

December 2, 2023  
Hanukkah 2023  
Call to Warfare  
Daniel 11.35, part 1



- If you look up Hanukkah on Wikipedia,
- 19 images are candles, donuts, latkes
  - 5 images are war

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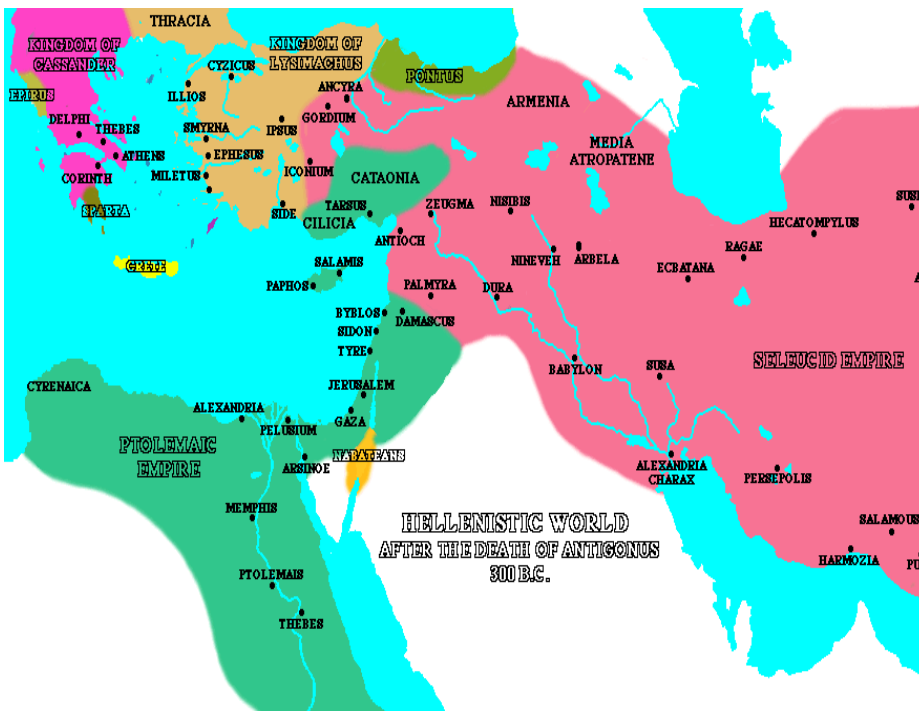


founded Adat Yeshua, the first Messianic Jewish congregation in New Orleans. She is a rabbi's wife married to Rabbi Josh Brumbach.

“When our Gentile friends or co-workers ask us ‘what’s Hanukkah about, anyway?’ we tend to give them sugar-coated references to light, miracles, and funny games with spinning tops. But this is only half of the story. [or less!]

“The full story of Hanukkah must include the catalyst: a tyrant invaded our ancestral land and made our way of life illegal.”

[<https://www.umjc.org/commentary/2022/12/16/what-would-the-maccabees-do>]



Naval interference of Romans →  
fury of Antiochus the Syrian  
In 175 BC, a new king, Antiochus IV (also called "Epiphanes") ascended the throne in Syria. Under the "auspices" of his regime, Jerusalem began to look more and more like a Greek city as Hellenistic culture was officially promoted. Antiochus allowed Hellenistic Jews to have prominent roles in the Holy Temple – so much so that even a non-priest (named Menelaus) was given the role of being the Temple's *Kohen Gadol* (High Priest). This enraged many Jews, however, who then called for Egyptian rule instead of Syrian (the Egyptians were more tolerant of local customs and did not force Hellenization). Later, when Antiochus returned from an

unsuccessful military campaign against Egypt, he decided to quell the Jewish call for Egyptian rule and murdered some 40,000 people in Jerusalem.

