
ANCIENT JERUSALEM HANUKKAH LAMP

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GUIDE TO A NEW COVENANT HANUKKAH

The book of Revelation is patterned after the “Feast of Dedication” because this festival celebrated the “re-dedication” of the Temple, after it had been defiled by the Old Testament archetype of the “Antichrist”, “Antiochus Epiphanes”. In the New Testament, this pattern would be repeated in the New Covenant, where the Antichrist would once again, “defile the temple” and bring the destruction of God’s people. In celebration of “deliverance” from this oppression in history, the “New Covenant Hanukkah” (feast of dedication) now “celebrates” the “re-dedication” of the true temple, back to the Messiah.

The Temple Menorah is present throughout the book of Revelation beginning in its first chapters, and continuing throughout in its series of sevens. Each occurrence, a reflection of the Temple Menorah, which was the chief object of attention, during every “Hanukkah” or “feast of dedication”. We are told in the first chapter of the book, that the “seven lights” are symbolic of the “seven ecclesia” and the “stars are the messengers” to the seven ecclesia. Each of the seven ecclesia, like the lighting of the candles of the menorah, hold both a warning and a promise of blessing, for each night of the dedication. In Hanukkah, a “Hanukkiah” is used rather than a seven candle Temple menorah, to avoid violating the prohibition against duplicating Temple vessels. It’s 8 candles (plus the servant candle) come from the 8 nights of the dedication.

New Covenant Hanukkah is however, much more than a “looking back” at what has happened in history past. The New Covenant Hanukkah is a “looking forward” to an event coming in history, known as “the marriage supper of the lamb”. Hanukkah, in ancient Israel, was the time for “wedding suppers” because it was a civil memorial, and did not require a special observance of Sabbath during the holiday. So that meant it was a time, when people were in celebration, but they were not required to sabbath, for the holiday, making it the perfect time of year, for weddings.

HOW TO OBSERVE

1. Begin the celebration with the lighting of the candles, each night at sunset, and the reading of the texts that go with the night. (*Gifts for small children can come before or after the lighting of the candles*)
2. On the 8th night, prepare a special Hanukkah meal, and everyone dress in white. It is to celebrate the “wedding supper of the lamb”. Light the candle, read the scriptures associated with the night, and celebrate with dining.
3. Remember, once the Menorah has been lit on the first night, it must not be moved, until the end of Hanukkah.

NIGHT 1

THE STORY OF HANUKKAH



THE FEAST OF DEDICATION
1 MACCABEES 4:36-59

36 Then Judas and his brothers said, ‘See, our enemies are crushed; let us go up to cleanse the sanctuary and dedicate it.’ 37 So all the army assembled and went up to Mount Zion. 38 There they saw the sanctuary desolate, the altar profaned, and the gates burned. In the courts they saw bushes sprung up as in a thicket, or as on one of the mountains. They saw also the chambers of the priests in ruins. 39 Then they tore their clothes and mourned with great lamentation; they sprinkled themselves with ashes 40 and fell face down on the ground. And when the signal was given with the



trumpets, they cried out to Heaven. 41 Then Judas detailed men to fight against those in the citadel until he had cleansed the sanctuary. 42 He chose blameless priests devoted to the law, 43 and they cleansed the sanctuary and removed the defiled stones to an unclean place. 44 They deliberated what to do about the altar of burnt-offering, which had been profaned. 45 And they thought it best to tear it down, so that it would not be a lasting shame to

them that the Gentiles had defiled it. So they tore down the altar, 46 and stored the stones in a convenient place on the temple hill until a prophet should come to tell what to do with them. 47 Then they took uncut stones, as the law directs, and built a new altar like the former one. 48 They also rebuilt the sanctuary and the interior of the temple, and consecrated the courts. 49 They made new holy vessels, and brought the lamp stand, the altar of incense, and the table into the temple. 50 Then they

offered incense on the altar and lit the lamps on the lamp stand, and these gave light in the temple. 51 They placed the bread on the table and hung up the curtains. Thus they finished all the work they had undertaken. 52 Early in the morning on the twenty-fifth day of the ninth month, which is the month of Chislev, in the one hundred and forty-eighth year,* 53 they rose and offered sacrifice, as the law directs, on the new altar of burnt-offering that they had built. 54 At the very season and on the very day that the Gentiles had profaned it, it was dedicated with songs and harps and lutes and cymbals.

55 All the people fell on their faces and worshipped and blessed Heaven, who had prospered them. 56 So they celebrated the dedication of the altar for eight days, and joyfully offered burnt-offerings; they offered a sacrifice of well-being and a thanksgiving-offering. 57 They decorated the front of the temple with golden crowns and small shields; they restored the gates and the chambers for the priests, and fitted them with doors. 58 There was very great joy among the people, and the disgrace brought by the Gentiles was removed. 59 Then Judas and his brothers and all the assembly of Israel determined that every year at that season the days of dedication of the altar should be observed with joy and gladness for eight days, beginning with the twenty-fifth day of the month of Chislev.



