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The Jewish Festival Of Hanukkah:

Do YOU Know The Story Behind It & Why Jesus Said It Would Be Of Future Significance For ALL Christians?



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Did YOU Know... that The New Testament actually records that Jesus Kept this "holiday"? This "Festival of Lights", as it is sometimes called, was also used by the Jews in the temple, on at least one occasion; to try and stone to death Jesus Christ! Remarkably, Jesus Used the occasion to Bring Many Jews to Salvation - through Faith in Him, as The Messiah (John 10:22-42)!!! Both The Prophet Daniel and The Apostle John, WARN US that the events that preceded the first Hanukkah, are destined to Happen Again!!! When they do; WE MUST ASK: "Will YOU be AWARE, WATCHING, and READY for them to Happen?"

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Then use The Biblical System of Checks and Balances, and SEE if BOTH Jesus Christ, and The First Century Church of God Apostles – also **Did, Said,** and **Taught** These SAME THINGS (Galatians 1:1-12, 5:25 / 1 Peter 2:21, 25 / 1 John 2:3-6)! That's all there is to it! Our Bible Studies are based on The King James Version, unless otherwise stated. We will be Praying for your eyes to "SEE" (Matthew 13:11-17); and we are always available to answer any of your questions! Be Blessed, in Jesus' Name!

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Hanukkah (sometimes spelled as "Chanukkah"), is rich in History, Tradition, and When EXAMINED each year by Christians; it should serve to REMIND US of End-Time Biblical Prophecy!!! As Followers of Christ Jesus, and Serious Students of The Word of God; we should all take a few moments to Learn this Fascinating History, which is retold each year, as The Hanukkah Story. Once we Learn This TRUTH, we MUST BE Compelled to Teach It to others!!!

Hanukkah is a Jewish tradition, and holiday (distinct from The Commanded Biblical Holy Days). It is celebrated for eight days and nights. It starts on the 25th day of the month of Kislev, on the modern Jewish calendar, which is based on The Biblical, or the Hebrew calendar of old; and coincides with the Roman calendar this year, from sundown, on Sunday, December 18, 2022 and good sunday, December 26, 2022 A.D.

Last year, it was observed from sundown Sunday, November 28, 2021 thru sundown, Monday, 06 December 2021, The year before, it was celebrated from sundown, Thursday, December 10, 2020 thru sundown Friday, December 18, 2020.

The year before that, it was celebrated from sundown, Sunday, December 22, 2019 thru sundown Monday, December 30, 2019.

The year before that, Hanukkah was celebrated from sundown, December 02, 2018 thru sundown Monday, December 10, 2018; so you can see that although it is NOT a Biblical Holy Day (Leviticus 23:1-44), it "floats" through the Pope's Gregorian calendar, much like God's True Annual Sabbaths do!

We should remember here that God ALWAYS Numbers His Months, starting with the first month of the new year - in Spring. This System is God's Time Keeping System, and has Existed in the pre-flood world since Creation Week (Genesis 7:9-13, 8:1-7)! Moses was Taught This SAME Pre-Existing, and DIVINE Time Keeping System – Ordained by God, to Re-Educate His People who had since lost This Knowledge in Egyptian captivity! Notice that God Uses **Numbers as Names**, for each month; **NOT just arbitrary Names!** Most of us have grown up, using names for months, instead of **Numbers**; and we don't even realize that this **PERVERSION OF GOD'S TRUTH**, is **PROOF (1 Thessalonians 5:21)** of our **Generational Curse**; that we have been consumed by the SAME pagan societies which Enslaved our ancestors, so many centuries ago (Jeremiah 16:10-18 / Daniel 7:25)!!!



For Much More on Divine Dates and Tracking Time The Biblical Way, READ our Bible Study: "How Does God Measure Time?", which is ALWAYS Available at www.onug.us!

Are YOU Enslaved To A Pagan Time Keeping System?



CHRISTMAS:

Eatting foods that God Commanded us NOT to Eat (Dueteronomy 14:8); on a day that God Commanded us NOT to Keep (Dueteronomy 12:1-4,28-32); Claiming to Honor Christ's Birth in a way Jesus Told us NOT to Follow (Jeremiah 10:2, 1 John 2:3-6, John 13:15-17, Luke 6:46)!!!

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"What is our **SIN** that we have Committed Against The LORD our God (Jeremiah 16:10)?" **Let's SEE:** How many of you will keep a pagan feast to a pagan god, using a pagan time keeping system, such as "**Merry Christmas**" or "**Happy Birthday Jesus**" on **December 25?** There is NOT one Biblically obedient precept contained in this entire activity, or in the way which most of the world uses to reconcile "when" to observe it!!! If this offends you, read Deuteronomy 12:1-4, 28-32 / Jeremiah 10:1-6; then watch our video on the Truth about Christmas at **www.onug.us**!!!

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YOU Can Come Out of this world's SATANIC Indoctrination! We would LOVE to HELP YOU Do Exactly That!!!

If YOU Only Knew What Christmas, Easter, and Sunday Really Are!!!

Revelation 13:16-18 "And he (Satan) causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark (sign, or seal) in their right hand, or in their foreheads!"

Exodus 31:13 "Verily My Sabbaths ye shall Keep: for it is A Sign (Mark, Or Seal) between Me and YOU throughout your generations; that ye may Know that I Am The LORD That Doth SANCTIFY YOU!!!"



God's Sabbaths Are LIFE! Satan's Sabbaths Are DEATH! **Choose Wisely!!!**

Most Christians simply DO NOT KNOW that God Took the Kingdom of Israel AWAY From King Solomon, because the king Refused to STOP keeping what we would call today: Christmas and Easter!!!

You can read the account for yourself, in 1 Kings 11:1-11; then go to www.onug.us to Download some Awesome and Very Relevant Bible Studies that really get Satan's fire red shorts in a wadded knot!!!

"Learn NOT the way of the heathen!" (Jeremiah 10:2)!!!

Will this be Your Last Christmas?

