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Living Hanukkah: A Prophetic Template for the End Times

This transcript of a message delivered by **Pastor Daniel Joseph** of **Corner Fringe Ministries** interprets the **Hanukkah story** as a prophetic blueprint for the modern era and the impending rise of the **Antichrist**. He draws direct parallels between the **COVID-19 vaccine rollout** and ancient demands for spiritual compromise, suggesting that the current global climate mirrors the "birth pains" of the **Great Tribulation**. Using the **Book of Maccabees**, Daniel highlights the figure of **Mattathias** as a model of righteous defiance for believers who must choose between divine covenants and worldly pressures. He further connects historical Jewish resistance to contemporary **political divisions** in America, framing calls for state secession as a modern reflection of the biblical separation between the godly and the wicked. Ultimately, Daniel's message serves as an urgent exhortation for Christians to **strengthen their faith** and prepare for spiritual warfare as the age draws to a close.

[Daniel Joseph]

Welcome everyone, and again, happy Hanukkah to you all. I trust your Hanukkah celebrations were wonderful, filled with joy and hopefully a lot of reflection. Hanukkah is one of the ultimate prophetic templates we have for understanding the end of the age, days we're literally living in now, and for understanding what it looks like when the Antichrist rises to power and what the Antichrist is going to demand. He's going to demand compromise.



The Hanukkah story is also a prophetic template showing us what the righteous look like. You read this story, and it's revelatory, empowering, encouraging, and it strengthens you. And more than ever, I'm going to say this Hanukkah story is applicable because we are living in Hanukkah. We are living the Hanukkah story now with the spirit of Antichrist literally going forth around the globe.



Did you notice some of the things that have happened during this Hanukkah season? Things that I don't simply chalk up to coincidence. For example, look at this headline: Elizabeth Kim, *Gothamist*, December 14, 2020—[NYC Nurse Is The First Person Vaccinated For COVID-19 In The U.S.](#) When does this happen? It happens during Hanukkah. Isn't that amazing? It just so happens that the vaccine would be rolled out during the Festival of Hanukkah.

Now the article goes on, and there is actually a quote from a nurse who received the vaccine. [“I feel like healing is coming,” said Sandra Lindsay, the nurse who received the first vaccine](#)—now get this—[at Long Island Jewish Medical Center in Queens ...](#) (Emphasis added).

Now, hold on a second. You can't make this stuff up. So here you have the vaccine rolling out during Hanukkah and the first person vaccinated in the US officially is this nurse from New York City. I believe this is very significant when you think of Babylon and the representation of Babylon. New York City was the very city which was attacked and warned regarding God's judgment. Now, here's this nurse: as this vaccine is being rolled out, and I think she received the Pfizer vaccine version. It happens at the Jewish Medical Center. I mean, you can chalk that up to, "Wow, this is a really amazing coincidence." Or you can recognize something is happening that requires our full attention.

Now, the article goes on, and she's quoted as saying, [“I hope this marks the beginning of the end of a painful time in our history.”](#) (Emphasis added). So here comes the peace, here comes the safety, and here comes the medical messiah I've been touting. I will agree with the statement that this is the beginning of the end; this really is. I mean, we're coming to the end of the age. I would argue we are in the birth pains, the beginning of the tribulation—the beginning of the end. So, some things are absolutely noteworthy.

I'll just share this headline with you, and then I'm going to take you to the book of Maccabees, but CNN ran this headline—Summit News, 9 December 2020, by Paul Joseph Watson—[CNN: ‘Don’t Be Alarmed’ if People Start Dying After Taking the Vaccine](#). I'm not even going to get into the article. There's a lot there. You can check it out for yourselves. Many, many other publications have run this as well. Uh, but isn't that encouraging? I mean, I shouldn't laugh. It's not funny, but the fact that they can come out with a quote like this blows my mind. Don't be alarmed if people start dying after the vaccine. Nothing to see here; it's perfectly normal. I mean, again, you can't make this stuff up.

I want to take you to the Book of Maccabees. We're going to go to 1 Maccabees 2:19-20—[But Mattathias answered and said in a loud voice: “Even if all the nations that live under the rule of the king obey him, and have chosen to obey his commandments, everyone of them abandoning the religion of their ancestors,”](#) ²⁰ [I and my sons and my brothers will continue to live by the covenant of our ancestors.”](#) Now this is after Mattathias was presented with, "Hey, join Antiochus. Join with the Antichrist, and he will honor you. You will be at peace with him, and he'll even reward you with silver and gold."

Mattathias's response, despite being offered peace, honor, and wealth, is that it's never going to happen, and I don't care if the entire world comes to you and I see it with my own eyes, I will not, for I

will keep the commandments of the living God. I will honor my God and His covenant; I will not break it. This even includes his own Jewish brethren, whom we know many from Israel joined with the Antichrist during the days of Hanukkah. Was Mattathias moved? He didn't even blink. He was not moved in his heart; he was resolved to hold the line. Now I have to ask you, do you have that resolve? Do you have that commitment? And may I say, do you have that faith?