NIGHT 1

THE STORY OF HANUKKAH



THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH
JOHN 10

22 Then came Hanukkah in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Yeshua was walking around inside the Temple area, in Shlomo's Colonnade. 24 So the Judeans surrounded him and said to him, "How much longer are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us publicly!" 25 Yeshua answered them, "I have already told you, and you don't trust me. The works I do in my Father's name testify on my behalf, 26 but the reason you don't trust is that you are not included among my sheep. 27 My sheep listen to my voice, I recognize them, they follow me, 28 and I give them eternal life. They will absolutely never be destroyed, and no one will snatch them from my hands. 29 My Father, who gave them to me, is greater than all; and no one can snatch them from the Father's hands. 30 I and the Father are one."

NIGHT 1
THE LIGHTING OF THE SERVANT CANDLE



THE READING OF THE HA GALAH
REVELATION 1

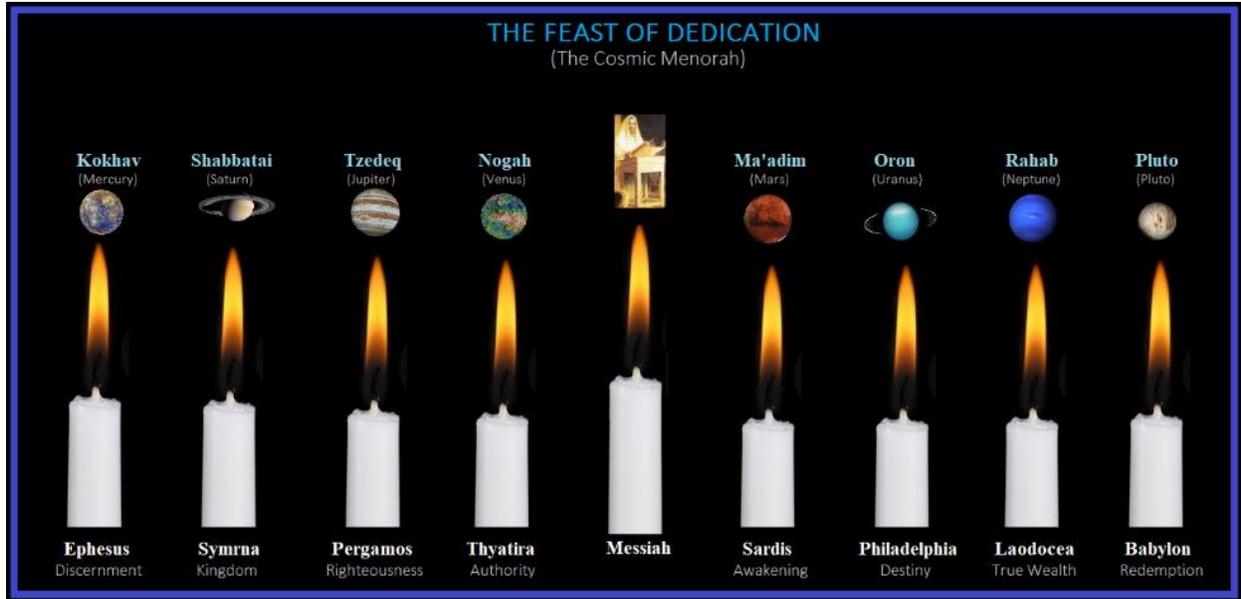
11 ... "Write down what you see on a scroll, and send it to the seven ecclesia at Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea!" *12* I turned around to see who was speaking to me; and when I had turned, I saw seven gold candlesticks; *13* and among the menorah was someone like a Son of Adam, wearing a robe down to his feet and a gold band around his chest.

14 His head and hair were as white as snow-white wool, his eyes like a fiery flame, *15* his feet like burnished brass refined in a furnace, and his voice like the sound of rushing waters. *16* In his right hand he held seven stars, out of his mouth went a sharp double-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

17 When I saw him, I fell down at his feet like a dead man. He placed his right hand upon me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First the Last, *18* the Living One. I was dead, but look! — I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys to Death and She'ol. *19* So write down what you see, both what is now, and what will happen afterwards.

NIGHT 1

THE REVELATION OF HANUKKAH



THE READING OF THE HA GALAH REVELATION 1

20 Here is the secret meaning of the seven stars you saw in my right hand, and of the seven gold candlesticks:

the seven stars are

the messengers of the seven Ecclesia,

and the seven candlesticks are

the seven Ecclesia.

