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Hanukkah and the Modern Spirit of Antichrist

This transcript of a message from **Pastor Daniel Joseph** of **Corner Fringe Ministries** links the historical significance of **Hanukkah** to modern events surrounding the **COVID-19 pandemic**. Daniel draws parallels between the **Antichrist figure Antiochus Epiphanes**, who pressured ancient Israelites to abandon their customs, and current global efforts to implement **mandatory vaccinations** and lockdowns. He argues that the **mRNA vaccine** represents a form of genetic defilement of the human body, which he views as the **temple of God**. Utilizing various news headlines and a **Johns Hopkins study**, he suggests that the pandemic is being used as a tool of **fear and deception** to force spiritual and physical compromise. Ultimately, Daniel encourages his audience to maintain their **allegiance to biblical commandments** and find hope in the redemptive "light" of **Yeshua**.

[Daniel Joseph]

Welcome everyone. I'm Daniel Joseph, and by the grace of God, we are still *"On the Corner Fringe."* Thank you for joining me today. I want to wish everyone a very happy, happy holiday. Tonight marks the first night of the feast of Hanukkah. This amazing eight-day celebration is all about liberty and freedom. It's about the cleansing of the temple and God's mercy in restoring His people.



I love Josephus's comments on this festival. He calls it the Festival of Lights and explains why it is called that. What he says is that this "liberty beyond our hopes has appeared to us." I mean, that pierces the heart in such a powerful way. This "liberty beyond our hopes," meaning they were looking at an impossible situation. They should have been destroyed. They were distraught. They were in total despair beyond being consoled, and yet God shone His face upon them. God had mercy upon them.

And when you start talking about the Festival of Lights, you can't help but think about the Light of the World, and that is the Messiah, Yeshua, who brings light into us, being the temples of God. By doing so, we can give light to others, and we are cleansed through Him. Regarding this festival, it is so much about Him.

Today, I want to talk a little bit about this festival. In light of current events, we'll even look at a few headlines today as well. But given what we see happening in the world today, we need to remember the story of Hanukkah because we are reliving it. In a very real sense, we're living through many aspects of what happened in the second century BC. So, to help capture this, I'm just going to share a few passages out of the Apocrypha, out of the book of Maccabees, which tells the story. I think you're going to appreciate this.

Let's look at this; we read the following in 1 Maccabees 1:41-42—[Then the king wrote to his whole kingdom that all should be one people,](#) ⁴² [and that all should give up their particular customs.](#) Now, I want to stop here. Here you have this call for everyone to become one, and this is one of the things I talked about in the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. When you're at the end of days, one thing you can expect the spirit of the Antichrist, to do is exactly what we are reading right now. He is going to go forth and, like we see happening today, accumulate the world so they can all become one. To come down with the same heart and the same mind to do the work of the devil.

Here you have Antiochus Epiphanes, who is literally the very image of the Antichrist. He is the Antichrist Daniel prophesied, and he came and fulfilled exactly what Daniel said he would. You have this Antichrist figure going out calling the world to become one, and in the process you have to give up certain aspects of your lifestyle that you're accustomed to. It's interesting as we see this happening today. Then it goes on in 1 Maccabees 1:43—[All the Gentiles accepted the command of the king...](#) And so, we see the effect when you get into the end times and the spirit of Antichrist comes out; the Gentiles are going to fold. The unbelievers are just going to fold.

All the Gentiles accepted the command of the king. ... [Many even from Israel gladly adopted his religion; they sacrificed to idols and profaned the sabbath.](#) Did you get that? Many from Israel gladly adopted his religion. This is where things get terrifying, and this is what I've been talking about for several weeks, whether in the Horsemen or even in last week's message. Paul warns us in 1 Timothy 4:1—[Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.](#) This is what we see happened in the story of Hanukkah and make no mistake about it: we will see it today, and, may I say, we are seeing it.

