

Full Sermon Transcript:
Hanukkah, Why Important To End Time Christians
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You got to believe it and you have to walk it. You have to speak it, believe it and live it.

Why are you shaking in your boots? Are you a three-year-old? Are you three years old? Amen. Do you believe in God that He's the same God of the Exodus that split the Red Sea?

Do you believe it or not? Amen. Praise God Almighty. The Bible says, do not fear the Assyrian.

That's what it says. Read it for yourself. Amen. Look it up. Do not fear the Assyrian. We have to use caution. We have to use wisdom. It doesn't tell us to throw caution and wisdom out the window, but we have an awesome Savior watching after us.

He really does see you, hear you, know your thoughts, know all of your needs. And I'm not against prayer, not at all, but He knows your thoughts before you say them.

He knows all of your needs. So sometimes those prayers can be extremely short. They don't always have to be really, really long. He already knows you sound like a broken record.

You really do sound like a broken record. Amen. Amen.

Praise your Holy Name, Father.

Praise your Holy Name. Thank you, Father, that you already know all of our needs, our cures, our anxieties, our weaknesses, our faults, our transgressions.

There's nothing that we can say that you don't already know. There's nothing we can ask for that you don't already know that we need it or want it.

You already know all things. We are in your hands. We are your people, your church, your bride, and you will be faithful. You have different plans for different ones, different individuals, different people, different flocks, different plans, but we should all come together in the end.

But we should all come together in the end. We should all come together and be one.

Your plan will be completed just as you designed it. We must trust in you. You are our strength and our hope, our faith.

Thank you for what you've already done, for what you're doing, and for what you're about to do.

I pray, Lord, that you remind us to use the blood to exercise faith, to be brave, to be your people.

We ask and receive your blessing on this message we're about to receive. And as a church, together, we come against every spirit of witchcraft that is trying to attack us.

This church, this ministry, in every spirit of confusion, we denounce and make void, for victory is ours through the blood of the Lamb of Theos, in Jesus' holy name.

And the entire church around the world said, Amen.

Praise God Almighty. You may be seated.

Let's turn to Matthew 24.

We'll give everybody time to turn in your paperbacks. And of course, we're reading from the Alpha and Omega Bible, the restoration of the original scriptures.

Now, we know in Matthew 24, Jesus gives a list of things that we would see upon the earth.

Wars and rumors of wars, famines, disease, hurricanes, all these different things, earthquakes, and that we are hated for the name of Jesus. Amen.

And not only that word, Jesus, but His authority. You cannot separate His authority from His name, nor His name from His authority. Amen.

They are the one and the same. And we are hated for His authority, His commandments, His law, and His name. But what we must watch for is verse 15.

Therefore, when you see the Abomination of Desolation, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place, and let the reader understand, then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. Amen.

That verse 15, the Abomination of Desolation, is the next theme that we are watching for as a major fulfillment, as well as the themes that are leading up to that event.

The Abomination of Desolation is not going to happen on the temple mount, as most people think, but rather it will happen in Heaven, according to the book of Revelation, that tells us that the temple of God is in Heaven.

That's what it tells us, and that's why we believe it. While you have a million creatures and a million websites and a million videos telling you to watch for a rebuilding of the third temple, Jesus gave this list that does not include watching for a rebuilding of a temple.

It does not include it. Revelation, where it says the temple of God is in Heaven.

Revelation 11 verse 19. That's where the 19 comes from, verse 19. That's chapter 11.

So that tells us then where will the abomination be and where is the holy place. It says in the holy place.

The temple now is really truly not a holy place. Now, Jesus also said that it was spoken of by Daniel as a future prophecy of the end time.

So, if you look all throughout all 12 chapters of Daniel, then it's only chapter 12, that last chapter of Daniel, that talks about a future Abomination of Desolation of desolation.

That is for the end time. So, when he says spoken of by Daniel, he's obviously talking about Daniel chapter 12.

That's the only, only, only possibility. There's no other possibility. He's talking about the Daniel prophecy of the end time Abomination of Desolation that is in Daniel 12.

There's no other possibility about that. No shallow doubt. Amen. But yet, that Daniel 12 prophecy of the end time Abomination of Desolation is an extension, extension, I'm not saying that right, of chapter 11.

Chapter 11 of Daniel is talking about Antiochus Epiphanes, or at least the later verses of that chapter.

The king of Syria during the time of the Maccabees, which we know is traditionally thought as the origin of Hanukkah.

Hanukkah is coming up Thursday. Eight days of Hanukkah will begin Thursday, December the 26th, 2024.

Now, it starts on a different date every year because the Roman Catholic calendar that the Western world is using does not match perfectly with God's biblical calendar that goes by the moon.

So, it will start on a different day, different years, but this year it starts December the 26th, which will be on Thursday, and we will be having special worship services on Thursday.

So, we invite you, you are welcome to listen, and we hope that you will. But that chapter 11 of Daniel is talking about Antiochus during the time is talking about Antiochus during the time of the Maccabees, which led to Hanukkah.

So, the fact that Jesus spoke of the Daniel 12 prophecy for our day, for our time, signifies to us, it teaches us that Hanukkah is extremely, extremely important to the end time period, to the end time, and to end time new covenant Christians, and not to the Jews only, but to end time Christians of the Abomination of Desolation will be a world shaking event worldwide.

It will change life drastically. The abomination of the Abomination of Desolation is when what we call today the antichrist, what the Bible calls the son of perdition, the man of lawlessness, and the man of destruction, that uses both terms, when he appears in the temple of God, manifesting himself as if he were God, proclaiming to the world that he is God.

And that is the express purpose of the pre-tribulation rapture doctrine is to make people think that God will appear, that Jesus will appear in Heaven coming out of the sky before the tribulation.

So, the purpose of the pre-tribulation rapture is so that people will worship the antichrist in the sky when he appears during that Abomination of Desolation.

Revelation 12 speaks of it as being a war in Heaven. But when we read those last verses of Daniel 11 talking about the Syrian Antiochus Epiphanes, evil be his name, and there's no chapter divisions in the original Bible, then when you come to chapter 12, then you must come to understand, you must realize, you must comprehend that the Abomination of Desolation of Daniel 12 is the same creature of Antiochus.