Praise God!!! Many more will NOT be celebrating Christmas this year, next year, or Ever Again!!!



Learn The REAL Truth about Christmas and this world's holidays at:

So You Want To Know How I Get Around The Whole World In A Single Night, Do You?

It's real simple kid! I am really the devil; just move the "n" in Satan and I become Santa! I'm a demon, so I can do all kinds of things humans can't do. But even for me that's impossible; so I convince millions of parents to lie to their kids, and put presents in stockings and under a tree for me!

This whole operation is against God! We violate a ton of Scriptures, and make people believe and do things the Bible says they shouldn't. Everything from Jesus being born in the winter, being allowed to have a Christmas tree, to the three wise men on camels visiting baby Jesus - they are all lies! Hell, I even have my demons pretending to be little elves, making toys in the North Pole, for Christ's Sake! It's just all Demonology 101 kid! All of it hides the TRUTH of God's Holy Days, and makes kids look to me, instead of Christ! I bet you Jesus never bought you a nice piece of Christmas cake like I did!

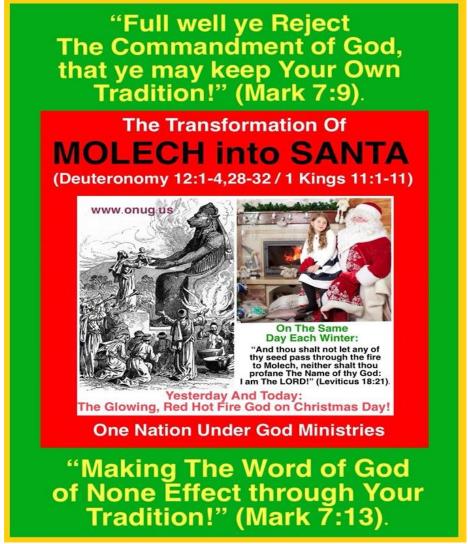
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Let's Return To Keeping and Observing The Holy Days that are Actually in your Bible (Leviticus 23:1-44)! Let's Repent Before God, and start Keeping The Holy Days that Jesus Commanded His New Testament Church to Observe throughout their generations (John 13:15-17 / Hebrews 13:8)!!!

Learn The Scriptures to Show and PROVE: That the Pre-Flood Baal Worship which was adopted by the Egyptians, Babylonians, Romans, Germans, and now many Americans - is not only AGAINST God - but it is EXACTLY what we call the modern Christian celebration of "Christ Mass" or

"Christmas"!!! We MUST FOLLOW The Example of Jesus; NOT The Pope!!!





Let's read what God Says about Pastors who teach pagan systems to their flocks in Jesus Christ's Name (Jeremiah 23:1-2, 7-8)! This is where we are now, today! Even the Jewish communities use Pagan and Babylonian names, and Roman-Catholic reckoning, to figure out their system of time keeping!!! This is TRUE – even AFTER, God had Restored a remnant of Israel (Benjamin, Levi, and Juda) to Samaria, or what we refer to today, as the nation of Israel - in the holy land. But God Says He will eventually Send His Son to earth, to again Restore (as He did with Moses), God's Time Keeping Mechanisms and Holy Days (Jeremiah 23:3-6)!!! Soon the whole world will Keep The Signs of God (Exodus 31:12-18 / Zechariah 14:16-19 / Isaiah 66:23-24)!!! Come Lord Jesus, COME!!!

A Hanukkah Bush?



Or the Very Old (550-330 B.C.); Persian god of Mithra, who was often depicted "as" a Tree, or standing next to one? (Joshua 24:14-18)

When I was a child, growing up in the 1960's in Merrick, New York, as a Lutheran Protestant; we kept Christmas with a Tree and all the trappings! Many of my Jewish friends observed Hanukkah instead of Christmas. But I was shocked one winter day, when my father and I went to visit some of our Jewish friends in their home. They had a Christmas Tree set up (Jeremiah 10:1-10), decorated with lights, and lots of wrapped presents underneath! "I thought you were Jewish!", my father said. "We are!", came the reply from my friends dad. "Then why do you have a Christmas Tree in your house?", my father asked. "It's NOT a Christmas Tree!", came the instant correction. "It's a Hanukkah Bush! We give our kids presents too!"

If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck... it's a DUCK!!! And the Jews of late, like my Jewish friends above, simply copied their Christian neighbors, rebranding the Christmas Tree as their own "Jewish Hanukkah Bush"! And THAT IS EXACTLY HOW The Pope and Pagan Christianity have done to The Very Ancient Tree of Mithra – Before and After The Great Flood!!!

Do YOU Know The Very Ancient Origins Of The CHRISTMAS TREE?



In Persepolis, the Very Old Persian Ceremonial Capital of the Achaemenid Empire (550-330 B.C.); was found this relief carving depicting Mithra and an Evergreen Tree. Mithra was often depicted "as" a Tree, or standing next to one, as shown here. www.onug.us

Let's Read Joshua 24:14-18

You Better Have Some Pretty Big Balls, On Your Christmas Tree, When You Decide To Defy The Living Creator God!!!



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Are YOU Confused About The Sovereignty of God?

"Hear ye The Word which The LORD Speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: Thus Saith The LORD, Learn NOT the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them!

For the customs of the people are Vain: for one cutteth a TREE out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne (carried), because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good!!!

Forasmuch as there is none like unto Thee, O LORD; Thou Art Great, and Thy Name is Great in Might!!!

Who would not Fear Thee, O King of Nations? For to Thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is None like unto Thee!!!

But they are altogether brutish and foolish: the stock is a doctrine of vanities! Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder: blue and purple is their clothing: they are all the work of cunning men.

But The LORD is The TRUE God, He is The Living God, and An Everlasting KING!!! At His Wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide His Indignation!!!" (Jeremiah 10:1-10)

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Just HOW Pagan is our society today?