Let me drop back just for a moment, and then we'll continue, but I want to go back to 1 Maccabees 1:11-15—[In those days certain renegades came out from Israel and misled many, saying, "Let us go and make a covenant with the Gentiles around us, for since we separated from them many disasters have come upon us."](#) ¹² [This proposal pleased them,](#) ¹³ [and some of the people eagerly went to the king, who authorized them to observe the ordinances of the Gentiles.](#) ¹⁴ [So they built a gymnasium in Jerusalem, you want to talk about wickedness, according to Gentile custom,](#) ¹⁵ [and removed the marks of circumcision, and abandoned the holy covenant. They joined with the Gentiles and sold themselves to do evil.](#)

The one thing I want to highlight in this passage, that I struggle with, is the reality of this taking place: many Jews went out and misled their brothers, saying, "Listen, hell has come upon us. We have experienced, and we are experiencing, these unfortunate things in life. Our life is difficult right now;

therefore, what we need to do is to concede to the Gentiles. We need to concede to their ways, to their culture, and to their customs. We need to abandon our ways for their ways." Now to do that, you have to compromise the commandments of God. Yet many, it says many, from Israel—this is within the body of God's chosen people—went out and deceived their own brethren.

You know, it's one thing for Gentiles to go out, and as we'll read about in this story, this is what Antiochus does. It's one thing to read that the world puts the pressure on the people of God. It's another when false prophets rise up, false teachers rise up, and they go forth and mislead many. And so, this is what we can expect as we live in these days.

Continuing, back to our passage in 1 Maccabees 1:44-50—[And the king sent letters by messengers to Jerusalem and the towns of Judah; he directed them to follow customs strange to the land,](#) ⁴⁵ [to forbid burnt offerings and sacrifices and drink offerings in the sanctuary, to profane sabbaths and festivals,](#) ⁴⁶ [to defile the sanctuary and the priests,](#) ⁴⁷ [to build altars and sacred precincts and shrines for idols, to sacrifice swine and other unclean animals,](#) ⁴⁸ [and to leave their sons uncircumcised. They were to make themselves abominable by everything unclean and profane,](#) ⁴⁹ [so that they would forget the law and change all the ordinances.](#) ⁵⁰ He added, "And whoever does not obey the command of the king shall die."

So here you have this situation. He's putting pressure on them stating "Hey, if you don't do this, you're going to die," and so there's fear, there's intimidation, and what is he looking to do? I mean, the ultimate goal of the Antichrist is to get you to compromise your allegiance to God. And how do we show our allegiance to God? It's through His commandments. It's by listening to His voice, not the voice of strangers. So here we are today. We're living in a day and an age where, obviously, pornography is running rampant. We have a very, very perverse outlook on marriage. It is not a biblical model whatsoever. We are killing our unborn children at exponential rates. We have all these things, and they're being promoted. This is happening globally; it's not just in this country. They're promoting it all over the place.

But in recent events, we now have what is known as this vaccination, this Corona COVID-19 vaccination that is coming out. I keep saying this: it's being heralded as the medical Messiah, the savior of the world. We can live; we can be assured of life if we take this vaccination. We certainly will not just save our own lives, but we're going to save the lives of others if we take this vaccination. Now isn't it interesting that this vaccine is being released and is being brought to market during the festival of Hanukkah? I don't care what you say, and you may think that this is just some really interesting coincidence or that this is some wild nut job conspiracy trying to demonize this great savior of the world known as the COVID-19 vaccination. There's no way you can paint that picture; you'll never convince me of that. Isn't it fascinating that this vaccine is being released?



Let me take it a step further and read you a headline about Israel. This is the headline: *The Times of Israel*, “Israel to Get First Batch of Pfizer Coronavirus Vaccines on Thursday—reports,” by TOI Staff, December 7, 2020—Obviously, Thursday night is the first day of Hanukkah. It's so concerning to me that there are many, emphasis on many, in Israel who are not just gladly adopting this but encouraging others to embrace this. And so, they're very, very much looking

forward to the vaccination.

The problem I have with this is that this is the most hotly debated thing I know of. Do we take the vaccine? Don't we take the vaccine? There's debate over what's really in the vaccine and what's not. There's debate over wearing masks and social distancing. I mean, we could go on and on and on. We are living in a chaotic world that has been just; this world has been flipped upside down because of the global pandemic.

