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## Hanukkah: Feast of Dedication

God opens doors to accomplish His will and advance His Kingdom. September 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 was the eve of Rosh Hashanah. That is when the Jewish new year 5784 started. Some prophetic voices believe this is "The year of the Open Door." I believe we just walked through one of those doors.

A few days ago, I wrote and posted the blog "**Michigan Laws Enshrine Transgenderism**" and posted the picture of "The Deity" in Port Austin, which has a female body and a male goat head. This is symbolic of transgenderism and transhumanism (go to [wethecounty.org](http://wethecounty.org) and click on "blog" to read the article). On December 7<sup>th</sup>, I felt an urgency to reach out to the Pastors in the Thumb of Michigan encouraging them to read this blog and to sign THE PLEDGE to protect God's children. I sent a personal text to around 20 pastors, and communicated with several others. This took over 2 hours and I wanted to stop but felt I had to get the job done that day, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Because of the urgency I felt, I knew there had to be something special about that day. Then it dawned on me December 7<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of Pearl Harbor when Japan bombed America. This brought us into WWII.

Then, I also realized **December 7<sup>th</sup> is the eve of Hanukkah** (it begins at sundown). That was an "Ah-ha!" moment. In 167 BC the Jews had to deal with pagan "deities" just like we are dealing with the "The Deity" of Transgenderism. A Jewish priest named Mattathias led a resistance against Antiochus Epiphanes (meaning god manifest) who was forcing paganism on the Jews. One of his son's name was Judas Maccabeus (meaning hammer). Just as the Jews were fighting for their Liberty, so are we.

The Maccabean Revolt put an end to the Roman and Hellenistic Jews worshipping pagan deities especially the Greek god Zeus, who is Baal. The Temple was cleansed from the pagan defilement and in 164 BC the decision was made to **rededicate** the Temple. Unfortunately, there was only enough holy olive oil to light the **golden lampstand** (the menorah) for one day, but the dedication was to last 8 days. The decision was made to light the menorah and it miraculously burned for 8 days!

God has given His delegated authority over this region called "**The Thumb**" to His servants; many of them are Pastors. That is why we formed "Ignite the Thumb Ministries" with Pastor Mark Seppo, Pastor Tim Martin, Pastor Bruce Clark and Pastor Mike Beeler. These are called the "Four Gate Pastors", along with myself and Pastor Gary Rumpitz. This is a small representation of all 5 counties in the Thumb. We need many more Pastors to get involved in order to have victory, bringing Babylon down.

We are cleansing this region from deities, pagan worship, and the sexual indoctrination of our children; basically Marxist-Luciferian ideologies. Just like the Maccabean Revolt challenged the Hellenistic (woke) Jews to come back to true worship of Jehovah Yahweh, we are challenging other churches to stand up against the LGBTQ Marxist-Luciferian agenda and worship Jesus Christ, in spirit and in truth.

**Rev 2:20-23** *Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because **you allow that woman Jezebel**, who calls herself a prophetess, to **teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality** and eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. 22 Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.*

We are standing up against Jezebel and proclaim "Babylon is fallen!"

**Rev 2:26-28** *And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations — 27 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' — as I also have received from My Father; 28 and **I will give him the morning star.***

**\*The Morning Star** is the greatest authority the Church has ever walked in. This is the children of God maturing into His Sons and Daughters. The great light of Jesus Christ shining in us greater than ever before!

**Hanukkah** is known as the Jewish "Festival of Lights" and as the "Feast of Dedication" and according to Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, the "Festival of Freedom."

The Hebrew word for **dedication** is Chanukah (Hanukkah).

**John 10:22-23** Now it was the **Feast of Dedication** in Jerusalem, and it was **winter**. 23 And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch.

Over 2000 years ago the **Light of the World** stepped into the Temple to celebrate the **Festival of Lights**. Once inside, Jesus said His sheep know His voice, they follow Him, and are protected by His Father God. We the sheep are God's family, and just as Jesus is the Light of the World, we too carry that same light. We are children of light! **Eph 5:8** For you were once darkness, but now **you are light in the Lord**. Walk as **children of light**.

**Walking in the light**; being transparent, open and honest. Doing good works causing others to glorify our Father in Heaven. The light of Jesus comes from His glory that is in us. His glory is increasing and so is our brightness. Light is also symbolic of the truth. Walking in the light is **walking in righteousness**.

**Matt 5:14-16** "**You are the light of the world**. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a **lampstand**, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**"

**We are that lampstand** filled with anointing oil, shining the glory of Jesus. **Rev 1:20** The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the **seven golden lampstands**: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the **seven lampstands** which you saw are the **seven churches**.

This is a "we" thing, not a "me" thing. The original Tabernacle of Moses **lampstand had seven lamps** and is a paradigm of the light that is inside of us, we are the temple or tabernacle for the Spirit of God. Together we bring our light and form the lampstand. We work with the seven stars who are the seven angels. We are a family of light!

**Hanukkah**, the Festival of Lights, celebrated how the lampstand only had enough oil for a few days, but burned bright for all 8 days...after it was cleansed from all paganism (unrighteousness).

**Isa 58:8,9** Then **your light** shall break forth like the **morning**, **Your healing** shall spring forth speedily, And **your righteousness** shall go before you; The **glory of the Lord** shall be **your rear guard**. 9 Then **you** shall call, and the Lord will answer; **You** shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' This is priceless; amidst the trouble hearing God's voice and comfort. Like Jesus said, "My sheep hear My Voice and follow Me...and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand."

**Isa 58:10-11** ...Then **your light** shall dawn in the darkness, And **your darkness shall be as the noonday**. 11 The Lord will **guide you** continually, And satisfy **your soul in drought**, And **strengthen your bones**;

**Isa 60:1-3** Arise, shine; For **your light** has come! And the **glory** of the Lord is **risen upon you**. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. 3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the **brightness of your rising**.

#### **UNTIL THE DAY DAWNS:**

**2 Peter 1:19** And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a **light that shines** in a dark place, **until the day dawns** and the **morning star rises** in your hearts;

Jesus is the Light of the World and His desire is for His light, glory and power to "shine bright" through us. **What is in our heart**, determines the brightness of His light, glory and power in us. The Morning Star awaits...