It does not signify that a different person comes to power even though it's separated by thousands of years.

It says nothing whatsoever at all about a change of power, the change of being, who it's talking about between the two chapters.

Again, there was no chapter division when that was originally written. So, let's go over there to Daniel 11.

We're not going to start at the beginning of the chapter, so we'll go over here around verse 36 or so, around there, page 506 in the one volume, in the brand new updated copies.

And by the way, I do need, rather, you, an update from you, please, about the shipment of the Bibles when you get a chance, please.

But Daniel 11, verse 36, talking about, well, let's say it like this now. Traditionally, we are told that up to verse 36 is talking about Antiochus in those last few verses, up to verse 36.

But they also claim that from that point on, verse 36 on, that is talking about the end time Antichrist.

Now, I've always agreed with that, but I'm starting to really highly doubt that verse 36 through 45, if it's really not talking about Antiochus of the time in the Maccabees.

Let's read it, and I'm going to tell you why I'm doubting. But we're going to read only the old Greek, verse 36. Old Greek: "And the king should do according to his will, and he will be provoked to anger. He should be exalted against every god, and against the god of gods shall he speak extraordinary words. He will prosper until the wrath be accomplished, for the end is coming to him."

Verse 37: "And he will by no means pay regard to the gods of his fathers, nor will he by any means pay regard to the wishes of a woman. For in everything shall he be exalted, and to him strong nations will be subjected."

Verse 38: "Against his place he shall move, and a god whom his fathers have not known, he shall honor with gold, silver, precious stones, and desirable things."

Verse 39: "Of the cities shall he act, and into a strong fortress he will come with a strange god. Whomsoever he will know, he shall multiply glory, and he shall have dominion over it abundantly and will divide the province freely."

Verse 40: "And at the time of the end, the king of Egypt will lock horns with him, and the king of the north will be very much angry at him with chariots, many horses, and many ships. So shall he enter the province of Egypt."

Verse 41: "And he will come into my province."

Verse 42: "And in the province of Egypt, there shall not be one who escapes."

Verse 43: "And he shall lay hold on the place of gold and the place of silver and on the desire of Egypt, and the Libyans and Ethiopians will be on his multitude."

Verse 44: "And a report from the east and the north will trouble him, and he shall go forth with strong wrath and sword to destroy utterly and to kill many."

Verse 45: "He shall set up his tabernacle then in the midst of the seas and the desired holy mountain. And the hour of his end will come, and there shall be no helper for him."

Now, we know that chapter 12, verse 1 is absolutely talking about our day and our time—the Abomination of Desolation in verse 1. So, the question is: verses 36 through 45. Now, we did not see Egypt come against Assad in a military campaign, and Assad is now under political asylum in Russia. So, obviously, we are not going to see Egypt come against Assad unless somehow or another Assad comes back into power before the Strong Delusion or before the start of the Great Tribulation. Unless that's talking after the tribulation, that is really not because Egypt would, of course, Egypt would of course be in an Islamic nation. They're going to agree with Assad and worship Assad rather than fighting him.

So, I don't really see this prophecy of Egypt being fulfilled in the end time. So, I am now, for the first time, thinking that verse 40 is only a prophecy for thousands of years ago rather than the end time. But Robert may correct me on that. I don't know. But, okay, what do you have? Egypt is Sunni, I believe, like Saudi Arabia. And, like you said, Egypt is Saudi Arabia, Sunni Islam, rather than Assad, which is Shia Islam. So, yeah, it's possible if he gets back there for them to still have a conflict before—well, we're not going to see Egypt attack Assad when Assad is already gone. That can't be fulfilled. But you're saying that there could be a war between the Sunnis and the Shiites, and that could happen. And we obviously see Turkey, which is a Sunni nation, that could come to war against Iran, which is Shiite. But Assad would be missing in this war. So, I don't see—I don't see that it's going to be fulfilled. I don't see how it could be fulfilled in our time.

Once we get the Strong Delusion, both the Sunnis and the Shiites will immediately worship him because they'll be like, "There's the Mahdi. This is the fulfillment of the Quran. This is the fulfillment of the hadith. This is the fulfillment of the Islamic prophecies, and now we've got our Islamic hero that's going to conquer the world." So, both the Sunnis and the Shiites—see, I can't see this being fulfilled in our time. Nevertheless, that doesn't really matter because the only

thing that does matter is what Jesus said that we should watch for, which is the Abomination of Desolation, which starts in chapter 12, verse 1.

So, I'm thinking this whole chapter 11 is totally fulfilled, totally and completely. And I don't think we have to watch for any of chapter 11 anymore. Now that we have seen the deadly head wound, I think the only thing we have to watch for is starting with chapter 12, verse 1, and developments leading up to that, which includes a war in Heaven. Which I do believe includes a war on earth that's going to involve Turkey, Iran, Russia, and Israel, and perhaps the Kurds.

Now, what we're seeing right now is that Turkey has a very huge army that is massing up on the border of Syria and about to invade Syria with a goal of destroying and killing every last Kurdish person that exists in Syria. The president of Turkey is speaking as what he thinks—he thinks he's the Mahdi, and he has a goal of conquering Egypt. I mean, not Egypt—Israel. He has the goal of conquering all of Syria and claiming the land of Syria for himself, for Turkey, indexing Syria and indexing Israel as all being part of the new Ottoman Empire.

I can easily understand why there are a lot of people who believe that the president of Turkey is the Antichrist. He wants to be that person. He has a great ambition to conquer the world, to conquer the Middle East, to conquer Israel, to control all of Syria, to be the new leader of Syria. The president of Turkey is a great decoy, even as President Trump is a great decoy for the true Antichrist. But the reason that we know that the president of Turkey is not the Antichrist, that the Bible calls the son of perdition, the man of lawlessness, and the son of destruction, is because he's not Assyrian, and he's not the king of the Assyrians. Only Assad—only, only, only Assad—can fit that biblical requirement of being the king of the Assyrians. There's no doubt. I still, yet, have absolutely no doubt that Assad is the Antichrist.