Daniel 11.29-35 “At the time designated, he will come back to the south. But this time, things will turn out differently than before; because ships from Kittim will come against him, so that his courage will fail him. Then, in retreat, he will take furious action against the holy covenant, again showing favor to those who abandon the holy covenant. Armed forces will come at his order and profane the sanctuary and fortress. They will abolish the daily burnt offering and set up the abomination that causes desolation. Those who act wickedly against the covenant he will corrupt with his blandishments, but the people who know their God will stand firm and prevail. Those among the people who have discernment will cause the rest of the people to understand

*[Hence the story of Mattathias the cohen/ priest in Modi'in, Israel]*

Daniel 11.29-35 what is happening; nevertheless, for a while they will fall victim to sword, fire, exile and pillage. When they stumble, they will receive a little help, although many who join them will be insincere.

*["We can still be Jews, but embrace new insights, sports, activities, learning... " Nudity, death, sensuality, violence, intellectual fads and pride]*

Daniel 11.29-35 **Even some of those with discernment will stumble, so that some of them will be refined, purified and cleansed for an end yet to come at the designated time.**



166 to 164 to liberate Jerusalem  
Liberation Jerusalem, cleansed the Temple.  
Enacted Holiday ~Sukkot  
Ever other situations like that?



Eleazer (the younger brother of Judah) died when he single-handedly attacked a large elephant believed to be carrying the enemy king (I Mac 6:42-46)

“But a band of religious zealots planned a rebellion in the caves of Judea, and waged a prolonged campaign of guerilla warfare that finally drove out the occupiers.

“For over two thousand years we have dared to light miniature menorahs and display them outside our homes, not as an act of nostalgia, or an attempt to compete with Santa, but as an act of

**defiance.** [<https://www.umjc.org/commentary/2022/12/16/what-would-the-maccabees-do> Keep this in mind. Defiance of fear.]



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*[warfare over fear]*



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### Fear in London

30 ft Menorah set up in Trafalgar Square in London for Hanukkah celebrations

A London town hall is refusing to light the Hanukkah menorah for the upcoming 8-day Jewish holiday for fear of sparking conflict, according to the British Daily *The Telegraph*.

*[<https://allisrael.com/east-london-town-hall-will-not-light-the-menorah-candles-for-hanukkah-this-year>]*



### Fear in Lawrence, KS – KU

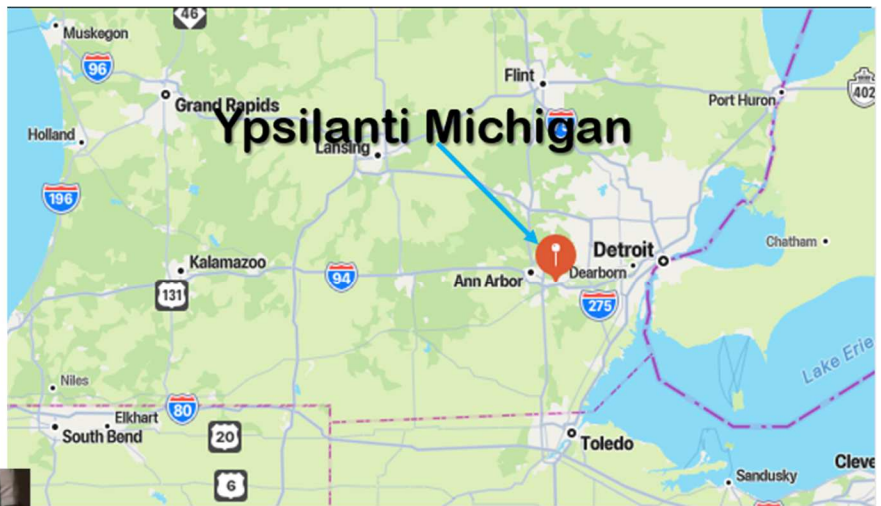
Two student-led anti-Israel walkouts occurred at the University of Kansas, and dozens of student protestors engaged in antisemitic chants while carrying signs and posters. The walkouts, organized by KU’s Muslim Student Association (MSA), are being held to demand that KU Chancellor Douglas Girod issue a statement on behalf of the university in solidarity with Palestinian and Muslim students.