When you start to see the masses run to the Antichrist and compromise the commandments of God for the sake of peace, for the sake of honor, and even for the sake of wealth, is that going to move you? I'm going to tell you right now, those who are not strong in the faith will be moved. They will be compelled. The Antichrist's fear and intimidation are very, very persuasive. But when your own family members start encouraging you to compromise your faith in Yeshua, and keeping His commandments, that's when you'll really know how serious it is.

As you go on in this story, Mattathias sees a man who comes to make a sacrifice to the gods of Antiochus and to comply with the Antichrist's request. At which point Mattathias doesn't hesitate; guess what he does? He kills the man. He has the zeal of Phinehas. That is fascinating to me. This guy is so zealous for the LORD. He has righteous indignation. This is not hate. This is not bitterness. It is a righteous indignation for hating sin, and he's appalled his own brethren would come and make an offering or sacrifice to demons. To protect his nation, he moves as Phinehas moved and killed the man right on the spot.

Mattathias begins to tear down the altars, to tear down all this ugly sin that is happening. I want to pick this up in 1 Maccabees 2:21-22—[Far be it from us to desert the law and the ordinances.](#) ²² [We will not obey the king's words by turning aside from our religion to the right hand or to the left.](#) Mattathias is quoting the Torah. He's quoting from Deuteronomy 5:32, which says, "[... you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left](#)" regarding everything that I've commanded you. If you do this, you will live. And so, you can go read the passage; it's incredible. But I'm bringing this up because it comes back to Mattathias' faith.

Mattathias actually believed the words of God. The reason he is standing in the position of resolve where he will not compromise and the reason he has such boldness and strength, and he's not moved, is because he believes in the Word of God. This quote supports that. He knows if he holds his ground, he will live. Despite witnessing everyone, even his own Jewish brethren running to Antiochus Epiphanes, this Antichrist, to sacrifice and compromise. He knows if he compromises, he will become the enemy of the living God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

I'm going to tell you: with what is coming and what is at our doorstep already—we're going to find out whether you believe that book you carry around, the one we call the Bible. We're about to find out whether you really believe the words which are written within or whether you don't. Because the moment you compromise, you show your hand. You show where you're at. But the moment you hold your ground, you will join the ranks of Mattathias and Judah Maccabee, and all the other great titans of

the faith we read about in Scripture, and the great patriarchs Elijah, Elisha, King David, and Joseph. These men, mighty men of valor, every one of them was compelled to honor God, to hold the line because of their faith. They truly believed this.

So, this is a time, as we live in the days of Hanukkah, to start praying the prayer the apostles prayed (Luke 17:5): "Lord, **increase our faith!**" I beg of Thee, increase my faith because that's what's going to get you through this: your faith in Christ, your allegiance to honor Him, to be His servant and not the servant of the Antichrist.

Moving ahead to 1 Maccabees 2:27—**Then Mattathias cried out in the town with a loud voice, saying: "Let every one who is zealous for the law and supports the covenant come out with me!"** Isn't that fascinating? Did not Moses say the same thing? After Israel got caught in sin—after there was a demonic move against Israel—Moses comes out and literally draws a line in the sand and says (Exodus 32:26), **"Whoever is on the LORD's side—come to me!"** Mattathias makes the call; he makes the same call for all who are zealous for the Most High God. Now it's time to separate from the world. Now it's time to get away from these pagan heathens. It's time to be totally separate. I will tell you right now, that is the trumpet which is being heralded as we speak. There's a line that has been drawn, and the Holy Spirit is going out through all these righteous men and men who are God-fearing are going out and proclaiming the gospel of Yeshua, and telling people, "Repent right now."

Everything we see happening in the world—have you noticed the divide taking place? There's a massive divide where the righteous are getting to be more well known, and some are getting to be more outspoken. The evil is getting more and more evil and intolerant toward the righteous, and vice versa. I mean, this is what is happening. This is what you would expect if you were living in the days of Hanukkah. You would expect to see exactly what we see happening, where we are no longer joined together as one nation. No, we're being ripped apart.

Isn't it interesting? Considering another aspect which happened during this Hanukkah season, did you hear about the Supreme Court ruling—I'm sure you did—they rejected Texas' lawsuit, which has catastrophic implications that I want to get into? Let me share a headline. This is a headline that just came out—Todd Starnes, **"SECESSION? Texas GOP Chairman Suggests 'Law-Abiding States' Form a 'Union of States,'"** ToddStarnes.com, December 11, 2020—The GOP chairman being mentioned here is Colonel Allen West, or at least I call him Colonel Allen West, but just Allen West. It goes on. **The Texas Republican Party issued a scathing statement condemning the Supreme Court's decision to dismiss the state's lawsuit against four battleground states over the presidential election.** And then it continues further on, **"This decision establishes a precedent that says states can violate the U.S. Constitution and not be held accountable. This decision will have far-reaching ramifications for the future of our constitutional republic,"** West said in a prepared statement.