THE BLESSING OVER THE MENORAH
LIGHTING OF THE SERVANT CANDLE

1. Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai Eh-lo-hei-noo Meh-lech Ha-olam A-sher Ki-deh-sha-noo Beh-mitz-vo-tav Veh-tzi-va-noo Leh-had-lik Ner Cha-noo-kah.

1. Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

2. Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai Eh-lo-hei-nu Meh-lech Ha-olam Sheh-a-sa Nee-sim La-avo-tei-noo Ba-ya-mim Ha-hem Bee-z'man Ha-zeh.

2. Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who performed miracles for our forefathers in those days, at this time.

3. Ba-ruch A-tah Ado-nai Eh-lo-hei-noo Me-lech Ha-olam Sheh-heh-cheh-ya-noo Veh-kee-yeh-ma-noo Veh-hee-gee-a-noo Liz-man Ha-zeh.

3. Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

NIGHT 1

THE LIGHTING OF THE 1ST CANDLE



REVELATION 2

1 "To the messenger of the Ecclesia in Ephesus, write: 'Here is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven gold candlesticks: 2 "I know what you have been doing, how hard you have worked, how you have persevered, and how you can't stand wicked people; so you tested those who call themselves Apostles but aren't — and you found them to be liars. 3 You are persevering, and you have suffered for my sake without growing weary. 4 But I have this against you: you have departed from your first "Agape". 5 Therefore, remember where you were before you fell, turn from this sin, and do what you used to do before. Otherwise, I will come to you and remove your menorah from its place — if you don't turn from your sin! 6 But you have this in your favor: you hate what the Nicolaitans do, which I hate it too. 7 Those who have ears, let them hear what the Spirit is saying to the ecclesia. To him winning the victory **I will give the right to eat from the Tree of Life** which is in YHVH's Gan-`Eden." '

NIGHT 2

THE LIGHTING OF THE 2nd CANDLE



REVELATION 2

8 "To the messenger of the Ecclesia in Smyrna, write: 'Here is the message from the First and the Last, who died and came alive again: 9 "I know how you are suffering and how poor you are (though in fact you are rich!), and I know the insults of those who call themselves Jews but aren't — on the contrary, they are a synagogue of the Adversary. 10 Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. Look, the Adversary is going to have some of you thrown in prison, in order to put you to the test; and you will face an ordeal for ten days. Remain faithful, even to the point of death; and **I will give you life as your crown.** 11 Those who have ears, let them hear what the Spirit is saying to the Ecclesia. He who wins the victory will not be hurt at all by the second death."

NIGHT 3

THE LIGHTING OF THE 3rd CANDLE



REVELATION 2

12 "To the messenger of the Ecclesia in Pergamum, write: 'Here is the message from the one who has the sharp double-edged sword: 13 "I know where you are living, there where the Adversary's throne is. Yet you are holding onto my name. You did not deny trusting me even at the time when my faithful witness Antipas was put to death in your town, there where the Adversary lives. 14 Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: you have some people who hold to the teaching of Bil'am, who taught Balak to set a trap for the people of Isra'el, so that they would eat food that had been sacrificed to idols and commit sexual sin. 15 Likewise, you too have people who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 Therefore, turn from these sins. Otherwise, I will come to you very soon and make war against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 Those who have ears, let them hear what the Spirit is saying to the Ecclesia. To him winning the victory I will give the **hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone, on which is written a new name** that nobody knows except the one receiving it." '

NIGHT 4

THE LIGHTING OF THE 4th CANDLE



REVELATION 2

18 "To the messenger of the Ecclesia in Thyatira, write: 'Here is the message from the Son of God, whose eyes are like a fiery flame and whose feet are like burnished brass: 19 I know what you are doing, your love, trust, service and perseverance. And I know that you are doing more now than before. 20 But I have this against you: you continue to tolerate that Izevel woman, the one who claims to be a prophet, but is teaching and deceiving my servants to commit sexual sin and eat food that has been sacrificed to idols. 21 I gave her time to turn from her sin, but she doesn't want to repent of her immorality. 22 So I am throwing her into a sickbed; and those who commit adultery with her I am throwing into great trouble, unless they turn from the sins connected with what she does; 23 and I will strike her children dead! Then all the Ecclesia will know that I am the one who searches minds and hearts, and that I will give to each of you what your deeds deserve. 24 But to the rest of you in Thyatira, to those who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some people call the 'deep things' of the Adversary, I say this: I am not loading you up with another burden; 25 only hold fast to what you have until I come. 26 To him who wins the victory and does what I want until the goal is reached, **I will give him authority over the nations;** 27 he will rule them with a staff of iron and dash them to pieces like pottery, 28 just as I have received authority from my Father. **I will also give him the morning star.**