And we saw the fulfillment of Revelation 13, verse 3, the deadly head wound. We saw that fulfillment, and it actually proves who the Antichrist is because Assad did fall. Because he was removed from power, it actually proves that he is the Antichrist. Keep your finger here, bookmark, piece of paper, pen—put something there. Turn over to Revelation 13, verse 3. Robert, can you please, on my desk, grab me my yellow highlighter?

Now, over these next few months, there's a lot I've got to say, a whole lot that I've got to say over these next few months. And especially since not all of you have listened for years and years—some of you have, but some of you have been only listening for a few months or a few weeks, so I've got to repeat myself a lot. And there's a lot I've got to cover over these next few months. We only got three or four months left, and then I'm going to disappear, and you will never see me again, the majority of you. So, I've got to teach everything I can right now.

And it's really warm in here. I was cold, so I had put on a warm shirt, but now it's burning up, so I had to take my shirt off because I can't preach if I'm burning up. Amen.

And when you get into the Great Tribulation and you can't run to the store and you can't order anything from Amazon anymore, your clothes are going to start wearing out. You're going to develop holes and rips in your clothes. A lot of this legalism that you have been brainwashed with all of your life—all this legalism about shirts and clothing—now a lot of that legalism is going to disappear by necessity.

Verse 3: "One of his heads seemed like it had been slain, but his fatal wound was healed, and the majority of the earth was amazed and followed after the evil beast." His head is talking about the capital city because we believe in allowing the Bible to interpret itself. And Isaiah 7, verse 8 says, "The head of Syria is Damascus." And we also know that Isaiah 17, verse 1 says that Damascus is to be removed from being a city and would become a fallen ruin.

We know that Israel has bombed Damascus pretty much almost every day since the start of the overthrow of Assad. For weeks now, they continue to bomb Damascus, and much of Damascus is laying in ruins, and the bombing continues. The fact that Assad was overthrown is a head wound to his power, to his authority, and once it is healed, the world will be shocked. The whole world right now—everyone but us, in the whole world—everybody is thinking that Assad is gone, and he would never, ever, ever return to any sort of power or authority in any way, shape, or form.

But we know that the Bible says that his wound will be healed, so he will again, in the future, gain control of Syria and of all nations, and the world will be amazed. The world will be shocked, surprised, and because of that, there's going to

be amazing healing. The world will follow him.

That word "evil beast" in Arabic is Assad's surname, his original surname, his original last name. So, there could be no doubt. We have no doubt. The fact that he was overthrown, it says that it seemed like he had been slain. A lot of people thought he was dead, but we knew it. We knew that he wasn't dead because he's an angel. He's a fallen angel. He's a fallen angel, so we knew that he wasn't dead.

Now, if any one of you—if any one of you—thought he might be dead when that news first came out about his airplane crash, what's wrong with you?

How many weeks have you been listening? And then, do you believe or do you not believe? You either do, or you don't. What happens in the news doesn't change anything because it's been written in the Bible. Amen? It's been written in the Bible. Why is your faith disturbed or shaken? What the Bible says will be fulfilled. Amen?

Let's go back to Daniel 12, now down to verse 1. At that time, Michael, the great prince (talking about the archangel), shall be taken out of the way, as the footnote in the AOB Bible explains. He will step aside from the throne of Jesus to allow the Abomination of Desolation to occur there in Heaven, according to 2 Thessalonians 2:7. Now, that same Michael the archangel, it says, stands over the children of your people. Then there shall be a time of tribulation, such as has never been since the time that there was a nation on the earth, until that time.

This time, I was reading from the top portion. I'm sorry. Let me read it in Old Greek: "And in that Irish, Michael stepped aside, stepped away, the great angel that stands over the sons of your people. That shall be the day of tribulation, such as was not since they were born, until that day." And in that day, all the people shall be exalted, whosoever shall be found written in the scroll.

In other words, in the Old Greek, there is jumping through time very quickly, connecting the Abomination of Desolation with the first resurrection, which is separated by 13 years, 1,293 and a half days, I believe I'm saying that right. Basically, three and a half years of separation. But three and a half years is nothing. Three and a half years is like a blink of the eye, and time is short. Amen? Time is short.

And that's another thing you need to keep saying to yourself as you go through the tribulation and all the difficulty of the Great Tribulation: keep telling yourself and one another, "Time is short." Amen? This three and a half years will go by quickly. Amen?

But this is what 2 Thessalonians describes. I'm not going to get into all that right now. I'm going to make a point, and that is the importance of Hanukkah for us, for the end times. For end-time New Covenant Christians, we must realize that the beast pyre, that statue of Daniel, was still standing during the time of the Maccabees, and is still standing today. In those legs, the feet, the toes, that same statue is still standing today.

And we also serve the same God that's going to come down out of Heaven and smash that statue to smithereens. Praise God Almighty, we know the end of the story! So, time is short. We know the end of the story. We know that Assad, once he comes back to power and starts raging war over the entire earth, slaughtering many people, and there's nuclear war and destruction, and the majority of our nations are destroyed, a lot of civilization is destroyed, and there's going to be bodies heaped up, as the Bible says—bodies heaped in the streets—that is, many bodies on top of each other, forming a mountain of bodies in the streets.

Despite how hard it's going to be, it's going to be a short period of time. Even as Matthew 24, Jesus promises us that He is going to cut it short. That doesn't mean that He's going to make it fewer days than what the Bible says, but rather, it's going to come to an end. That means instead of allowing the tribulation to go on for decades, He's going to cut it short, which means put an end to it. That is only three and a half little years! Come on, pull up your pants, or throw them away. I don't care what you do, but just get strong and manly, masculine, bold, courageous.

But don't throw wisdom in the wind. Don't throw away wisdom. Don't throw away prudence and caution. You're going to have to exercise caution, but you're also going to have to exercise courage. You're going to have to strengthen your heart, strengthen your mind, so we can get through this. We serve the God that showed Daniel these prophecies, that

showed John these prophecies, that showed us. We serve the same God of Daniel, and the same God of John the apostle is the same God that showed us the meaning of these things and even the timing in advance. That should give us great comfort, not a little comfort, but great comfort, that He saw these things thousands of years before they happened. They're part of His plan. Amen?