Secular/Pagan Weekday Name	Hebrew "Name"	Biblical Meaning
Sunday	Yom Reeshone	First day
Monday	Yom Shaynee	Second day
Tuesday	Yom Shlee'shee	Third day
Wednesday	Yom Revee'ee	Fourth day
Thursday	Yom Khah'mee'shee	Fifth day
Friday	Yom Ha'shee'shee	Sixth day
Saturday	Shabbat	Rest

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Mo. #	Babylonian Calendar	Meaning of Babylonian Months	Theme of Month (Babylonian & Biblical)	Biblical Calendar	Meaning of Biblical Months (Harvesting Schedule)	Biblical Feasts
4/1	Nisan	Their flight	Redemption, Miracles	Abib Aviv	Ripening of grain [Barley, Wheat]	Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits
5/2	Iyyar	(natural) healing	Introspection, Self improvement	Ziv	Splendor or Radiance [Flowers] (Barley harvest)	
6/3	Sivan	Bright - their covering	Giving of Torah	3rd	(Wheat harvest)	Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)
7/4	Tammuz	Hidden - giver of the vine (A Phoenician deity)	Sin of the Golden Calf, guarding of the eyes	4th		
8/5	Av	Father	Av the Comforter	5th		
9/6	Elul	A vain thing - nothingness	Repentance	6th	(Fruit harvest)	
10/7	Tishri	Beginning (from reishit)	Month of the Strong or Month of the Ancients	Ethanim	Ever-flowing streams	Rosh HaShannah, Yom Kippur, Succot
11/8	Kheshvan	Eighth	The Flood (of Noach)	Bul	Produce (in the sense of rain)	
12/9	Kislev	Security, trust	(Restful) Sleep	9th		
1/10	Tevet	Good (from "Tov")	Divine Grace	10th		
2/11	Shevat	meaning unknown	Tree of Life	11th		
3/12	Adar	Strength	Good Fortune	12th		
13	* Adar II			13th		

* Babylonian / Hebrew calendars add an additional month, added during Leap Years (a new year starts at the first sighting of a spring new moon, AND buds of spring are evident- if it is still too cold, the month is moved back to Adar II or a 13th month is added). About every 3rd year. There are 7 leap years in a 19 year cycle. This knowledge had been totally rejected by the time of Romulus and his Roman calendar (circa 700 B.C.), Julius Caesar and his Julian calendar (45 B.C.); and Pope Gregory XIII's (January 1502 - 10 April 1585 A.D.) Gregorian (instituted on Oct. 5, 1582, or "Catholic") calendars; which stay fixed on a permanent 12 month cycle.

Let's Get Back to the Origins of Hanukkah:

In Hebrew, the word "Hanukkah" means "Dedication". The name reminds us, today, that this holiday commemorates the rededication of The Holy Temple in Jerusalem, following the Jewish victory over the Syrian-Greeks in 165 B.C. (Before Christ).



Who Was Antiochus IV Epiphanes?

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What Did Jesus Teach
Us about HOW this
ancient king, of
the Seleucid Empire
(175 - 164 B.C.),
would set the stage
for Christ's Second
Coming, in our NOT
too distant future?

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Antiochus IV Epiphanes and the Beginning of the Rebellion

The conflict between the Hellenists (those who combined Jewish religious tradition with elements of Greek culture) and the Hasidim (strictly orthodox Jews, in Palestine in the third and second centuries B.C., who opposed Hellenizing influences on their faith, and supported the Maccabean revolt), came to a climax during the reign of Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-164 B.C.), leading to the Maccabean revolt.

Antiochus IV had been in Rome as a hostage, because of his father's military defeats. Before his death, Seleucus Philopater, had sent his son, Demetrius, to Rome; in exchange for his brother Antiochus IV. This twelve years spent in Rome influenced the young Antiochus greatly.

After leaving Rome, Antiochus went to Athens where he served as chief magistrate, until Seleucus IV Philopater was murdered by Heliodorus.

Heliodorus ruled as regent for Demetrius, the second son of Seleucus IV. When Antiochus IV heard of his brother's death and that Heliodorus had seized the throne, he arranged financial support from King Eumenes II of Pergamum. When he arrived in Syria, Antiochus began to **flatter** and **bribe** everyone involved in arbitrating the dispute over who should be king (See our King of The North Bible Study, for WHY these traits are Noteworthy)!!!

From World Ruler To Anti-Christ: Who Is

The KING Of The NORTH?







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Although he was finally named king, Antiochus took over a troubled kingdom. The Seleucids were nearly out of money and continually harassed by Rome to the west, and the Parthinians to the east. **Antiochus dealt with the first problem by robbing**

temples and shrines throughout the kingdom, including Jerusalem. In order to develop some stability in the kingdom, he encouraged Hellenism (The Great Universal Church – One World Religion) throughout the kingdom, **usually by adding Zeus to the local pantheon!!!**www.onug.us



Zeus was considered to be the Father of Gods and of men by the ancient Greeks but not $A\Omega$

The Name JESUS?

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Iesvs Nazarenvs Rex Iudaeorvm
"JESUS OF NAZARETH KING OF THE JEWS"

"And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was Jesus Of Nazareth The King Of The Jews. This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin" (John 19:19-20). See also Acts 9:4-5.

Historian Flavius Josephus was a Jew, born around 37 AD, who wrote about the end of the first century. His two most significant works were the 'Jewish War'

and the 'Antiquities of the Jews'. Josephus was a Pharisee, who later joined the zealots that rebelled against Rome; he lived through the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70!!! Captured, he was made Jewish affairs advisor to Rome. Josephus writes of the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Herodians, Caiaphas, Pontius Pilate, John the Baptist, "Jesus Christ" (twice) and James, His brother! The 1560 Edition of the Geneva Bible used "Iesvs" ("I" became "J" in the 1600's), before the early 1611 KJV's first used "Yahshua" for the Hebrew word YHWH (or Messiah), sometimes pronounced, "Yehoshua" or "Yahweh". The Apostle Paul used "Iesus" (or Jesus) for the Son of God's Name; and we will too!!!