And do you know what it's doing? It's not just stressing the world. But there's no doubt in my mind that the spirit of Antichrist is behind all of this. It's putting a lot of stress on the church, and when you apply pressure, we find out what we're really made of and what we really believe? What is it we really believe? A lot of people are drowning in fear and confusion right now.

I have to tell you, every day you turn on the TV, every time you look at an article online, whether it's through Google or on Facebook, whatever, we're seeing more and more people come out saying, "Anyone who speaks against the vaccination is providing disinformation." Anyone who says it's not safe is misinformed. Anyone who says “the science” is not there for the mask is spreading disinformation. I mean, it's just habitual; it's this relentless onslaught of hitting people. There are many Christians right now buying into this who are going to be first in line when it comes to getting this vaccine, and that is a massive concern for me. I am really troubled; I'm really concerned by the lack of discernment that exists with so many Christians who we care about. They really believe that this is the answer to show other people love.

They're not just going to take it for themselves, but they want to look out for the well-being of others. And yes, I absolutely appreciate it. I mean, that's a biblical text (Matthew 22:39): “Love your neighbor as yourself.” We're to put others' interests above our own. No debate about that principle. The application of that principle is where we can start to debate. In other words, by you taking the vaccine, are you applying the love of your neighbor as yourself? Or, to take that vaccine, are you having to compromise your integrity and morals, biblical morals as given in Scripture? See, you know that you're not truly loving your neighbor as yourself if, in fact, you must compromise what God has commanded you. You love your neighbor by holding fast to that.

It's painful to see that Israel is just headlining this, that they are embracing it, and they're going to great lengths to acquire so many doses so quickly and to give this to the population. Even many Orthodox Jews are going to be on board with this. There's a thing in Orthodox Judaism known as “*Pikuach Nefesh*,” which simply means to save a soul. The concept—and I will by no means come full circle on explaining how Orthodox Judaism understands “*Pikuach Nefesh*,” but the principle is this: there are certain

situations where breaking a commandment of God can be legitimized and should be broken when it saves a life.

Now I guarantee you people are going to put this *Pikuach Nefesh*, as understood by many rabbis, into play regarding the vaccine, even if they know the vaccine contains swine, pork, or pig, or if it contains the blood of an animal, whatever. If these cells are involved, they will still take it, and they can do it through this concept of *Pikuach Nefesh*.

There's even, Talmudically speaking, in a tractate—I think it's Yoma, tractate Yoma, yeah, because it's talking about Yom Kippur—that if a pregnant woman smells pork and she's overcome with the desire to eat it, that it is permissible in that situation, because on Yom Kippur, traditionally pregnant women can eat because you talk about saving a life. You don't starve a mother, you don't starve a child, or you don't starve an unborn child. So, the Talmud even raises this: in that situation, you know, here you have *Pikuach Nefesh* to save a life, which takes precedence. Disregard the fact that you're eating pork.

Well, it's a fascinating debate today. And let me be clear: not all rabbis are on board with that; however, many agree. I could give different examples of a *Pikuach Nefesh* that are sound. I mean, the example I just gave you right now is not biblically, fundamentally sound. But if, for instance, I was to go down the road with my family on the way to the church and we saw a house collapse, and there were people inside, and we knew that. Well, Shabbat prohibits us from doing any *melachah* (מְלָכָה), from doing any work. We're not supposed to be doing physical labor. Removing all these heavy pieces, spending hours removing all the rubble so we can get to the family inside that house—that is a proper way to embrace "*Pikuach Nefesh*"—the saving of a soul. Yes, the Shabbat will be violated through hard labor, but yes, that can be justified. So, that is a positive example to show this concept is beautiful when biblically sound.

But the Talmudic principle, or what is the discussion that's spoken of in the Talmud of a pregnant woman eating swine, you'll never convince me on that one. That's when you come off the rails. And even in our story, our Hanukkah story, we can see that historically Jewish people, with the fear of God, with the conviction of His Word, did not give in to that interpretation of *Pikuach Nefesh*. Not at all. In fact, let me continue in 1 Maccabees 1:62—[But many in Israel stood firm and were resolved in their hearts not to eat unclean food](#). I mean, it specifically mentions this because the Seleucid army was forcing—shoving swine down the throats of Jewish people. They were forcing them to make themselves unclean. Their temples were being defiled.