These things, as the Bible says, must come to pass. They have to come to pass. They have to, and they will. And we need it! We need these things to happen like we need water. That's how bad we need it, because right now, you look at the world, and the males, by a huge number, are not men. Not responsible, not mature. You got men that are 35 and 40 years old that are still playing video games and dressing like Superman.

And the internet, the computers—I'm sick and tired of all the murder in this world, all the poverty in this world. And guess what? There is such a thing as poverty. It's a real thing, even in America. We need the Great Tribulation like we need skin, like we need oxygen. We need the Great Tribulation! So why do we fear what we need? Why do we fear what's good for us? Why do we fear what is going to destroy the government of South Africa, which needs to be destroyed?

At the end of the Great Tribulation, Iran will be destroyed as far as that government, that regime. So why do we fear what we need to do? What we need to do? What we need to do is going to deliver the world from the demonic regime of the Iranian government.

Let's read a little bit about Hanukkah in the book of Maccabees. Let's turn over to Maccabees, and there are three main pages in Maccabees that really talk about it. Let's just go to First Maccabees 4, page 554, for First Maccabees chapter 4, verse 55. Give everybody time to get there. That might take longer for some people to get there. You might be at the end of the history—no, I don't think hardly anybody has 5 Maccabees 1.

Okay, verse 55: "Then all the people fell on their faces, worshiping and praising the God of Heaven, who has given them good success." Now, you could also call the word "good success" victory. Amen?

Verse 56: "So they kept the dedication of the altar." So, we have to remember, when we say Hanukkah, that another name for this festival, and actually the biblical name, is not Hanukkah, but rather the biblical name is the Festival of Dedication, or the Fiesta of Dedication, because it is when they dedicated the temple after cleansing it and delivering the temple and the people of God from Antiochus.

So, the meaning of Hanukkah is not lights. The meaning of Hanukkah is deliverance, victory against Antiochus. Victory and deliverance, the promise of God that He will come—that God Himself will come out of the sky and smash that statue to smithereens. He will destroy the kingdoms of this world, the wicked governments and unjust laws, and Sharia law. All of that will be destroyed. It's hard to find real and true justice in this world anymore. It becomes harder and harder all the time, but when Jesus comes, He is going to establish the Kingdom of God.

So today, we are teaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God, which is not a gospel about Christ, as they think it is, but rather it is the gospel of Christ returning to this earth, conquering and destroying Washington D.C., destroying New York, destroying San Francisco, destroying San Diego, destroying Cape Town, and destroying the other metropolitan urban cities of Babylon all across the world. Because Babylon isn't in one nation or one city. Although there is a central area of Babylon—Mecca, NEOM, or Babylon—nevertheless, it is worldwide. And Jesus is going to come to destroy all this pollution, all this defilement, all of this corruption. God is good.

They had to cleanse the temple of the corruption and the defilement of that part of the statue of the Greek Seleucid Empire, of Antiochus. And so they kept the dedication of the altar eight days and offered burnt offerings with gladness and sacrificed the sacrifice of deliverance and praise. Amen?

Notice in verse 8 days. Well, look at Passover in the Days of Unleavened Bread—that's eight days. Look at the Fiesta of Tabernacles in the Last Great Day—that's eight days. So, there's no coincidence that Hanukkah is also eight days. It shows that this victory, this deliverance, wasn't because of their expertise in war. It wasn't because of the number of men that were fighting. It wasn't because of how many swords and horses they had, but rather it was because of who

had planned the victory and gave the victory from Heaven—Jesus. Amen?

And it was the same Jesus that delivered them that is going to deliver us from the exact same being—the Assyrian. Amen?

"They decorated also the forefront of the temple with crowns of gold and with shields, and the gates and the chambers they renewed, and hanged doors upon them."

"Thus, there was very great gladness among the people, for that the reproach of the heathen was put away. Moreover, Judas and his brethren, with the whole congregation of Israel, declared that the days of the dedication of the altar to be kept in their season, from year to year, by the space of eight days, from the 25th day of the month of Casleu, with mirth and gladness." Amen?

And at that time, also, they built up the Mount Zion with high walls and strong towers around about, lest the Gentiles would come in and tread it down. So, they had to build walls of defense.

Let's go to the second Maccabees now, chapter two. Second Maccabees two, page 568, verse one. Second Maccabees 2:1. It was also found in the records that Jeremiah, the prophet, commanded them that were carried away to take up the fire as it had been signified, and how that the prophet, having given them the law, commanded them to not forget the commandments of the Lord and that they should not err in their minds when they see the images of silver and gold with their ornaments. And with other such speeches, he demanded that they should not forget the law and that the law should not depart from their hearts. Amen? So he was teaching them that the law should be part of them. Amen?

Verse 4: And it was also continued in the same writing that the prophet, being warned of Theos, commanded the tabernacle and the ark to go with him as he went forth into the mountain where Moses climbed up and saw the inheritance of Theos. Verse 5: And when Jeremiah went there, he found a hollow cave wherein he laid the tabernacle and the ark, and the altar of incense, and so he sealed the door. And some of those that followed him came to mark the way, but they could not find it. When Jeremiah perceived it, he blamed them, saying, "As for that place, it shall be unknown until the time that Theos gathers His people again together and receives them into mercy."

So why do you watch these YouTube videos? Why do you even watch them? They claim to have found the Ark of the Covenant. Do you believe the Bible or do you not? You either do or you don't. So why are you wasting your time watching the Church of YouTube videos about the Ark of the Covenant being filmed?

Verse 8: Then shall the Lord show them these things, and the glory of the Lord shall appear, and the cloud also, as it was shown unto Moses, and as we in Solomon desired that the place might be honorably sanctified. Notice it makes a connection with Hanukkah, with the discovery of the ark, the coming of the Lord, the coming of the Kingdom of God, the deliverance of the people, and the holy place being sanctified. There is a theme that connects all of it. There's a theme that connects all of these things connected with Hanukkah.

Verse 9: And it was so declared that he, being wise, offered the sacrifice of dedication and of the finishing of the temple (talking about either Moses or Solomon there).

