

## THE MENORAH GOSPEL



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Yochanan/John 10:22-23-The Menorah proclaims the Good News. Chanukah is mentioned in the Brit Chadasha, as Yahshua is seen honoring, observing and celebrating it. It is also seen in Daniel 9:27, with the references to the cessation of the sacrifices and the desecrating of the altar, although these verses admittedly have an eschatological understanding as well. The Moriah Temple had to be rededicated from Zeus back to YHWH, in order to cleanse it and prepare it for Yahshua to come as seen in Malachi 3:1. Surely He would never have set foot in it some 130 years later, if Zeus and pig were highlighted in its courts. The navi/prophet Malachi foretold this 1<sup>st</sup> coming of Yahshua to His Temple. Without the victory of the Maccabees over the heathen Greeks-Syrians, the Temple and the biblical Jewish way of worship (it was still biblical at that time) would have been assimilated into oblivion.

Had that occurred, and had the Jewish people not been preserved, Yahshua could not have been born as King of the Jews. Those who mock Chanukah and claim it is just a pagan replacement, or a Hebraic excuse for x-mass styled gift giving, are either ignorant, anti-Semitic, or both. The theme of Chanukah is the indestructibility of Jewish-Yisrael and the subsequent plans of YHWH that He desires to perform through Jewish-Yisrael. Let's make this as plain as day folks! No Chanukah, no Jews, no Jews, no Yahshua, no Yahshua, no salvation, no salvation, no eternal life. Dig?

The Menorah, or more accurately the Chanukiah (containing 8, rather than 7 branches) itself can be used to share Moshiach with our precious Jewish friends, as well as with all those open to the two-house truth. The following can clearly be seen in the Chanukiah and or Menorah.

- 1.) Shamesh Servant Candle- It provides light to all other candles. It is high and lifted up higher than all others. Qolesayah/Colossians 1:16, Philippians/Philipsiyah 2:9-11. All other servants get their light from Yahshua the Servant candle in the midst of His talmidim, as we in turn reflect His light, as His light in this world. Yochanan/John 12:35-36, Mattiyahu/Matthew 20:28 and Luka/Luke 22:27.
- 2.) Face Of The Son of YHWH-Corintyah Bet/2 Corinthians 4:6-The Menorah reminds us of the direct reflection of the Father's glory in the face of His Son. Yeshayahu/Isaiah 49:6-9, Yeshayahu/Isaiah 9:1-2.
- 3.) Symbols Of This World And The Age To Come-The Menorah as it was originally in the time of the Maccabees, has 7 branches symbolizing the 7 days of creation, the 7 continents and the 7<sup>th</sup> millennium since creation, known as the Messianic Age. When Moshiach comes again to establish His kingdom, the Chanukiah will revert back to a Menorah.
- 4.) The First To Die For The Renewed Covenant Truth- The Shamesh/Servant dies first setting the example and pattern. He takes the heat for everyone, as His candle is lit first. It also dies first Qolesayah/Colossian 1:18. We take our cue from Him, as the other candles die daily also, after the pattern of our Master. As a matter of fact, we die daily, symbolized by the candles being extinguished daily during all 8 days of Chanukah (Galutyah/Galatians 2:20, Romiyah/Romans 6:4-5). Like our Master, we are resurrected at His coming, symbolized by the REKINDLING of the candles the following day after the flame goes out for all 8 days of Chanukah. The number 8 is symbolic of new life, or kingdom life, so that the "last day" is a reminder of the promise to us that we will live forever in the New Yahrushalayim/Jerusalem.
- 5.) The Great Connection-As seen in the actual construction of the Menorah, all branches are connected to the Shamesh, who is the Vine, as seen by its branch going straight up and down. This construction symbolizes that Yahshua the Suffering Servant/Moshiach ben Yoseph, came to suffer and die in order to reestablish our vertical relationship with Abba YHWH. Yochanan/John 15:1-15 is clear that Yahshua, the Light of this world is the true Vine, who has come to reconnect us to Himself, so that He can reconnect us back to friendship with His Father in the heavens. This is beautifully seen in the Menorah's construction. The

Menorah reminds us that we cannot survive without Him, and that without Him we cannot do anything.

- 6.) The Actual Menorah Was Lit With Messianic Oil- Oil is a reference to the Ruach HaKadosh. Without oil the Menorah would not be lit properly. In like manner, the oil of Moshiach turns us all on, and keeps us lit by the indwelling power of the Ruach Ha-Kadosh. The Hebrew word for anointing oil is 'shemen ha-mesheeche,' or literally the 'messianic oil.' Note that it was the messianic oil that kept the Menorah lit, and it is that same messianic oil of the Ruach that keeps us all lit daily with joy, gladness and hope, in order that we can die daily, in order to experience resurrection life daily. The messianic oil was only enough for 1 day, meaning it had to be refilled daily by the priests, just as we the Servant candle's priests of the Renewed Covenant, must be refilled daily by the High Priest, according to Ephesians/Ephsiyah 5:18.
- 7.) All Yahshua's Followers Are Equal- There are no special or great ones in YHWH's kingdom. The Menorah teaches us to forsake all religion, which by definition is Nikolite in nature. All candles are equally precious and loved by YHWH. The symbolism is seen as all candles stand equally tall and all candles stand equally undressed, or naked before YHWH, thus displaying the equality of the born again Yisraelite brotherhood Romiyah/Romans 2:11.
- 8.) Eight Candles Represent All Yisrael Or All 12 tribes-The 4 on the left side of the Chanukiah, are Judah, as Benjamin, symbolizing all Jews, is called the son of YHWH's right hand. The 4 candles on the "left" side of the Chanukiah symbolize Ephraim, "left" out to wander in exile for 2,700 years. Thus the entire Chanukiah represents all Yisrael lit up in perfect harmony, witnessing the restoration of the Tabernacle of David being restored. In the kingdom when the Menorah will replace the Chanukiah, the 7 branches will represent a mission accomplished, even as today the 8 branches represent the ongoing work of the re-gathering of both houses of Yisrael Maaseh Shlichim/Acts 15:15-17.