This is what was happening, but some in Jerusalem would not give in. So, it goes on and says in 1 Maccabees 1:63-64—[They chose to die rather than to be defiled by food or to profane the holy covenant; and they did die.](#) ⁶⁴ [Very great wrath came upon Israel](#). Now, going back, the whole move of the Antichrist wants to do this. What I've been saying, and I'll stand my ground on this, especially when I see so many Christians really flying off the reservation regarding being first in line for the vaccine.

When I see Israelis decide they're going to be pumped full of stuff, and most of them don't know what's in it. The ones who do know the ingredients in there, they're carrying out and moving the mRNA aside for a second. The fact that some of these vaccines, and actually the vaccines for COVID, are carrying this mRNA technology is not disputed. Genetic-altering technology, which, by the way, isn't this fascinating, genetically altered things; they are irreversible. Let me read you a headline. Listen to this headline; this is absolutely incredible: [“Robert F. Kennedy Jr.: Why the COVID-19 Vaccine Should Be FORBIDDEN and Avoided at All Cost,” SGT, December 1, 2020—For the first time in the history of vaccination, the so-](#)

called last generation mRNA vaccines intervene directly in the genetic material of the patient and therefore alter the individual genetic material, which represents the genetic manipulation, something that was already forbidden and until then considered criminal.

You know, Kennedy's bringing up an aspect here: do you understand that historically this is illegal? But now all of a sudden it's totally fine. Genetic manipulation is totally fine. It goes on and says, "Even if the media and politicians currently trivialize the problem and even stupidly call for a new type of vaccine to return to normality, this vaccination is problematic in terms of health, morality, and ethics, and also in terms of genetic damage that, unlike the damage caused by previous vaccines, will be irreversible and irreparable." Think about that.

This is what's going to be pumped into the body (temples) of people who God created by the breath of His mouth, who have been called to worship the Lord Yeshua with all their heart, soul, and strength. This is the garbage that's going to be pumped into them, all under the banner of life. This is how you're going to preserve life. This is how you're going to preserve the life of others. This is how we obtain peace. This is how we get back to normalcy. This is how we obtain safety. It's all under the guise of that.

Now keep in mind. This is over something that has less than a 1% mortality rate. We're going to do this, and Israel is going to do this. All these Israelis are going to do this, and it's going to be justified on multiple platforms. I am not going to stop talking about this because every news station you turn on, every time you go to the internet, you even do a Google search, and you look up everything that's being portrayed on YouTube they are all saying; this is the only answer. Everyone needs to do this. Everyone needs to get on board.

The propaganda is relentless. It is persuasive, and I know because Christians are struggling with this. Many Christians who were questioning getting it, at the very least questioning getting it, are now on the other side of the track saying, "Oh yeah, this is going to be totally fine." We've heard people say this isn't really genetically altering. We have people come out saying, "The side effect is fever. That's not a big deal. This is to be expected. These are normal vaccination side effects. We don't have to worry about this." Never mind the ingredients. Never mind what you're putting into your temple. God help us in this generation. But know this: the spirit of Antichrist is moving. We are living Hanukkah all over right now. Unfortunately, we're in the early stages, where the Antichrist demands compromise and wants to come in. And what did he do in Hanukkah? He defiled the temple; this is what he did.

I want to jump ahead to 1 Maccabees 2:15–18—The king's officers who were enforcing the apostasy came to the town of Modein to make them offer sacrifice. ¹⁶ Many from Israel came to them; and Mattathias and his sons were assembled. ¹⁷ Then the king's officers spoke to Mattathias as follows: "You are a leader, honored and great in this town, and supported by sons and brothers. ¹⁸ Now be the first to come and do what the king commands, as all the Gentiles and the people of Judah and those that are left in Jerusalem have done. Then you and your sons will be numbered among the Friends of the king. Oh, get this: and you and your sons will be honored with silver and gold and many gifts."

