satan to attempt to fulfill his decree, win his challenge against Him. When God says “enough is enough” it will all be over and this world, all that is in it and those who love it will be destroyed.

As another modern comparison to Hanukkah of old let us look at the temple today and its condition. Where is it, what is it? Scripture tells us God's true

temple, His house, is made of living stones. It is a spiritual house made of many mansions, individual people. God calls it the house of David or David's tabernacle.

Acts 15:16-18

16 ‘After this I will return (He did at Pentecost) and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up;

17 So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord (the body of Christ, the temple of God, His tabernacle will shine and lead the way to eternity), even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the Lord who does all these things.’

18 “Known to God from eternity are all His works.”

It was God's plan all along to build a tabernacle for Himself to restore mankind and renew the earth. Again, this tabernacle is a body of people, a new species, born again, set aside, sanctified or cleaned up that united as one make His home on earth. These are His palace, His temple. A house only He can build.

I Peter 2:5

5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy

priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (This body of people houses God today just as one body housed Christ when He walked the planet two thousand years ago.)

II Corinthians 5:19

19 that is, that **God** was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Satan has done his very best to see to it this house or temple is not completed! Every start in that direction has been defiled, resulting in secret societies, denominations, mystery religions, etc. Truth that has been released through the ages has been slowly distorted, twisted, into many false doctrines and lies that have made people actually turn from God, not to Him! Lack of God's knowledge has produced a people that trust in man, rely on their own ability apart from God and has caused many to not believe He exists! There is also a large part of society that is angry with God because of the terrible circumstances that exist within this imperfect world when the fact is, the world does not belong to God at all! Jesus said He was no part of the world, and neither should those who love Him be.

John 12:31 shows us God will certainly judge it though and its ruler be destroyed.

31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out (of the earth).

As the earth belongs to the children of God and their Father, Satan owns the world with his children. Therefore all that happens in this world is the result of Satan's prompting. Hurricanes, fires, earthquakes etc are not acts of God at all, they are evidence of who is the god of this world, the prince of the air. The killings, rapes, murders and wars are not of God either, but are the nature of the evil spirit that rules. Sickness, death, pain and sorrow are the aftermath of the fall of man into the clutches of the enemy.

Ephesians 2:2

2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

He is working, preaching, harder than ever before. The end is nearing and the true evil behind the scenes is being revealed The enemy has had his way long enough! He has done all he can to debase and degrade God, violate man and contaminate all creation! What is to stop evil spirits from entering the

humanoids, and what will they be capable of? All this would be very frightening if we didn't know God has His own plan!

Let's exonerate the name of God, stand for the Lamb, lay the blame for all this evil where it belongs! Let us separate from this world to the degree we can and feast on the fruit from the Tree of Life, to grow and mature, learn to live our lives governed by our spirit with the Holy Spirit leading the way that we can become the seeds of His fruit and restored to God's image.

I Corinthians 15:49

49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust (Adam), we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man (Christ).

Galatians 5:22-23 reveals the fruit Adam and Eve fed upon before the fall.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Let us become seed of this fruit to regain God's image and then becoming fruitful ourselves reproduce and multiplying in others to heal the nations Satan weakened, restore the earth he is determined to ruin, let us be found evidence of God's Kingdom, standing victoriously, proof that God is

supreme, sovereign, ruler of this earth. Let the throne of our hearts be clean and prepared for the enthronement of the Son of God, that a worldwide Hanukkah can begin and a Godly society where righteousness and peace dwell victoriously.

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