Antiochus angered the Jews by appointing high priests who had bribed him for the office. He appointed Jason as high-priest in 175 B.C., in exchange for a bribe (which was larger than the bribe offered by Onias III, the high priest appointed by Antiochus' predecessor.) Three years later, Jason was replaced by Menelaus, an enemy of Onias III, who happened to offer an even larger bribe to Antiochus!!! (sounds just like 21 century politics today!!!). Both Jason and Menelaus were extremely lax with respect to Jewish law; Jason even petitioned Antiochus to refound Jerusalem as a Greek city-state, with the name

Antioch, and built a gymnasium at the foot of the temple mount (Will another End Times False Prophet, also encourage The Beast to build his temple "ON" The Temple Mount? See 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 / Ezra 1:1-11)!!!



Jason attacked Menelaus in Jerusalem, forcing Antiochus to put down the rebellion with a show of force. Antiochus responded to this Jewish in-fighting by outlawing distinctive Jewish religious practices (Outlawing what God's Written Word Says:

Deuteronomy 8:3) and began a program of persecution of the Jews, with the intent of insulting and offending the Jews - in every way possible!!! This included sacrificing a pig to Zeus in the Temple, the "abomination that causes desolation" from Daniel 9:27!!!

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In 168 B.C., the Jewish Temple was seized by Syrian-Greek soldiers and dedicated to the worship of the god Zeus (the head Greek god). The Romans regarded the god Jupiter as the equivalent of the Greek god Zeus. Jupiter was the brother of Neptune and Pluto, who each ruled over their dominions: the sky, the seas, and the underworld respectively.

Although the temple conquest upset the Jewish people, many were afraid to fight back for fear of reprisals. Then in 167 B.C., the Syrian-Greek emperor Antiochus ruled any observance of The Laws of God was an offense punishable by death! We can SEE this again happening again to God's people, in The Last Times (Revelation 2:10-11, 20:4)! He also ordered that all Jews must only worship his Greek gods (The ancient Greeks had over 390 different gods, presided over by Zeus, who ruled over all of them from Mount Olympus. See Acts 14:1-24, 17:13-43).

Jewish resistance began in the village of Modiin, near Jerusalem. Greek soldiers forcibly gathered the Jewish villages, and then told them to bow down to an idol; and to eat the flesh of a pig (both were, and STILL ARE, Forbidden practices: Exodus 20:4 / Leviticus 11:7). Satan and his followers, will always profane what God has Ordained (Luke 22:19 / John 6:54)!



The Ancient Statue of Saint Peter

Hand signs are important in occult secret societies and pagan religions. When we compare the signs in Catholicism with Buddhism and early paganism, we see that nothing has changed. In his work Leviathan, Thomas Hobbes wrote, "The Papacy is not other than the Ghost of the deceased Roman Empire, sitting crowned upon the grave thereof." Before Papal Rome, Pagan Rome ruled the world, and had taken many religious rites from Greece, Persia, and Babylon. Many of these images can be found inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Surrounded by many other sculptures and 10,000 square meters of mosaics, including works by some of the world's finest artists; we find this Ancient Statue of Zeus. Was this the image set up on the Temple Mount by the Greeks, and renamed by the Catholics?

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A Greek officer ordered Mattathias, a Jewish High Priest, to acquiesce to Greek demands; but Mattathias refused. When another villager stepped forward and offered to cooperate on Mattathias' behalf, the High Priest became outraged. He drew his sword and killed the villager, then turned on the Greek officer and killed him too. Mattathias' five sons along with the other villagers attacked the remaining soldiers and killed them all.

(Patriot Note: Almost sounds like an example of God - fearing people exercising their right to keep and bear arms, to defend their Religious Liberties, their way of life, and rid their land of foreign troops (Numbers 10:9 / Psalm 144:1-2)!!!



Mattathias and his family went into hiding in the mountains, where other Jews wishing to fight against the Greeks joined them. Eventually they succeeded in retaking Palestine (or what we call "Judea", or "Israel" today) from the Greeks. These rebels became known as the **Maccabees**, or **Hasmoneans**.

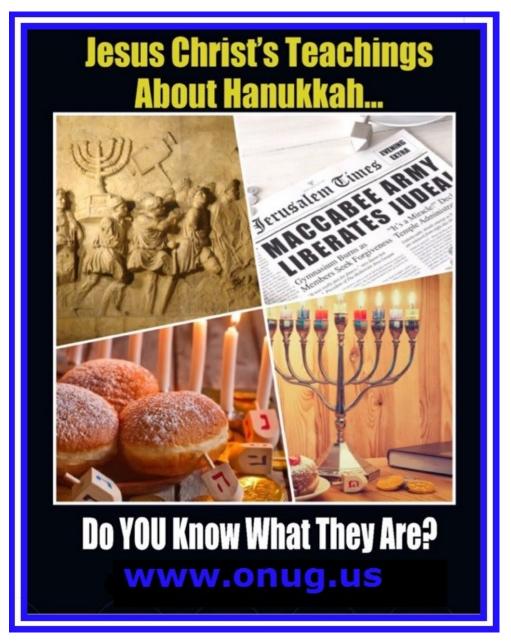
Once the Maccabees had regained control, they returned to the Temple in Jerusalem. By this time it had been spiritually defiled by being used for the worship of foreign gods, and by the sacrificing of swine, over the previous three and one half years. Jewish troops were determined to purify the Temple by burning ritual olive oil in the Temple's menorah. But to their great dismay, they discovered that there was only one day's worth of oil left (a single jar – still sealed and not polluted). They lit the menorah anyway, and to their surprise, the small amount of oil lasted a full eight days (the time it would take to press and make ready new oil)!

A number of historians believe that the reason for the eight-day celebration was that the first Hanukkah was a belated celebration of the Fall Holy Days: Sukkot (The Feast of Tabernacles) and Shemini Atzeret (The Last Great Day). This was because during the war with the Greeks, the Jews were NOT able to celebrate these festivals (under penalty of death), when lamps were supposed to be lit in the Temple, until later on.