Isn't that fascinating? Okay, so if we concede to your demands, okay, we allow you to defile us, we start eating pork, and we stop keeping Shabbat, and we stop gathering in an assembly, then we'll be friends of the king, there'll be peace, oh, and I'll even reward you. You ever notice, and I'm not even going to list them all because there are so many of them, all these various statements coming out that recognize that individuals who do not get the vaccine will be restricted in life.

And when I say restricted, I mean hyper restricted. We're talking about travel restrictions. We're talking about corporate restrictions. There are going to be businesses that are going to be adapting policies to perpetuate this insanity, saying, well, if you don't have that vaccination, one of two things will happen. Number one, you're not going to be able to work here, or you're going to be forced to wear a mask. You're going to be forced to social distance. We're going to quarantine you in a separate area. I'm going to tell you this stuff; you can mock this, you can laugh at this, you can say this is ridiculous, and none of this is going to happen. Just keep your eyes open. If you don't want to believe me now, just at the very least put this on the shelf and watch what happens.

It just came out last week that John Delaney has this great idea. He was a congressman, and he has an idea of how to quickly implement the vaccination to make sure everyone takes it. Pay them: give everyone who gets vaccinated a \$1,500 stimulus check. \$1,500 stimulus check. We just read it. We just said this is exactly what the Antichrist does. Compromise your beliefs, and we'll reward you with gold and silver. Now I tell you, you cannot make this stuff up.



I want to read you something I think is really incredible. And the headline is "Landmark legal ruling finds that Covid tests are not fit for purpose." And when this says "Landmark," it isn't kidding. Listen to what this is, because within this article it talks about these four Germans who were illegally quarantined in Portugal. And because one of them tested positive, all four were illegally held captive against their will. I mean, they were imprisoned in their hotel. They couldn't leave; they were forced

to stay. So, they sued, and it went to court, and they won. They won the case that they were illegally quarantined because, obviously, one had it and the other three didn't, but because they were with them, they all had to suffer.

The case centered on the reliability of the test the individual got: a PCR test. So here you have this individual: he gets tested, he tests positive, but when it goes to court, the courts basically say this test is unreliable. I'll just put this up on the screen; this is the quote: [Peter Andrews, "Landmark Legal Ruling Finds That Covid Tests Are Not Fit for Purpose. So What Do the MSM Do? They Ignore It," RT NEWS, November 27, 2020](#)—The deliberation of the Lisbon Appeal Court is comprehensive and fascinating. It ruled that the Azores Regional Health Authority had violated both Portuguese and international law by confining the Germans to the hotel.

It goes on and says this: [The conclusion of their 34-page ruling included the following: "In view of current scientific evidence, this test shows itself to be unable to determine beyond reasonable doubt](#)

that such positivity corresponds, in fact, to the infection of a person by the SARS-CoV-2 virus.” In the eyes of this court, then, a positive test does not correspond to a Covid case. The two most important reasons for this, said the judges, are that “the test’s reliability depends on the number of cycles used” and that “the test’s reliability depends on the viral load present.” In other words, there are simply too many unknowns surrounding PCR testing.

The Portuguese judges cited a study conducted by “some of the leading European and world specialists,” which was published by Oxford Academic at the end of September. It showed that if someone tested positive for Covid at a cycle threshold of 35 or higher, the chances of that person actually being infected is less than three percent, and that “the probability of... receiving a false positive is 97% or higher.”

In other words, you really can't even trust 3% of these tests taking it. It doesn't even have a 3% reliability. And yet all the numbers that are flowing around, we're spiking COVID over here, cases are coming up here, and we have unprecedented numbers over here. This is happening all over the country right now. And here, in a case that has actually been determined lawfully in a court of law, we now have this, but do you think you're going to read this headline anywhere? Do you think CNN is going to cover this? Do you think MSNBC, ABC, CBS, or anyone else is going to cover this? Absolutely not. And yet in a court of law, this was determined to be unreliable.

Now, that is a significant piece of information. It's no longer people conjecturing. It's not even scientists coming out and saying, "You know what, I have questions about the PCR testing," and calling it into question. Or even quoting the individual who created the PCR test and said it's not made for viruses. But now it's being established in a court of law. That is wild, just think about that.