Here's the deal. I would argue we will never be the republic we've known because of this. If, in fact, we see the Biden-Harris ticket inaugurated, this country will be unrecognizable, and I predict we will not be a republic governed by the Constitution. Again, that's just a prediction. We'll see what happens. Not prophecy, just a prediction.

But listen to what he says, this is the point I want you to focus on, this is a quote by Allen West. **"Perhaps law-abiding states should bond together and form a Union of states that will abide by the Constitution," he said.** Now, again, I tell you, you can't make this stuff up. So, here's the deal: you have people with conviction, many of whom are conservatives who want biblical morality, and they're not willing to

sacrifice it. They see hellish evil that is ensuing in this land, and they're intolerant towards it and should be intolerant towards it. But then you have another side that is hell-bent on committing evil and doubling down on it. They thrive on it; it's what gets them up in the morning. It's absolutely vile.

Here you have Allen West coming on during the days of Hanukkah and making a statement that is making world headline news. It's going around the world. He is calling for the country to completely divide, to create a whole new union and separate from all these what we would call radically liberal states. Isn't that fascinating to you? Because this is what Mattathias did. All who are on the LORD's side who are going to maintain the law—the covenant, all who are willing to do that, come out to me. And so, there's a separation. The Antichrist comes to the scene, and you start to see the separation.

Now I want to be clear, because of the historical nature of Christianity in America, statements like this make sense to me. But, you know, the reality of the division that I am talking about is that it's going to be all over the world, separating the wicked from the righteous. In doing so, a war erupts between the two, and this is where persecution comes in. This is where tribulation comes in, so this is why I'm saying you need to wake up and understand the days that we are living in. We are living Hanukkah, and what an amazing story. Glean from this story. Look at Mattathias, look at Judah Maccabee. Look at the resolve in their hearts.

You know, it's fascinating, and I didn't put it up here, but as you go through the story, one of the things that should stick out to you is the following: When Antiochus sends his right-hand man, Lysias, after the Maccabees, obviously to destroy them, well, Judah Maccabee is leading an awesome rebellion, an awesome revolt, and he's beaten down the Seleucids in a mighty way. Lysias brings this powerful army, but it actually says when he saw that, he was so strengthened in his heart that he was ready to live or die for what he believed, for the cause, when he saw that strength, he actually retreated.

Now, the reason I bring this up is when I'm talking about being resolved in these last days, you have to be willing; it doesn't matter (Philippians 1:21), **...to live is Christ, and to die is gain**. You must have the very thing that Paul talks about to the Philippians. The very thing Mattathias displayed in Hanukkah. For me, to live, yeah, that's Christ, and I will go out and create more reward for myself in the Kingdom of Heaven, but to die is gain. I think of Revelation 12:11; **...they did not love their lives to the death**. These are attributes you will have to possess if you are going to make it. I cannot beat this drum enough.

So, I encourage you to get into the Word and read the story of Hanukkah; it is not a one-time thing each year. Hanukkah is so much more. This is a story I go through multiple times throughout the year because we're living it. We're in the end times; this story is imperative. It contains information that aligns with the Bible that we need to possess, and it strengthens us. It gives us the resolve.

When God lays out expectations and says, "Hey, this is coming," He tells us about what's to come before it comes, for a purpose. That's why He said (Matthew 24:6), **"And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled..."**. Get resolved in your heart. Get strength and draw that strength from your faith in Yeshua.

There's so much more we could talk about. I'll keep this one short. Again, I hope you had a blessed Hanukkah. Hold the line. Get radical in your faith. Get on your knees. Start praying and start talking about Jesus, Yeshua. Bless you all.

Hanukkah: A Prophetic Template for the End of the Age

THE MODEL OF MACCABEAN RESOLVE

"I Will Not Turn Aside"



Mattathias rejected the King's silver and gold to remain faithful to the Torah.



The Call to Separation

Like Moses, Mattathias drew a line, calling for those zealous for God to separate.



Faith as the Ultimate Shield

True resolve comes from believing the Word of God more than the King's decrees.



THE MODERN "HANUKKAH" PARALLEL



Significant Timing of Global Shifts



The 2020 vaccine rollout began during Hanukkah at the Long Island Jewish Medical Center.



World Systems

Righteous

CONTRASTING RESPONSES TO THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST

COMPROMISE



Action: Obeying the King's commands for peace/wealth.
Outcome: Becoming an enemy of the living God.

RESOLVE



Action: Holding the line and upholding the Covenant.
Outcome: Spiritual strength and "gain," even in death.

The Great Societal Divide

Modern political calls for "secession" mirror the ancient separation of the righteous from world systems.



The "Medical Messiah" Warning

A warning against seeking "peace and safety" through secular institutions rather than divine faith.