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Letter to the Messianic Jews 9:26-28
Once

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There are many things in life that can only happen once.

- Birth
- First solo bike ride
- First kiss
- First marriage
- Death

There are some things in history that only happen once.

- Creation
- Atonement
- Judgment
- Opportunity

[Important because there is are other views in Jewish and worldly thought.

Creation: evolution, long day, short day

Atonement: every year on Yom Kippur, or once?

Judgment: every year on Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur, or once?

Opportunity: application]



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so also the Messiah, having been offered **once** to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to deliver those who are eagerly waiting for him. [*There is a ONCE connection*]

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2. Application in these verses to life, death & judgment, atonement.

3. Application to opportunity, Hanukkah-like opportunity!
[Yes, this is a Hanukkah message, I didn't forget.]

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The first rule of Hillel and of Rabbi Ishmael of Bible exposition is קל וחומר "*kal va-khomer*" heavy and light, known in Latin as an argument "a fortiori," meaning "from the stronger case."
An example of an argument *kal va-khomer*, a fortiori, is "Arnold is known to be stronger than Barack. If Barack can lift 100 lbs., a fortiori Arnold can lift 100 lbs."

[[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talmudical_hermeneutics#Kal_va-chomer_\(%D7%A7%D7%9C_%D7%95%D7%97%D7%95%D7%9E%D7%A8\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talmudical_hermeneutics#Kal_va-chomer_(%D7%A7%D7%9C_%D7%95%D7%97%D7%95%D7%9E%D7%A8))]

The Torah itself gives us a perfect example of a kal vakhomer. In Numbers 22:14, after reprimanding Miriam, God sent her out of the camp for a week. Moshe asked for clemency for his sister but God replied, "If her father had spit in her face, wouldn't she hide her face in shame for seven days?" If she would hide for a week after being chastised by her father, kal v'chomer she should leave the camp for a week after being chastised by God. (Light and heavy.)

[<https://outorah.org/p/6495>]

Once what?

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Apply this to our text in MJ/Hebrews.

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[Light, only in the sense of easy to prove.

Messiah appeared just at the right time to fulfill ALL the prophecies about Him.

Messiah had the unique character purity to be our sin-free sacrifice.

Messiah rose from the dead to guarantee our redemption.]

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[There is a ONCE connection]

- Yeshua lived and atoned ONCE
- Humans die ONCE, then judgment
- **Therefore**, Messiah's atonement is ONCE and final, and His return is ONCE and final

[Once that we know of. Not being repeated.]

This is the also Bible's **refutation of the concept of reincarnation** which is based on the notion that although the body is obviously mortal, the soul is not; so that after one's body dies, the soul that was in it migrates, perhaps after an interval of time, to another body for purification, gaining experience or working out "karma." In Hinduism and Buddhism, karma is the spiritual force which attaches to a person's soul as a result of the ethical consequences of his actions.

[https://kifakz.github.io/eng/bible/stern/stern_evreyam_09.html]

This is the also Bible's **refutation of the concept of multiple judgments**. For example, in Talmudic tractate [subdivision] *Rosh HaShanah 1.2* "on Rosh HaShana, all creatures pass before Him like

sheep, as it is stated: Psalms 33:15 ‘He Who fashions their hearts alike, Who considers all their deeds.’”
Yearly judgment?

[https://www.sefaria.org/Mishnah_Rosh_Hashanah.1.2?lang=bi&with=About&lang2=en]

T'hilim/Ps 33.13-15 Adoni looks down from heaven. He observes all humanity. From His dwelling place He gazes on all the inhabitants of the earth — He who fashions the hearts of all, who discerns all their deeds.



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So, therefore, kal vakhomer,

- Yeshua lived and atoned ONCE.
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This is a pause point, to celebrate and receive!

Two thousand years ago, 6590 miles away, 14 hours flight time, our redemption, salvation, deliverance from sin, guilt, death was procured. Have we received His salvation?

Are we walking in the power of His resurrection?

Pause for self-examination.

We have a one-time, unique for our day, Hanukkah opportunity.]



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Is there a once-in-history opportunity? [Once/generation]

Shmot/Ex 17.16 Then he said, “By the hand upon the throne of Adonai, Adonai will have war with Amalek in every to generation.”

But it appears there is THE opportunity for this generation.

[In a sense, there is a continual opportunity, but what about us, now??]