Let me read you another headline. It just kind of blows my mind, and this one has gone viral—[UPDATED: JOHNS HOPKINS STUDY SAYING COVID-19 HAS RELATIVELY NO EFFECT ON DEATH IN U.S. SPIKED AFTER PUBLICATION](#), by Matt Margolis, PJ Media News, November 27, 2020—Now you think about that headline saying it all. Conventional wisdom is that COVID-19 has caused thousands of deaths in the United States and nearly 1.5 million worldwide. This perception has been directly challenged by a study published by Johns Hopkins University on November 22. Genevieve Briand, assistant program director of the Applied Economics master’s degree program at Johns Hopkins University, critically analyzed the impact that COVID-19 had on U.S. deaths.

According to Briand, the impact of COVID-19 on deaths in the United States can be fully understood by comparing it to the number of total deaths in the country. According to the study, “In contrast to most people’s assumptions, the number of deaths by COVID-19 is not alarming. In fact, it has relatively no effect on deaths in the United States.” You wouldn't think that by watching the news.

Continuing. [After retrieving data on the CDC website](#), now that's what blows my mind. Where is this Brienne getting the information? Right from the CDC. You can't make this up. [Briand compiled a graph representing percentages of total deaths per age category from early February to early September](#), which includes the period from before COVID-19 was detected in the U.S. to after infection rates soared. Surprisingly, the deaths of older people stayed the same before and after COVID-19. Since COVID-19 mainly affects the elderly, experts expected an increase in the percentage of deaths in older age groups.

However, this increase is not seen from the CDC data. In fact, the percentages of deaths among all age groups remain relatively the same. According to Briand, “The reason we have a higher number of

reported COVID-19 deaths among older individuals than younger individuals is simply because every day in the U.S. older individuals die in higher numbers than younger individuals.”

Analysis of deaths per cause in 2018 revealed that the pattern of seasonal increase in the total number of deaths is a result of the rise in deaths by all causes, with the top three being heart disease, respiratory diseases, influenza, and pneumonia. “This is true every year,” explained Briand. “Every year in the U.S. when we observe the seasonal ups and downs, we have an increase of deaths due to all causes.”

Now listen to this; this is where this article gets really interesting. When Briand looked at the 2020 data during that seasonal period, COVID-19-related deaths exceeded deaths from heart diseases. This was highly unusual since heart disease has always prevailed as the leading cause of deaths. However, when taking a closer look at the death numbers, she noted something strange. As Briand compared the number of deaths per cause during that period in 2020 to 2018, she noticed that instead of the expected drastic increase across all causes, there was a significant decrease in deaths due to heart disease.

Even more surprising, as seen in the graph below, this sudden decline in deaths is observed for all other causes. The study found that “This trend is completely contrary to the pattern observed in all previous years.” In fact, “the total decrease in deaths by other causes almost exactly equals the increase in deaths by COVID-19.”

So, you think about that article and what it's saying is okay; we spiked the COVID deaths. You know, I guess people die of getting hit by a bus, and we're calling that COVID deaths. And the thing about it is, they're recognizing now that, yeah, we spiked, and we said all these deaths happen in COVID, except nobody else is dying of these other diseases anymore.

None of it makes sense, but when you look at the numbers accurately, what you find is COVID has almost zero impact on the death rate over the years, and that is significant. And that goes back to looking at this mortality rate, which sounds so crazy every time you say it, has a 99% plus survival rate, and these numbers that Briand gets from the CDC prove that. But again, we don't want to talk about these. We want to talk about how everyone's going to die, and you're never going to be able to take your mask off, and you're never going to be able to see your family again. You're never going to be able to have Christmas again.

Do you think it's a coincidence? They're shutting everything down at the time that means the most to Americans: Thanksgiving and Christmas, or for us, Hanukkah. No, you can't be with friends, you can't be with family, you can't do this. It hits people where it hurts most. All these things are being implemented, and make no mistake, it is for a reason. This is absolutely for a reason. It's all about getting the vaccine. I'm telling you right now, Satan is motivated to make sure he can come in during the Festival of Hanukkah and do what he did in the second century BC: come in and defile the temples of God, which you are.