Today, the miracle of the Hanukkah oil is celebrated every year, in the winter, when Jews light a special menorah known as a hanukkiyah for eight days. The current tradition, as it has evolved over many years, is one candle is lit on the first night of Hanukkah, two for the second night, and so on, until all eight candles are lit.



Because many Jews live in predominately Christian societies, over time, Hanukkah has become much more festive and Christmaslike. Today, Jewish children usually receive gifts for Hanukkah often one gift for each of the eight nights of the holiday.



Hanukkah Traditions:

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Every community has its own unique Hanukkah traditions, but there are some traditions that are almost universally practiced. They are lighting of the hanukkiyah, spinning the dreidel, and eating fried foods. Lighting the hanukkiyah: Every year it is customary to commemorate the miracle of the Hanukkah oil by lighting candles on a hanukkiyah. The hanukkiyah is lit every night for eight nights. Most now have 9 candles, the center one usually always being lit to provide light continuously while the other eight are being lit. Tradition also suggests that the menorah be placed in a window closest to the street where it can remind those who pass by of this miracle of God.

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Spinning the dreidel: A popular Hanukkah game involves spinning the dreidel, which is a four-sided top with Hebrew letters written on each side; and Gelt, which are chocolate coins covered with tin foil and are part of this game.

Eating fried foods: Because Hanukkah celebrates the miracle of oil, it is traditional to eat fried foods such as latkes and sufganiyot during the holiday. Latkes are pancakes made out of potatoes and onions, which are fried in oil and then served with applesauce. Sufganiyot (singular: sufganiyah) are jelly-filled donuts that are fried and sometimes dusted with confectioners' sugar before eating.

The Biblical Significance of Hanukkah: www.onug.us

At the beginning of our Study today, we looked at Christ's Example of His keeping this man-made holiday, in the winter (John 10:22-23).

Jesus' Example Shows Us - that it is NOT wrong to take part in certain celebrations, IF and WHEN those celebrations do NOT have Pagan origins; and IF and WHEN they DO NOT Violate God's Laws (John 4:23-24)!!!

Originally, the Jews celebrated Hanukkah as a tradition, then by ancient civil law as a national holiday; not a religious one. However, over time, it evolved much like the Pagan Winter Solstice (now Christ mass) into a commercialized and religious extravaganza, adopting many Christmas customs.

Our modern day (Hallmark Card Store & Retail Sales oriented) society presents several commercialized additional "holidays" that

"Obedient To God" Christians (Deuteronomy 12:1-4, 28-32) can still observe.

Holidays that we CAN keep:

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A few examples would be **Father's Day, Mother's Day, Thanksgiving Day,** and **American Independence Day.** The key is to Keep God's Sabbaths Holy (Exodus 31:12-18) and NOT to use Pagan practices and Pagan Holy Days (now called "holidays") as replacements or additions to HOW God Commands His Children to Worship Him!!! Holidays are man-made celebrations, some of which can be used to give Thanks to our Creator God, as in the case of the **American Thanksgiving To Almighty God Day.** They are NOT a replacement for, or a substitute for, What God has Ordained as Holy and Perpetual (meaning Never-Ending), throughout our generations (Zechariah 14:16-19, Isaiah 66:23-24, Revelation 22:14-16)!!!

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights (no connection to James 1:17), or "the dedication"; was first connected with the cleansing of the Temple by Judas Maccabeus after Antiochus Epiphanes desecrated it in 167 B.C. This would set the stage for a later desecration of the altar, more than two thousand years later (See Daniel 8:1-27). Christians MUST Understand the significance of the events leading up to the first Hanukkah, in order to Understand WHAT Will Happen AGAIN; "for it shall be for many days" (Daniel 8:26) yet into our future, as well!!!

The Abomination of Desolation:

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The prophet Daniel called it "the abomination that makes desolate" (Daniel 12:11). Jesus Told us to look for armies surrounding Jerusalem as a sign that this desolation was close at hand (Luke 21:20-24). When the desecration happens, it will signify the start of three and a half years of Great Tribulation, at the end of which; Christ will again allow the world's armies to gather at Jerusalem, at The Triumphant Return of Christ (Zechariah 14:1-9)!!!

Jesus also Tells us that this abomination will desecrate the altar, or holy place, just like Daniel said; and that these things would be Advance Warning Signs to God's People who were Watching for These Things to Happen – to FLEE (Matthew 24:15 / Mark 13:14)!!! www.onug.us

The New Hanukkah?



Gone are The Warnings of Daniel, Jesus, and John!



The Reason for the first Hanukkah, The Cleansing of The Temple; TELLS US TO WATCH for a second DEFILING of an Altar on The Temple Mount, and the CEASATION of Sacrifices which have not even begun yet!!!

Here Is A Simple, 10 Step Count Down To WATCH For The Return of Jesus Christ (Luke 21:36)!!! www.onug.us

"WATCH ye therefore, and PRAY Always, that ye may be Accounted Worthy to ESCAPE all these things that shall come to pass, and to STAND Before The Son of Man!!!

- Jesus Christ in (Luke 21:36)"

Let us be VERY CLEAR, according to Scripture (Isaiah 28:9-10), as we Prove ALL of God's TRUTH (1 Thessalonians 5:21), in our Two Remarkable Bible Study Series: "The Olivet Prophecy" and "The King of The North"!!! The following, is just a brief extraction, of these very in-depth, Scriptural Studies; which we encourage you to Read at www.onug.us

Jesus Christ WARNS Us That:

- 1. **The Twice Daily Sacrifices,** by today's End Time Jews, on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, **must BEGIN** before they can be stopped! **They have NOT yet Started; so WATCH for them to START VERY SOON NOW!!!** www.onug.us
- 2. The Beast will make a 7 year International Peace Treaty, dividing the Temple Mount between Jew and Arab. The Jews will have the South; and the Arabs will continue to possess the Old Roman Fort Ruins, where the Dome of the Rock presently sits! This Treaty has not been made yet.
- 3. The Beast will violate the conditions of the Treaty and surround Jerusalem with armies, in the Middle of the seven years. This is the start of 1290 days until Christ Returns. This has NOT happened yet! You will want to Read our "Olivet Prophecy" Studies to Learn what the 1,335 day Countdown and "Sealing" is, and HOW to Obtain it (Daniel 12:12 / John 15:16)!!! Also, Read our Article on "Taking The 52/7 Challenge", under our FALL Holy Days Section, at www.onug.us!
- 4. God Commands those in Jerusalem at the 1290 day mark, see above; to Flee into the mountains, NOT to even go home and pack; then make their way on foot into Jordan (they will have 30 days)! God's people in Europe, are to Flee the "Northern Lands!" (like the smart Jews did prior to the Holocaust of W.W.II)!!! God's people elsewhere (except in Europe and in Israel), are to store up provisions during the following 30 days!
- 5. God Says that 30 days AFTER Jerusalem is surrounded by armies, which is AFTER the Beast makes a 7 year Peace Treaty (Daniel 9:27); that the Beast will then STOP the twice daily Sacrifices on the Temple Mount, and Desecrate the altar (EXACTLY AS Antiochus IV Epiphanes did in 167 B.C.!!! This is The WARNING Jesus Gave us about Daniel's Prophecy!!!). YOU will want to READ The Scriptures in

These Bible Studies, to FULLY Understand this - So Says Jesus (Matthew 24:15-28)!!! www.onug.us

6. From the time the Twice Daily Sacrifices STOP, God begins a THREE and ONE HALF YEAR Countdown to The Return of Jesus Christ!!! It will also be 42 (30 day) Biblical months; or a Time (year), Times (two years), and Half a Time (half year)! This is the 1,260 day countdown to Christ's Second Coming (Revelation 13:1-18, 11:2-3, 12:6-7,14 / Daniel 12:7,10-13 [Revelation 7:1-4], 7:25, 9:27 / Mark 13:18)!!!



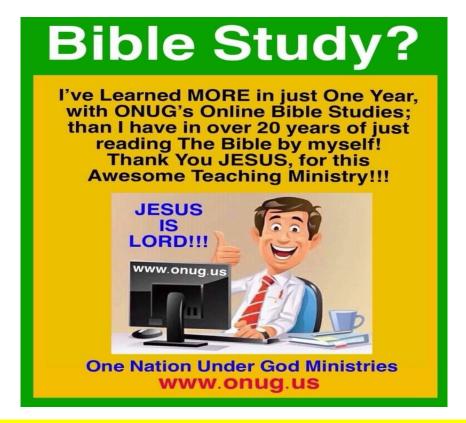
- 7. The Great Tribulation Begins!!! More than 75 percent of the earth's population will DIE in the following 3 1/2 years before Christ Returns!!! This is the Time of Jacob's Trouble!
- 8. God Provides a Place of Safety for His People from the Face of the Beast (on earth)!!! Read our Bible Study, "Is Petra

The Place of Safety?" at www.onug.us for some Great Truths on The TWO Places of Safety which The Bible Reveals!!!

- 9. Jesus Christ Tells us that the Three and a Half Years of Great Tribulation, MUST be Cut Short, or else ALL life on earth would cease! For the sake of God's Elect, on earth (there is NO Rapture folks!), God will cut the remaining three and a half years SHORT! Christ Will Return SOONER than expected!!!! How much time does Jesus mean by "cut short"? Read our "King of The North" Bible Study series for some Awesome Scriptural insights!!! Also, our "Hidden Truths About The Rapture and Resurrections" Bible Study (Parts 1 & 2) will Teach and Prove to YOU, that the Rapture and Floating off the Heaven (John 3:13) are complete Nonsense, and Lies of Satan, used to distract The Biblically Simple (2 Timothy 2:15) from The Truth of Christ's Real Plan to Save this world!!!
- 10. The Return of Christ will happen SOON; EXACTLY The Way Jesus ALWAYS Said it would in The Bible! This is when He Will Open the graves of His Saints, and changes those of us alive on earth, into Majestic Spirit Beings (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 / 1 John 3:1-3), and they will Rule with Christ on earth for 1,000 years (Revelation 5:10,20:6 / Daniel 12:2-3)!!!

Learn to OPEN your eyes to SEE (Matthew 13:11-17);
Learn HOW to WATCH world events The Way Jesus Taught
us to, Learn How to PRAY, and What to PRAY FOR! Learn
HOW To SAVE Yourselves from this Untoward Generation
(Acts 2:40), and HOW To STAND Before The Son of Man, At
His GLORIOUS Second Coming!!!

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The Escape Plan for the coming worldwide Destruction, of this earth and its many governments, and its many Religions; has ALWAYS been right there, in YOUR Bible! Why not ALLOW Jesus Christ to Teach YOU - How to Read and Understand It - Every Saturday Morning (Matthew 11:28-30); as He ALWAYS Has (Hebrews 4:1-11 / Exodus 20:8-11 / 1 Corinthians 10:1-4 / Hebrews 13:8)!!! You and your children will be exceedingly glad that you did!

God ALWAYS Warns His People (Revelation 1:1-3)! He Will Show us WHAT to Watch For and WHAT to Pray for (Luke 21:36, Matthew 24:42-44, 11:27 / Revelation 1:1-3)!!!

As in the days of the Syrian-Greek emperor Antiochus (167 B.C.), God will again allow Satan to desecrate an altar that God considers Holy to Himself, in the last days (Daniel 12:11-13). Satan's human prince and false religious leader will again be given power to rule, "that any observance of the Laws of God are an offense punishable by death" (Revelation 13:15-18,

8-9). God will measure His Spiritual "Temple" (the New Testament Church) or those Who Follow Him (Daniel 5:27, Job 31:6, Proverbs 16:2, 21:2, 24:12, 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 / Ephesians 2:19-22). He will take some of His Body of Believers to a Place of Safety for three and one half years; the rest, or the luke warm believers; will have to go through The Great Tribulation, and die as martyrs (Matthew 10:39, 16:25, 25:1-13, Mark 8:35, Luke 9:24, 14:26, 17:33, John 12:25, Revelation 3:1-22, 7:1-17). God Will Be Faithful to humanity throughout this terrible time, and will leave Two Witnesses to Proclaim God's Truth, during the last three and one half years of Satan's reign on this earth (Revelation 10:1-11, 11:1-19, 12:1-17)!