Verse 10: And as when Moses prayed to the Lord, the fire came down from Heaven and consumed the sacrifices, even so, prayed Solomon also, and the fire came down from Heaven. They served the same God. Amen? The same God of Moses was the same God of Solomon until Solomon fell away. The fire came down from Heaven and consumed the burnt offerings.

Verse 11: And Moses said, "Because the sin offering was not to be eaten, it was consumed." So Solomon kept those eight days.

I don't believe at all that Hanukkah started with the Maccabees, and I can't prove every little, tiny detail of the time of Moses, the time of Solomon, and the time of Jeremiah. But I believe by faith, and faith is the evidence of things not seen, things that you don't have every little tiny detail of exactly every little "abc" that deals with this. That's what faith is: when you don't need every little proof and every little detail, and yet you still know.

You still know that Hanukkah is God's holiday, divinely inspired, and has an origin, a connection that is divine, that goes way back even before the Maccabees family was even born. And it may not even be exactly the same day of the year, but I don't fear if it was the exact same day of the year. I really don't care if it was the exact same day of the year. All I care is that these eight days are special to the Lord, and did not start by human reasoning and human power and

human brains and human fingers and human feet, but rather, it started in Heaven with the same God that knew Moses and Solomon. It is divine. It is divine. Amen?

Verse 13: The same things were also reported in the writings of commentaries of Nehemiah, how that he found in a library gathered together the acts of the kings and the prophets, and of David and of the epistles of the kings concerning the holy gifts. They had to piece back the Bible, piece it back together, piece by piece. And they had to restore not only the temple, but also the Bible.

Verse 14: In like manner also, Judas gathered together all those things that were lost because of the war that we had, and they remain with us. Judas Maccabees. Restoration. Hanukkah has a theme of restoration. Again, things that have been destroyed, things that have been taken away, things that have been corrupted, that God promises us restoration. The Bible says that He will restore all things. It says that He will restore all things. I guarantee you, in the Kingdom of God, in the Millennium, the Holy Bible, the Scriptures will be restored even more than what they are right now, if they are right now with the O.B.

Verse 15: So if you have neither of sin, son, to fetch them unto you.

Verse 16: Whereas we then are about to celebrate the purification, we have written to you, and you should do well if you keep the same days.

Verse 17: We hope also that Theos, that delivered all His people, gave them all a heritage and the kingdom and the priesthood in the sanctuary, as He promised, and the law will shortly have mercy upon us and gather us together out of every land under Heaven into the holy place—talking about the marriage supper.

Now, they didn't understand everything, but they still had hope. Amen? They still had hope. And there is something divine here that there is still a connection with the end times, the resurrection, and Hanukkah, and Purim, and all these things, and all the holy days. There is a biblical timeline that connects all the holy days, all of them, together with this divine plan of God about when things are going to occur.

Now, do not misunderstand: this ain't teaching that the Abomination of Desolation will occur at Hanukkah or that the resurrection would occur at Hanukkah or that Jesus is coming back at Hanukkah. He's not teaching any of those things, but rather, He is teaching that Hanukkah itself is divine, and it's part of the puzzle. It is part of the puzzle, and that when we think of Hanukkah, we should think of the resurrection. Even though the resurrection isn't going to occur at Hanukkah, we should still think of it as being connected, because the resurrection is a time of restoration. The resurrection is a time of deliverance. The resurrection is a time of victory. All these things are also represented by Hanukkah and Purim and Passover and the Feast of Tabernacles and Pentecost. Amen?

And when we think of the holy days we should celebrate, we should rejoice. We should drink wine. We should drink vodka, unless you need to abstain from those things because of loss of schizophrenia, or mental illness, or diabetes, or something like that. But maybe even in those cases, maybe just a little bit, maybe. It depends on different people in different situations. But when you're dealing with healthy people that don't have those problems, then absolutely. Absolutely. People need to get rid of the legalism, the fear of alcohol, and the religious -isms. Get rid of religion, and develop the real relationship with God, the one who made wine as His first miracle. And it was real wine. It was real wine, and He made a lot of it. Tons of it.

I don't think He really wanted the people at the marriage supper to drink only a sip at that supper, that wedding supper, that was a wedding supper at His first miracle. Amen? Amen? I don't think that He expected that. Okay, I'm going to make these giant, I'm going to make these gallons and gallons and gallons of wine, but I hope that each person only takes one sip. Now, of course, at Passover, it must be only one sip. But at Hanukkah, drink up! Drink up, my friends! Throw that legalism out of the window. Legalism is a death trap. God doesn't want religion from you. What He wants is a relationship.

Now, of course, women should drink a lot less than the men, but you men, you need to grow a pair of balls. Start acting like little tiny children that are scared to death to drink a cup of wine or beer, or two or three. Grow up! Scared to death, little children. I've got to yell, I've got to scream to help some of you wake up and grow up. We are the army of the Lord, and you need a drill sergeant. You need the greatest revelation that you could possibly come upon you.

You, Robert, go get that Arnold Schwarzenegger quote for me, please, on my desk. And I don't care that Arnold Schwarzenegger today has become a Democrat, or whatever the hell he is. I don't care. All I care is that these words were awesome back decades ago when he said this back in his professional bodybuilder days.

Quote: "This pain that you hold is yours. There is not a single pain quite like it. Nobody else in God's green earth can feel this pain or have the indescribable feeling of pride that you have when you overcome it. But this pain is not your curse. This pain is your privilege." Praise God almighty for those words. Praise God almighty for those words. This pain is not your curse. This pain is your privilege. Amen? Put your bookmark in there.

Let's go to Peter. Is it 1 Peter 4?

I don't know about the trials more precious than gold or 1 Peter 1. So, 1 Peter 1, around verse 7—1 Peter 1:7. So that the proof of your faith, more valuable than gold, which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise, and glory, and honor at the appearing of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let me see if there's a similar verse. Let's see. So yeah, I think that's it. It's just different translations are throwing me off, but that's it. Verse 7 right there is definitely it. 1 Peter 1:7. I'll read that again: "So that the proof of your faith, more valuable than gold, which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise, and glory, and honor at the appearing of Jesus Christ." Amen.