Let me read this headline to you—Paul Joseph Watson, “[Top Pathologist Claims Coronavirus is ‘The Greatest Hoax Ever Perpetrated on an Unsuspecting Public,’](#)” *Summit News*, November 18, 2020—He says, “There is utterly unfounded public hysteria driven by the media and politicians; it’s outrageous. This is the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on an unsuspecting public,” said Hodkinson.

The article goes on: [Hodkinson remarked that “social distancing is useless because COVID is spread by aerosols, which travel 30 meters; we're talking like a hundred feet or so before landing,” as he called for society to be reopened immediately to prevent the debilitating damage being caused by lockdowns.](#)

Now, we've talked about the Great Barrington Declaration; well, that thing has snowballed into roughly 50,000 doctors signing on. It went from 6,000 to almost 50,000. I mean, we're talking about epidemiologists, pathologists, virologists, and MDs of all nature signing on to this to immediately end the lockdowns because the lockdowns are having far greater casualties and doing far greater harm to society, both in health and obviously financially.

Continuing in this article: [Hodkinson also slammed mandatory mask mandates as completely pointless. “Masks are utterly useless. There is no evidence base for their effectiveness whatsoever,” he said.](#) It's utterly ridiculous. Seeing these unfortunate, uneducated people—I'm not saying that in a pejorative sense—walking around like lemmings, obeying without any knowledge base, and putting the mask on their face. I mean, we could go on and on and on.

Isn't it interesting that it doesn't matter how many responsible epidemiologists, MDs, pathologists, virologists, and all these experts come out and say that this is insanity? Somehow, none of their voices matter, and all their voices are nothing but disinformation, and they're scrubbed from the web. I mean, this is bonkers; we are living in the days of Hanukkah, and the Antichrist is persuasive. He's intrinsic; he knows how to intimidate. He knows how to instill fear, as we see happening right now.

This is the time you want to be of a sound mind, and you want to cling to the commandments of God more than ever before. Do not falter in this measure; be encouraged because I want you to look at how Hanukkah ended. He gave victory to His people who repented, to those people who loved Him, who wanted to serve Him, and who were willing to die for Him. Therefore, we have this amazing festival: the Festival of Lights. Which, again, Josephus tells us the meaning of this, or why it's called the Festival of Lights. It's called that because our “liberty beyond our hopes has appeared.” Liberty beyond all hope has appeared, and what a blessed promise! That's the promise we have in Yeshua.

If we keep our eyes on the prize, if we keep our eyes on Him, loving Him, serving Him, He will navigate this for us. You will have Shalom in the midst of chaos. You will have peace that surpasses all understanding that can conquer the fleshly fear you're going to experience. Every one of us is confronted with fleshly fear, but our love and allegiance give us the strength to overcome that fear.

So, with that said, I want to end it here. I want to wish everyone a happy Hanukkah. Be thinking about this story in light of what you are experiencing this year with this pandemic. Bless you and have a happy Hanukkah.

Hanukkah: A History of Resistance and Modern Parallels

The Historical Blueprint (2nd Century BC)



King Antiochus forced the Jewish people to abandon their customs and defile the temple.



Forced Unity and Compromise

The King decreed all should be "one people," requiring Jews to abandon the Sabbath.



The Choice of the Faithful

Many chose death over defiling the holy covenant or eating unclean food.



Ancient Decree (1 Maccabees)	Modern Parallel (Speaker's View)
 Gifts of silver and gold for compliance	 Stimulus checks for vaccination (\$1,500)
 Forbidden to gather or keep the Sabbath	 Lockdowns and restrictions on family gatherings
 "Whoever does not obey... shall die"	 "Hyper-restricted" life and travel for the unvaccinated

The Modern Parallel (Present Day)



The "Medical Messiah"

The speaker identifies the COVID-19 vaccine and mandates as modern tools of spiritual pressure.



Incentives and Restrictions

Parallels are drawn between ancient rewards of gold and modern stimulus checks for compliance.



Liberty Beyond Hope

Hanukkah represents the "Festival of Lights," celebrating God's mercy in providing unexpected freedom.