Nov. 27 protest repeating the antisemitic chant **“From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.”** Two two-story banners were also hung from the balcony of Strong Hall; one read **“Stop the Palestine Genocide; Free Gaza.”**

*[https://kcj.com/current-news/top-stories/9182-anti-israel-student-protests-ongoing-at-ku]*

### Fear in Ypsilanti, MI (Between Detroit and Ann Arbor)

Residents in Ypsilanti, who gathered with their families for an annual Christmas tree lighting and carol singing, were accosted by a pro-Palestinian mob. The demonstrators terrified the children while they chanted anti-American slogans.



Families were forced to retreat to a nearby building in the hope that a local children’s choir could still sing carols. Unfortunately, the mob broke into that building, too, and deliberately chanted offensive slogans behind the children, drowning out their singing. Some protestors yelled, “Christmas is cancelled everywhere until Palestine is free.”

*[Dr. James Dobson's Family Talk]*

**Fearful reality in Gaza elementary schools**  
<https://youtu.be/dtErUuBvcRc?si=oEh6tH49YoLtSA3W>  
0.15 to 2.33



### **Fearful reality in Gaza captivity**

Eitan Yahalomi, 12, was according to his aunt, in an interview to French television, subjected to unending blows from Palestinian civilians as he was snatched and taken on a motorbike to Gaza captivity. That was just the beginning.

Eitan was forced to watch, again and again, films of his neighbors being slaughtered and dismembered on October 7. He was threatened at gunpoint if he cried or made sounds. Other children were kept in total isolation for 12 or 13 days. They were covered with lice and received no treatment.

*[Sally Shiff*

*<https://virtualjerusalem.com/reports-of-palestinians-torturing-israeli-mothers-and-children-emerge/>]*

Another young hostage, Emily Hand, who turned 9 years old during her captivity in Gaza, only whispers now when she speaks. "The most shocking, disturbing part of meeting her was she was just whispering, you couldn't hear her. I had to put my ear on her lips," her father Thomas Hand said. "She'd been conditioned not to make any noise." The 9-year-old girl, held hostage for 50 days, thought she had been in captivity for a year.

Comparing the release of Palestinian prisoners, who enjoyed internationally lawful conditions including regular ICRC visits, to 3-year-old girls who witnessed their parents' murder and were held against their will, is either a case of severe misinformation or sheer malice," Eyal wrote in *X*. [<https://allisrael.com/hostages-returning-from-hamas-captivity-tell-of-starvation-and-horrific-abuse-and/>]

A medical official told the Israeli newspaper Maariv that the released hostages arrived in hospitals "suffering from malnutrition and electrolyte imbalances," according to the World. "Some have substantial weight loss, sensitivity to light, and instinctively talk in whispers," the Times reported.

The hostages "slept on rows of three chairs tied together, like benches in a waiting room, and had to knock on the door to gain their captors' attention when they needed to use the bathroom," the Washington Post reported. "The wait sometimes lasted several hours." [<https://davidstent.org/when-justice-and-intercession-are-absent/>]

According to Israeli media reports, these women were kept in cages, a claim supported by videos from Hamas' Telegram channel in the aftermath of the October 7 attacks. Survivors, who recently gained their freedom, reported enduring limited food rations and dire living conditions during their captivity.

*[https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel-at-war/1701194841-women-were-held-in-cages-israeli-hostage-testimonies-expose]*

Female hostages were kept in cages, the Hostages and Missing Families Forum, a group set up in the wake of the attack, revealed on Monday.