Ester 4.14 For if you fail to speak up now, relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from a different direction; but you and your father’s family will perish. Who knows whether you didn’t come into your royal position precisely for such a time as this.”

Mishlei/Prov 24. 10-12 If you falter in a day of adversity, your strength is small. Rescue those being dragged off to death, hold back those stumbling to slaughter. If you say, “Look, we didn’t know this.” Won’t He who weighs hearts perceive it? Won’t He who guards your soul know it? Won’t He repay each one according to his deeds?

What is Hanukkah about?

Dedication

- in the face of adversity!
- In the face of genocidal adversity
- The unique opportune time in each generation

This is OUR opportunity to stand, as the Maccabees.

You may only get ONE opportunity to face your adversity.

George Washington became acquainted with the spirit of the Maccabees, upon settling, in December (Hanukkah) 1777, at his new headquarters at Valley Forge, Penn., with ill-equipped, weary troops. Faced with a superpower, George III of Britain, Washington concluded that only a dramatic change could avoid a defeat. According to the diary entries of Louisa Hart, Washington told the Harts about a Jewish soldier at Valley Forge who lit a Chanukah candle and explained its significance.

Washington's reaction was: "Perhaps we are not as lost as our enemies would have us believe. I rejoice in the Maccabees' success, though it is long past ... It pleases me to think that miracles still happen."

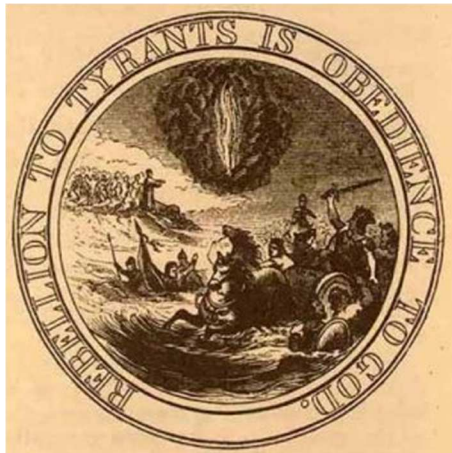
Six months later, on June 19, 1778, the Continental Army implemented the battle tactics of Judah the Maccabee, leaving Valley Forge in pursuit of the British, who were moving toward New York. Although the war would linger for five more years, Washington won a decisive victory.

The statue of Judah the Maccabee, the hero of the Jewish rebellion against the Syrian-Seleucid Empire, is displayed at the West Point Military Academy, the most prestigious U.S. military academy, founded in 1802. The statue of Judah the Maccabee, known for his principle-driven leadership and daring battle tactics, is displayed along with the statues of Joshua, David, Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Hector, King Arthur, Charlemagne and Godfrey of Bouillon — "the Nine Worthies."

Nine "worthies" of West Point:
Joshua, David, Alexander the Great, Judah Maccabee, Julius Caesar, Hector, King Arthur, Charlemagne, and Godfrey of Bouillon



[<https://external-content.duckduckgo.com/iu/?u=https%3A%2F%2Fhighfrontier.org%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2019%2F12%2FDecember-24-2019.jpg&f=1&nofb=1>]



Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were inspired by the Maccabees, proposing "Rebellion against tyrants is obedience to God" as the American official seal.



[<https://thefederalistpapers.org/founders/franklin/rebellion-to-tyrants-is-obedience-to-god-benjamin-franklin>]

Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to G-d. Jefferson and others liked this Maccabee-themed saying. Franklin's design was recommended by the first committee for the reverse side of the Great Seal. No sketch was made of their design. The above drawing was made by Benson J. Lossing for Harper's New Monthly Magazine in July 1856.]

"In God We Trust" was inspired also by the Maccabees' battle cry. A literal translation of the battle cry is "Whoever trusts God; join me!" The Maccabees' sacrifice and lack of political correctness also inspired Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death!"

Shimon the Maccabee – who succeeded Judah and Yonatan the Maccabees – articulated the Jewish territorial case when responding to an ultimatum by Antiochus, who demanded an end to the Jewish "occupation" of Jerusalem, Jaffa, Gaza, Gezer and Ekron: "We have not occupied a

foreign land; we have not ruled a foreign land; we have liberated the land of our forefathers from foreign occupation," Shimon said.

[https://www.chabad.org/kabbalah/article_cdo/aid/3874565/jewish/Judah-Maccabee-at-West-Point.htm]

So, what are our current unique challenges?