Do YOU Understand Jesus Christ's Olivet Prophecy? Most Of The World Does NOT! Now YOU Can!!!



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The last three years of human history will be the worst in all of previous history; but God will cut those days short for the sake of His Elect! (Revelation 13:1- 7 / 2 Peter 3:1-18 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1-9 / Matthew 24:21-22 / Luke 21:23-24).

One Nation Under God Ministries Bible Study series on The King of the North, The Beast of Revelation, and The Abomination of Desolation; will TEACH YOU What Jesus Christ Said His Church Needed to KNOW, and to DO, BEFORE His Return! Learn to Get Ready for The King's Second Coming with these Amazing Bible Studies!!!

God Will Deliver those who Obediently Serve Him, from the terrible times to come (Revelation 8:13)!!! Our Lord, Jesus Christ, has Told Us, Specifically; WHAT to DO to avoid being caught in this snare (Luke 21:34-35, Matthew 24:35-51)!!!

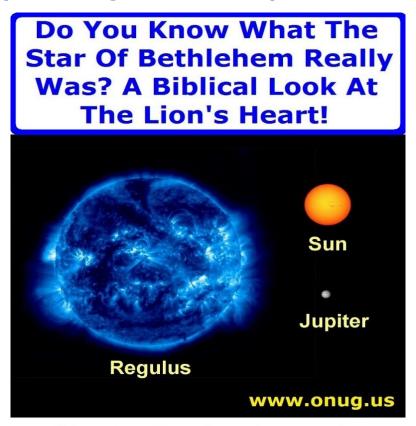
God's People will be Keeping His Commanded Feast Days, they will be Watching on The Feast of Trumpets, AS Christ Told Them to DO (Revelation 3:10-13, Matthew 24:14, John 17:6-20, 2 Timothy 2:12, 2 Peter 2:9)!!!

No matter what happens to us, God's Word Tells Us, that Christ will NEVER leave us; even unto death; that we may Receive The Crown which He Has In Store, Just For Us (Revelation 2:10-11, 20:6, 5:9-10)!!!



Hanukkah is an ancient celebration of God Rewarding and Sustaining His People!!! God does NOT change (Malachi 3:6 / Hebrews 13:8); That SAME God, Is With Us Today (John 14:23)! If we will Faithfully Stay Upon The Path, Chosen for us BY God; we will Receive A Very Great Reward indeed (John 8:51 / Matthew 25:19-23, 29)!!!

So let us celebrate with our Jewish brothers and sisters, this time of Giving God Praise, and Thanks; AND for His Never-Ending Mercy and Blessings!!! Let us also REMEMBER Solemnly - to be Vigilant and Sober in The Work, Which The Lord Has Given US to DO, both NOW, and in the Very Troubling Times ahead (1 Peter 5:1-11)!!!



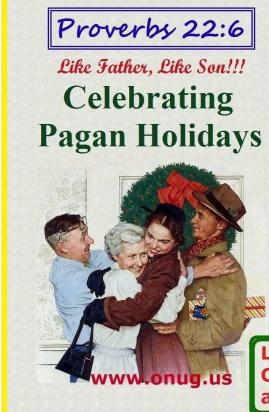
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Join us for the next two Sabbaths, as we Learn God's Truth about the world's winter celebration, and what The Star of Bethlehem Really Was; just in time for when the world will twist

This Sign of God into something it is NOT, and will use this EVIL imitation, to celebrate an Ancient Pagan Holiday, they now call "Christ Mass"!!!

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The Season of the Lightbringer!!!

When you abandon Worship of The One True God, and adopt Pagan worship practices instead; your kids might think you went Crazy!!!

But if you can maintain your departure from The Faith Once Delivered, for at least three or four generations; your kids and their kids, will grow up NEVER knowing they are really worshipping the same pre-Flood demons that caused God to destroy the whole world in the days of Noah!

Paganism: Sunday Worship, Christmas Trees, Mistletoe, Wreaths, Yule Logs, and Cookies for Santa Claus - its what brings families together!!! Revelation 20:15

Learn The REAL Biblical Truth about Christmas and this world's holidays at One Nation Under God Ministries

Next Sabbath we will continue to Study Biblical Prophecy and build upon our Understanding of Jesus Christ's Olivet Warnings! We will set the ground work, to Learn What Jesus Taught us about HOW To Use Biblical Prophecy to identify, WHO in our modern world, qualifies Scripturally, as The King of the North, The Beast of Revelation; and WHAT The Abomination of Desolation that Jesus Warned us about, REALLY is - or will be, in The Very Last Days BEFORE Jesus Returns (Luke 21:35-36)!!!

We are Honored that you joined us today, in The Study of God's Word! We hope to have you back with us again, next week; and that you will continue to SHARE what you have Learned here, with others – at home, at work, and in your neighborhood (Matthew 28:18-20 / Mark 16:15-20) – All

to Our Heavenly Father's Exceedingly Great Glory! May our Great God, Bless you and Keep you, until then – in Jesus' Mighty Name!!!

- submitted by Pastor R. C. Brown III

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Learn How To KEEP The Lord's Passover With Us This Year!

PRINT yourself a FREE Holy Day Calendar (below) and Never Again MISS One of God's Holy Feast Days!!!