That's one of those verses that we gotta write down, put it on the refrigerator, the mirror, wherever we need to put it to remind us that these trials, even though they feel like fire, are valuable. And these trials are going to perish. They're only temporary. Amen?

They're only temporary trials. We have to go through the trial, we have to be tested. We need it. These trials are valuable. This pain, this suffering, is needful. It must occur, and it will shape you to be a stronger, better person. We should not want to be raptured out before it, because we need the tribulation. Yet, I've said it a million times, and I'll say it again, even though there's not going to be a rapture before the tribulation, if there were, if there were (which there won't be), but if there were, no one would go, because no one's ready to go yet. We've not had a Great Tribulation yet, or at least in America.

Let's go over to chapter 10 in Maccabees—2 Maccabees 10. 2 Maccabees 10, verse 1. Now Maccabees and his company, the Lord guiding them, recovered the temple and the city. But the altars which the heathen had built in the open street, and also the chapels, they pulled down. And having cleansed the temple, they made another altar, and striking stones, they took fire out of them and offered a sacrifice after two years, and set forth incense and a menorah and the bread of the visible purpose. And when that was done, they fell flat down and thanked the Lord that they might come no more into such troubles. But if they sinned anymore against Him, that He Himself would chastise them with mercy, and they might not be delivered into the blasphemous and barbarous nations.

Now, until the same day that the strangers profaned the temple—on the very same day, it was cleansed again, even the 25th day of that same month, which is called Casleu.

Now notice that Hanukkah being on the 25th day of the ninth month, and Christmas being the 25th of December, is not a coincidence. It's not a coincidence at all.

Christmas is a satanic counterfeit of Hanukkah, a satanic counterfeit of Hanukkah. They have all these lights for Christmas because Christmas is a counterfeit of Hanukkah, which was celebrated with a lot of lights. And Hanukkah, I believe, is very, very, very likely the time when Mary was conceived with Jesus—the conception of Jesus being impregnated by the Holy Spirit into Mary. If you count out nine months later, that is Jesus being born at the Feast of Tabernacles. And Jesus, the light of the world. He's the light of the world. Celebrating an annual physical birthday celebration is pagan. It is. And it's self-worship.

So, Jesus would not even want us to worship His physical birthday on a yearly basis, when He considers that a pagan tradition.

But if we keep God's holy days—if we keep Hanukkah and if we keep the Feast of Tabernacles—then we are automatically, whether we know it or not, whether we know it or we don't know it, we're celebrating His conception,

which is not a pagan thing, because there's nothing wrong with celebrating when a woman realizes that she's pregnant. There's nothing wrong with celebrating that a woman has conceived. Amen? There's nothing wrong with celebrating these things, and there's nothing wrong with worshiping Jesus. But when we worship a day that is a satanic counterfeit, and lie about it, and say outright, "That's when He was born," or say, "I know He wasn't born at that time, but I still choose that time," but I still choose the satanic holiday to worship Jesus—that's unhealthy. That's nasty. To choose a satanic holiday to worship Jesus and claim that you're doing it for the Lord, when you're actually doing it for yourself, for your fun, for your carnal fun, your carnal traditions, and your satanic holidays, is just satanic. Satanic, satanic, satanic, satanic.

That's why I wanted to leave that last place where we were living with our landlord. He got pissed off when he heard me preaching against Christmas, saying that it was satanic. It really pissed him off. And I know that God took me there. I don't know.

I was ordained and was supposed to take care of that man. That's my calling, is to take care of people, to take care of the sick, even as my mother did—to have a place to live where I take care of people. I know that's calling, even as my mom did the exact same thing. It's in my DNA. It's in my blood. It's in who I am. It's in my family. It's what we do. My aunts did the same thing.

But you can only tolerate so much. Even within your calling, you do what God tells you to do, you go where God tells you to go, you do the work that you're called to do. But then, after a while, when the circumstances change, you gotta understand. People don't understand when I change my mind. They think that I'm a hypocrite because I changed my mind about something, because the circumstance changes. And I've had people say, "You change your mind all too quick." Well, yeah, if this window was to bust out, I think I would change my mind about something. Amen?

Even God has changed His mind about things before, if you read the Bible. Okay, circumstances change. We have to adapt. And we're going to have to adapt to the changes that come upon this earth. We're going to have to adapt, and you're going to have to be able to adapt quickly. When you have a mountain lion coming up on your campsite, you're going to have to grow up all quick and change your mind about different things. Adapt with the situation.

Okay, let's keep reading here.

Verse 6: "And they kept the eight days of gladness as in the Feast of Tabernacles, remembering that not long ago, before, they had held the Feast of Tabernacles, when as they wandered in the mountains and caves like animals, or like these. Therefore, they bore branches and fair boughs and palms also, and sang songs to Him that had given them great or good success or victory in cleansing His place. They are ordained also by a common statute and decree that every year those days should be kept by the whole nation of the Judeans."

And this was the end of Antiochus... I can't say it now. Usually, I could say Antiochus Epiphanes or whatever it is. So that was the end of him, as far as they knew. Amen? As far as they knew. And perhaps whatever flesh that he inhabited—you know, demons inhabit human flesh, do they not? So if a demon is inside a man that dies, would not that same demon go either free or into another animal or into another person? Amen?

So what if Antiochus was a human man but possessed by the same demon as Assad? And why? If Assad may be human in the flesh but, on the inside, be a demon, that would explain how you can look at the family ancestry of Assad and how you can look at the family ancestry of Antiochus, if we're really talking about demon-possessed men but the same demon. I think that something was just now revealed to us for the first time. It's amazing how, as we get closer to the Abomination of Desolation, we're starting to understand things better and more accurately.

Daniel 11, the second horn of the two beasts of the second beast, the false prophet, understanding things better and more accurately. Amen. And that will continue. We have to be able to adapt. Adapt and say, "Hey, we didn't know at all. We were wrong about something, and now we understand it better." And we need to be able to continue that, even in the Great Tribulation.

One wonderful thing about the Great Tribulation is hopefully, for most of us, that we will no longer have that corruption of YouTube, the Church of Google, to influence us in going the wrong direction on a teaching. We'll have to get our nose right back into the Bible again, instead of the internet. Amen?