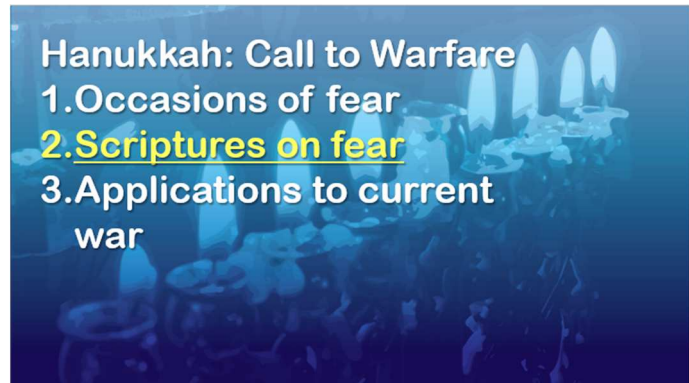
Children were branded lest they escape, according to Yaniv Yaakov, the uncle of the brothers Or, 16, and Yagil, 12, who were freed on Nov. 27.

“Every child that Hamas took was taken on a motorcycle, and they took each child and put their leg in front of the exhaust pipe, which caused a burn to mark the children so that in case they ran away or fled, they could find them,” he said.

Tom Hand, the father of Irish-Israeli Emily Hand, a 9-year-old who was among 13 Israeli hostages freed on Nov. 25, said she was shockingly pale, her faced hollowed out and her head full of lice.

“The most shocking, disturbing part of meeting her was she was just whispering, you couldn’t hear her. I had to put my ear on her lips,” he told CNN on Tuesday. “She’d been conditioned not to make any noise.”

[[https://www.israeltoday.co.il/read/israeli-hostages-recount-beatings-death-threats-in-captivity/?mc\\_cid=12a7093c3c&mc\\_eid=9f06d9f262](https://www.israeltoday.co.il/read/israeli-hostages-recount-beatings-death-threats-in-captivity/?mc_cid=12a7093c3c&mc_eid=9f06d9f262)]



Rev 21.6-8 Then He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will freely give from the spring of the water of life. The one who overcomes shall inherit these things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

Rev 21.6-8 But for the cowardly

deilois kai apistois  
δειλοῖς καὶ ἀπίστοις  
to the cowardly and unbelieving

Rev 21.6-8 **But for the cowardly**

**deilos:** cowardly, fearful refers to an excessive fear (dread) of "losing," causing someone to be fainthearted (cowardly) – hence, to fall short in following Messiah as Adon, Lord.

[*Courage is NOT the lack of fear, it is doing what is right in spite of fear.*]

Rev 21.6-8 But for the cowardly and unbelieving and detestable and murderers and sexually immoral and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars — their lot is in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

[*Remember Yeshua’s interpretation of murder, includes settled anger. Courage to forgive in relationships.*

*Yeshua’s interp of immorality is internal as well, images in the mind or on screen!]*

Mt 10.34-36 “Don’t suppose that I have come to bring peace to the Land. It is not peace I have come to bring, but a sword! For I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, so that a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.  
*[Not all sweet and harmonious.]*

2 Tim. 1.7-10 For God gave us a Spirit who produces not timidity [fear], but power, love and self-discipline. So don’t be ashamed of bearing testimony to our Lord or to me, his prisoner. On the contrary, accept your share in suffering disgrace for the sake of the Good News.  
*[Opposite of fear is power to love. Love whom, where? Love yourself, your family, your community, those you are at odds with.]*

2 Tim. 1.7-10 God will give you the strength for it, since he delivered us and called us to a life of holiness as his people. It was not because of our deeds, but because of his own purpose and the grace which he gave to us who are united with the Messiah Yeshua. He did this before the beginning of time, but made it public only now through the appearing of our Deliverer, the Messiah Yeshua, who abolished death and, through the Good News, revealed life and immortality.




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1. Do you KNOW G-d in Messiah, forgiveness, “Abba Father.”
2. Are you reading from His word daily and hearing His voice?
3. Are you doing what He says?
4. Are you sharing that with others?