Roman Year	Passover	Feast of Unleavened Bread	Pentecost	Feast of Trumpets	Day of Atonement	Feast of Tabernacles	The Eighth Da
2013	March 25	March 26-April 1	May 19	Sept. 5	Sept. 14	Sept. 19-25	Sept. 26
2014	April 14	April 15-21	June 8	Sept. 25	Oct. 4	Oct. 9-15	Oct. 16
2015	April 3	April 4-10	May 24	Sept. 14	Sept. 23	Sept. 28-Oct. 4	Oct. 5
2016	April 22	April 23-29	June 12	Oct. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 17-23	Oct. 24
2017	April 10	April 11-17	June 4	Sept. 21	Sept. 30	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 12
2018	March 30	March 31-April 6	May 20	Sept. 10	Sept. 19	Sept. 24-30	Oct. 1
2019	April 19	April 20-26	June 9	Sept. 30	Oct. 9	Oct. 14-20	Oct. 21
2020	April 8	April 9-15	May 31	Sept. 19	Sept. 28	Oct. 3-9	Oct. 10
2021	March 27	March 28-April 3	May 16	Sept. 7	Sept. 16	Sept. 21-27	Sept. 28
2022	April 15	April 16-22	June 5	Sept. 26	Oct. 5	Oct. 10-16	Oct. 17
2023	April 5	April 6-12	May 28	Sept. 16	Sept. 25	Sept. 30-Oct. 6	Oct. 7
2024	April 22	April 23-29	June 16	Oct. 3	Oct. 12	Oct. 17-23	Oct. 24
2025	April 12	April 13-19	June 1	Sept. 23	Oct. 2	Oct. 7-13	Oct. 14
2026	April 1	April 2-8	May 24	Sept. 12	Sept. 21	Sept. 26-Oct. 2	Oct. 3

"But ye believe not, because ye are NOT of My Sheep, as I Said unto you. My Sheep Hear My Voice, and I Know them, and they Follow Me: And I Give unto them Eternal Life; and they shall Never Perish, Neither shall any man pluck them out of My Hand!!! My Father, Who Gave them Me, is Greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's Hand!!! I and my Father are One" (John 10:26-30).

Christians must Learn to Read The Bible, interpret The Scriptures according to Biblical Principles (1 Thessalonians 5:21 / Isaiah 28:9-10 / Psalm 111:10), and begin to Apply The Precepts they Learn in their Walk with God. Individual Study is Essential; coupled with Fellowship times of Group Study, Worship, and discussions of personal insights and observations.

We strive, each Saturday, to foster an open and welcoming atmosphere where Spirit led confirmation, clarification,

questions, and correction can be made, in the Fellowship of other students of God's Word.

One Nation Under God Ministries (www.onug.us) is working to unify The Body of Christ in The Worship of God The Father, in The Way that Jesus Showed us to - in Spirit and in Truth!

Rediscover Biblical and American History, and Help us Renew, in this Generation, The Vision and The Covenant of our Founding Fathers (Isaiah 33:22 / Proverbs 22:6 / Psalm 33:12).

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— Jesus Christ (Matthew 10:1, 7-10).

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For More Information on what The Bible Says about YOUR Tithes and Offerings in Christ's New Testament Church, Read our Excellent Bible Study about The Truth About Tithing, at www.onug.us

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If you would like to help us in our efforts to Breed, Raise, and Teach the world about these Gentle Giants and The Coming Kingdom of God (Isaiah 11:6-9), we would gladly accept Your Help! You can Donate online at www.onug.us, or mail a check or money order to us at:

One Nation Under God Ministries (Attn: Aldabra Park), 211 19th Street N.W., Naples, Florida, 34120 U.S.A.

HURRICANE IAN UPDATE (As of December 2022): God's Hand Protected Us from the worst of this category 4 storm!!! DAMAGES: 1) Our two central air conditioning units were heavily damaged and must be replaced, 2) there is some structural damage to our chimney, 3) rain gutters must be repaired, 4) both garage doors must be replaced, 5) several perimeter fences and main gates must be replaced; 6) several trees have fallen and must be cut up, 7) there is a massive debris field that must be removed from the grounds. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION FOR OUR HURRICANE REPAIRS AND RECOVERY, PLEASE ATTACH A NOTE TO YOUR DONATION (Attn: Hurricane Ian Relief). THANK YOU!!!

To God The Father's Very Great Glory; In Jesus Christ's Mighty Name!

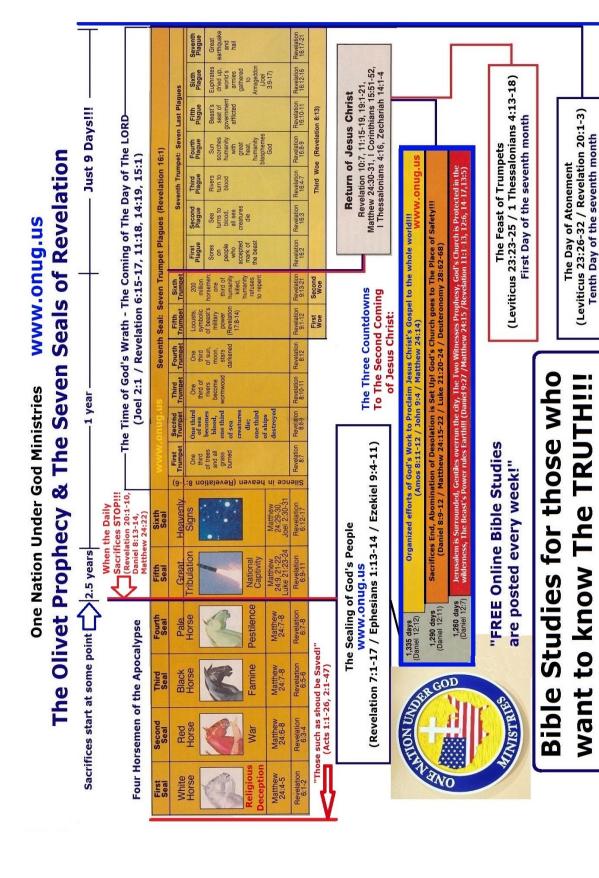
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(Isaiah 2:1-22, 11:1-16, 58:11-14,66:22-24)

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