NIGHT 5

THE LIGHTING OF THE 5th CANDLE



REVELATION 3

1 "To the messenger of the Ecclesia in Sardis, write: 'Here is the message from the one who has the sevenfold Spirit of God and the seven stars: "I know what you are doing — you have a reputation for being alive, but in fact you are dead! 2 Wake up, and strengthen what remains, before it dies too! For I have found what you are doing incomplete in the sight of my God. 3 So remember what you received and heard, and obey it, and turn from your sin! For if you don't wake up, I will come like a thief; and you don't know at what moment I will come upon you. 4 Nevertheless, you do have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes; and they will walk with me, clothed in white, because they are worthy. 5 He who wins the victory will, like them, **be dressed in white clothing; and I will not blot his name out of the Book of Life; in fact, I will acknowledge him individually before my Father and before his messengers.** 6 Those who have ears, let them hear what the Spirit is saying to the Ecclesia." '

THE LIGHTING OF THE 6th CANDLE



REVELATION 3

7 "To the messenger of the Ecclesia in Philadelphia, write: 'Here is the message of HaKadosh, the True One, the one who has the key of David, who, if he opens something, no one else can shut it, and if he closes something, no one else can open it. 8 "I know what you are doing. Look, I have put in front of you an open door, and no one can shut it. I know that you have but little power, yet you have obeyed my message and have not disowned me. 9 Here, I will give you some from the synagogue of the Adversary, those who call themselves Jews but aren't — on the contrary, they are lying — see, I will cause them to come and prostrate themselves at your feet, and they will know that I have loved you. 10 Because you did obey my message about persevering, I will keep you from the time of trial coming upon the whole world to put the people living on earth to the test. 11 I am coming soon; hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown. 12 **I will make him who wins the victory a pillar in the Temple of my God,** and he will never leave it. **Also I will write on him the name of my God and the name of my God's city,** the new Yerushalayim coming down out of heaven from my God, and my own new name. 13 Those who have ears, let them hear what the Spirit is saying to the Ecclesia."

NIGHT 7

THE LIGHTING OF THE 7th CANDLE



REVELATION 3

14 "To the messenger of the Ecclesia in Laodicea, write: 'Here is the message from the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the Ruler of God's creation: 15 "I know what you are doing: you are neither cold nor hot. How I wish you were either one or the other! 16 So, because you are lukewarm, neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of my mouth! 17 For you keep saying, 'I am rich, I have gotten rich, I don't need a thing!' You don't know that you are the one who is wretched, pitiable, poor, blind and naked! 18 My advice to you is to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich; and white clothing, so that you may be dressed and not have to be ashamed of your nakedness; and eyesalve to rub on your eyes, so that you may see. 19 As for me, I rebuke and discipline everyone I love; so exert yourselves, and turn from your sins! 20 Here, I'm standing at the door, knocking. If someone hears my voice and opens the door, **I will come in to him and eat with him, and he will eat with me.** 21 **I will let him who wins the victory sit with me on my throne,** just as I myself also won the victory and sat down with my Father on his throne. 22 Those who have ears, let them hear what the Spirit is saying to the Ecclesia." ' "

THE LIGHTING OF THE 8th CANDLE



REVELATION 4

1 After these things, I looked; and there before me was a door standing open in heaven; and the voice like a trumpet which I had heard speaking with me before said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after these things." **2** Instantly I was in the Spirit, and there before me in heaven stood a throne, and on the throne Someone was sitting. **3** The One sitting there gleamed like diamonds and rubies, and a rainbow shining like emerald encircled the throne. **4** Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and on the thrones sat twenty-four elders dressed in white clothing and wearing gold crowns on their heads. **5** From the throne came forth lightnings, voices and thunderings; and before the throne were seven flaming torches, which are the sevenfold Spirit of God. **6** In front of the throne was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living beings covered with eyes in front and behind. **7** The first living being was like a lion, the second living being was like an ox, the third living being had a face that looked human, and the fourth living being was like a flying eagle. **8** Each of the four living beings had six wings and was covered with eyes inside and out; and day and night they never stop saying, "**Holy, holy, holy is Adonai, God of heaven's armies the One who was, who is and who is coming!**" **9** And whenever the living beings give glory, honor and thanks to the One sitting on the throne, to the One who lives forever and ever, **10** the twenty-four elders fall down before the One sitting on the throne, who lives forever and ever, and worship him. They throw their crowns in front of the throne and say, **11** "**You are worthy, Adonai Eloheinu, to have glory, honor and power, because you created all things — yes, because of your will they were created and came into being!**"

THE WEDDING SUPPER OF THE LAMB



REVELATION 19

7 "Let us rejoice and be glad! Let us give him the glory! For the time has come for the wedding of the Lamb, and his Bride has prepared herself — 8 fine linen, bright and clean has been given her to wear." 9 The messenger said to me, "Write: 'How blessed are those who have been invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb!' " Then he added, "These are God's very words."

THE TREE OF LIFE



To him winning the victory
I will give the right to eat from
the Tree of Life