1. Division within. I'm a firm believer in Mt. 18 reconciliation.

^{Mtt 24.10-12} **At that time** many will be trapped into betraying and hating each other, many false prophets will appear and fool many people; and many people's love will grow cold.

G-d has blessed me with the gift of mediation. Mostly successful.

But that is treatment. Consider preventative.

a. ^{Eph. 4.15, 32} Speaking the truth in love, we will in every respect grow up into him who is the head, the Messiah...Be kind to each other, tenderhearted; and forgive each other, just as in the Messiah God has also forgiven you.

[*Too many fires to put out. Preventative speaking.*]

^{Gal. 5.13-15} Through love serve one another. For the whole Torah can be summed up in a single saying: "Love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not destroyed by one another.

[Also, preventative hearing ...]

^{T'hilim/Ps 141.3-5} Set a guard, Adoni, over my mouth. Keep watch over the door of my lips ... **Let the righteous strike me—it is kindness. Let him correct me—it is oil on my head—my head will not refuse it. Yet still my prayer is against their wickedness.**

^{1 Cor 13.4} Love ... suffers long.

So, what are our unique challenges?

2. A culture given to falsehood.



<https://www.prageru.com/video/be-brave>

Nimrata Nikki Haley (née Randhawa; born January 20, 1972^[1]) is an American diplomat and politician who served as the 116th and first female [governor of South Carolina](#) from 2011 to 2017, and as the 29th [United States ambassador to the United Nations](#) for two years, from January 2017 to January 2019.^[2] Haley was born in [Bamberg, South Carolina](#), and studied accounting at [Clemson University](#). As a young

woman, she tried out to be Miss South Carolina. Since she was neither white nor black, she was disqualified.

A Jonathan Cahn insight into the urgency of the hour

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First governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, the chief figure among the Puritan founders of New England.

Gov. Winthrop's prophecy from Deuteronomy 28, which was the parasha reading just before Sept 11, 2001.

^{Dt. 28.15} "But if you refuse to pay attention to what Adoni your God says, and do not observe and obey all his mitzvot and regulations which I am giving you today, then all the following curses will be yours in abundance:

Dt. 28.49-50 Adoni will bring against you a nation from far away that will swoop down on you from the end of the earth like a vulture, **יְדָאָה הַנְּשֹׂר**, a nation whose language you don't understand, a nation grim in appearance, whose people neither respect the old nor pity the young.

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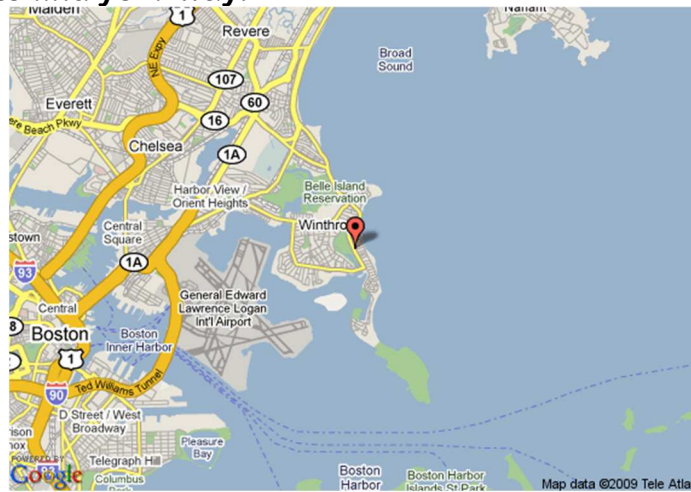
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On September 11, 2001, at 8:45 a.m. on a clear Tuesday morning, an **American Airlines** Boeing 767 loaded with 20,000 gallons of jet fuel crashed into the north tower of the **World Trade Center** in **New York City**.

Dt 28.23 "The sky over your head will be brass and the earth under you iron.

Dt 28.29 You will grope about at noon like a blind person groping in the dark, unable to find your way.



[<https://frankspeech.com/tv/video/pastor-jonathan-cahn-joins-frankspeech-thanks-thon-special-message-america-and-americans>]



Once what?

1. We have the reality of the Once and final atonement.
2. We live in expectation of the Once and Final Return
3. We have opportunity to be vessels of His atonement in our unique time.

1. Do you KNOW Yeshua and the assurance of sins forgiven?
2. Are you hearing daily from His Word?
3. How are you applying what you heard?
4. Are you asking this of another? (Who are you discipling, building up?)