Let me go over my notes. Alright, one more place: Revelation 19, because I want to talk about the arrest of Assad that is coming still, yet in the future, when Bashar Assad will be arrested. Amen. And he will not be given political asylum after that arrest.

Revelation 19, verse 20: "And the evil beast was seized," talking about Assad, seized—that's arrested—and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the branding of the evil beast and those who had worshiped his stone—talking about the black stone in Mecca. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire, which burns with sulfur. Sulfur, as we call it, burns blue. And therefore, the lake of fire is blue and not red. Blue is a much hotter fire than red and orange, much hotter. And this is their destruction. Amen.

Now, it says "these two" because Pope Francis is Satan, and Satan is not yet thrown into the lake of fire at this point in that verse. Because the next few verses talk about Satan being arrested and thrown into a hole for a thousand years, and then he's released for a short season. So, Satan is not yet destroyed in chapter 19, but he will be destroyed later on in chapter 20 and thrown into that same lake of fire, burning with brimstone and sulfur, which is the blue lake of fire. Amen. But this is the arrest of Assad in Revelation 19:20, and it's the arrest of the "Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew."

Special worship services, December 26th, Thursday. I do encourage everybody to have a special meal on Thursday, whatever it might be, something that you don't normally eat. Splurge a little bit. Amen. Have a special meal, come and worship with us. It will feel a lot more special if you put out some decorations. And I do encourage people to have seven candles or seven lamps or seven lights or seven flashlights, something for Hanukkah for all eight evenings. And what we do is we put seven candles out on our front porch or in your window. But I don't want you to set your curtains on fire. I don't want you to set your house on fire. You need to be careful about what you do. If you have children or pets, then having candles can be a very dangerous situation. So use wisdom. But what we'll do is we'll put seven candles on our front porch at sunset of each night—eight nights of Hanukkah.

Now, the tradition for the Jews is to start with one candle, then the second night have two candles, then three, then four, and so on. Now, if you want to do that, that's fine. The Bible does not command us about how you do it. For us personally, we're just going to do seven candles every night from sunset until we go to bed. But if you want to do it for only one hour in order to save the candles, if your candles are burning really fast really quick and you don't have more candles to replace them, then 30 minutes or even five minutes — whatever you can do — is fine.

There's no commandment that says that you must burn a certain number of candles for a certain amount of time. It's not a commandment, but it's something that we do by tradition to symbolize that we are the lights, that we're the light of God. He's shining in us; we are reflecting His light, that we're the church, that we are the seven churches, the true church— all these things and more that we're representing. As well as we're letting the neighborhood know that there's somebody observing the biblical holy day, and that might start conversations with your neighbors. You can witness to them if they say, "Hey, I notice your lights," and you can say, "Hey, that's not for Christmas." You can say, "That's for Hanukkah, and we're doing it because it represents our deliverance from the anti-Christ."

Ain't that a great opportunity to witness to people? If somebody mentions it, of course, nobody ever goes outside anymore, but if somebody were to dare to go outside and you saw somebody else that also dared to go outside, and y'all happened to bump into each other or see each other, then you might spark a conversation. That'd be a miracle, but hey, miracles happen every day. You can—y'all can go ahead and start typing in questions as I look at the notes to see if I left anything out.

So, we know that Jesus, in John chapter 10, was at the temple at Hanukkah, which the Bible calls the "Fiesta of Dedication" in John 10. People have no common sense—if He was at the temple at Hanukkah, He was there because it was Hanukkah. I mean, He was there celebrating Hanukkah.

Now, everybody thinks it's just for the Jews, and you gotta think about something: Even Jesus, in Matthew 24, said, "Those in Judaea, flee to the mountains when you see the abomination." But common sense, for both Hanukkah and the fleeing when we see the abomination, tells us that we serve the same God. We are going to suffer the same Great Tribulation because God is God of the entire earth, of all nations. Anybody, of any nation, of any color, or of any

language that wants to serve God must serve Him in the same way that the Maccabees did, in the same way that Jesus did, in the same way that the Apostle Paul did, in the same way that Moses did.

And now we serve Him in the same way. Of course, we don't do the old covenant anymore, but we still keep Hanukkah because we serve the same God. He has the same holidays for all people that serve Him. He doesn't have one set of rules for the Jews and then a different set for the Russians, and then another set for the Chinese. That would be crazy, right?

And then, about fleeing: It's the same Great Tribulation and the same anti-Christ power that will be given authority over all nations. The anti-Christ is not going to invade only Israel; the anti-Christ is not going to invade only the Middle East. The Bible says that he will be given power over every nation on earth—every nation. So, the common sense is that all of us are going to need to flee. We're all going to need to flee once that time comes. We can't survive in the urban cities; we're just not going to be able to do it. You're not going to be able to stay in the safety of your air-conditioned, heated home.

Decipher says, "Are there any plans to release an updated version of AOB on Amazon before Purim?" Yes, I hope to within the next couple of weeks. I've got to edit the AOB about adding the identity of the second horn of the beast and some other edits that you hear every week and every sermon—most of the sermons, that is. We're like, "Okay, we got to fix this, we got to fix that." So, it's not going to be a whole lot of edits, but I do want to update it as much as we can. Maybe that will be a couple weeks from now, and I will let everybody know. Then maybe again in February or March as well—perhaps, I don't know. But these are going to be very minor things. There's not much left to do. We don't have much time left, and I really don't know of anything that is like a major thing. Really, just adding a few notes and editing very minor things here and there. So, I don't see it as being a major edit. I don't know that anybody really needs a new AOB once we release this in a couple of weeks, and I don't know if anybody really needs a new AOB two months from now if we do another update at that time. I think you can just hold on to what you got and just make the edits as we go to save money. But if a person did want to go ahead and buy a new copy in two weeks and then again in two months, that's fine too. It depends on each person—what you can afford, what you can do. But these are not going to be all that much really major edits. That's not going to be, but thank you for that question.

And calm Adam, he poses 1 Peter 1:13: "Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sensible, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the manifestation of Jesus the Christ." Amen, praise God Almighty!

Now, let me check WhatsApp, Telegram, and my phone to see if anybody has texted me. So, I'm just reading here; everybody give me some time.

Okay, now those 10 horns are going to be 10 people that Assad will appoint. Those 10 horns do not include Assad, and those 10 horns do not include the false prophet. The 10 horns are completely different. The Bible actually says they are 10 kings. It's not talking about the pope and the Orthodox Church when it talks about the 10 toes and the 10 horns. That's 10 people that will be appointed by Assad over 10 regions of the earth, and it has nothing to do with the United Nations. It has nothing to do with Obama, and Obama has no importance in the future whatsoever—absolutely zero.

But I would say the 10 horns are people—most likely, now, this ain't necessarily the truth—but I believe that the 10 horns would include George Soros, Klaus Schwab, Bill Gates, and that type of people who are the New World Order people that are trying to control the world. They're trying to control the world right now, but whoever they are, they're going to be 10 people that do not include the pope and Assad.

Now, the two legs—they are the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church. That's what they are. We just made that edit in the AOB, and we also made that edit in a recent sermon, and we also made that edit on the ministry website. The two legs of the statue that Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar saw—one leg represents the Roman Catholic Church, which would include the Roman Catholic pope. The other leg represents the Eastern Empire, which became known as the Empire of Constantine, the Byzantine Empire, which includes the Eastern Orthodox Church and their leader, whom they also call themselves Catholic. The Eastern Orthodox Church believes that they are the true Catholics who are loyal to what is the true Catholic Church. They call themselves Catholic, and they have a leader that is the equivalent of the pope.

So, the two horns of the false prophet—they are the Western pope and the Eastern pope, the Eastern pope being the leader of the Eastern Orthodox Churches. And that's what you're seeing in the two legs: It's the Western Roman Empire and the Eastern Roman Empire. The Eastern Roman Empire being the Empire of Constantine and the Orthodox Churches.

Then that comes into the feet and the toes, being that they are two from the west, two from the east. I mean, not two, but five from the west and five from the east. Now, when we talk about Islam, the Catholic Church is Islam, and the Orthodox Church is Islam by a different name. Just like when we talk about the Baptist Church and the Protestant churches, they are Catholic. They claim to not be Catholic, but they keep Catholic Christmas, Catholic Easter, Catholic Sunday, and Catholic Trinity. So, even though they call themselves Protestants, the reality is that those so-called, falsely called, prodigious churches are Catholic.

Then, when we look at the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church, not only are they both Catholic, but they are both Islamic. All of that comes from the Greek Empire, the Persian Empire, the Babylonian Empire, and the Assyrian Empire. All of these are agent forms of Islam. So, if I say Islam is a particular leg, I would say Islam is both legs that are known in our day and time as being the Catholic and the Orthodox churches. But in the eyes of God, they're both Islamic.

Now, we're going to come to a particular junction of time in the future, in the later part of the Great Tribulation, when Assad is going to—and even the popes, both popes (*of Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox*)—will distance themselves from what we today call false 'Christianity'. The Bible predicts that Assad will manifest himself as being God above all gods, and that he's going to hate and burn the whore of Babylon. So, there's a religion that Assad will turn against and destroy, and that's the Christian part of this blending of the Catholic Church and Islam. This mixture of what we see as one and the same right now will become more separated. There's going to be more of a separation, represented by two legs of separation: two feet, ten toes, and the ten toes being of iron and clay, that they do not mix well.

This mixture of one world religion, with Christian themes posing as if we're worshiping Christ, when they really do not worship Christ, will be exposed. In other words, at the first of the Tribulation, Assad is going to say, "We believe in coexistence. We believe in tolerance. We embrace the Christians. We embrace Christmas and Easter and all these different things. Everything that you call Christianity, we embrace those things." But then later in the Great Tribulation, he's going to say that there's only one religion, and we no longer believe in coexistence. Everyone must bow to Islam, and we're going to destroy anything that calls itself Christian.

There will be a separation, and it will become a hatred of Christianity. It will be more Islamic and less Catholic as the Great Tribulation progresses. There will be more and more of this, even the pope will say, "I no longer believe in certain aspects of the Catholic Church, but rather I'm converting to Islam." You will see that. You will see the leader of the Orthodox Church and the leader of the Western Catholic Church—both of those popes will more and more progressively claim Islam and do away with the word "Christ," the word "Christianity." Those things will become illegal, despised, and hated.

So, from Sister Emilia, she says: "I thank Jesus that He has given me a second chance to live a life dedicated to Him. He gave me an opportunity and privilege to acknowledge His commandments and His truth. I have learned to put Him first over other things in my life, to serve Him in spirit and truth. I am free now from a life full of sin. I'm also grateful that today we listened to Brother Simon talk to his older brother about who Jesus is and what He wants from us, and how much we need Him. I wish Jesus could win him over through his brother's message. Amen. Praise Jesus!"

Thank you for that.

Okay, Robert, you got anything to share?

Here's a good verse: Matthew 24, verse 6. Matthew 24, verse 6, page 645. Page 645: "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but it is not yet the end." Talking

about—you stay out of the way until the Abomination of Desolation. Do not be frightened by all the wars. Yes, not to be frightened. And now, all these wars have got to happen. They must occur. There's a purpose for war, and they must occur.

Checking my notes to see if I left anything out.

So, if anybody has not yet read all four books of Maccabees, then I would encourage you to do so. This would be an excellent time of year to do that, during the eight days of Hanukkah. And even before then, maybe you could start today and go all week into Hanukkah. Continue to read those four books of Maccabees. They are extremely important for the end time, which is why they were removed from the so-called, falsely called Protestant Bible. They were removed because they are so significant for our encouragement. They are a great encouragement for the end time. Very important that you read all four books of Maccabees, and they were in the Bible. They are the holy word of Scripture—absolutely.

Okay, I believe that's it. Thank you, everybody, for your comments and questions.

I'm going to do that song again, "Victory is Mine," and this time, I want you to remember that Hanukkah represents your victory, and the victory of the church, and the victory of the whole world against the coming Antichrist. And remember, in the time of the Great Tribulation, no matter how bad things get, there is an end to the suffering. Jesus is coming back. Victory is ours. Victory is mine. Victory today is mine.

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