

Parashah Miketz מִקֵּץ

"at the end of"

**Torah portion:**

Genesis 41:1 - 44:17

**Haftarah portion:**

1 Kings 3:4 - 4:1

Zech. 2:10 - 4:7 (we read to the end of ch4) (holiday)

**Brit Chadashah/New Testament portion:**

Romans 10:1-13

We often read surrounding N.T. scripture because it is such a blessing to do so

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**The Vow Of the Trust Will Save\***

**James 5:15** And **\*the vow of the trust will-save** the (one) being-fatigued, and the Lord will-raise him, **and-if he-might-be having-done-and-still-is-doing sins it-will-be-forgiven-to-him.**

**Romans 10:1** **Brothers**, on-the-one-hand the well-thinking of my heart and the petition to the God in-behalf-of the Israeli is with-reference-to **salvation.**

v2 **For I-am-bearing-witness-to-them that they-are-having (a) zeal of-God, BUT not according-to thorough-knowledge;** (Hosea 14:2-3)

v3 **For being-ignorant-of the righteousness-of-the God, and seeking-to-make-stand their-own righteousness, they-were not subjected-to-the righteousness-of-the God.**

v4 **For Messiah (is) finish of-law with-reference-to righteousness to-every (one) trusting.**

v5 For Moses is-writing the righteousness the (one) out-of the law, that the MAN having-done them will-himself-live in them. (Lev. 18:5)

**Who hath heard this report? "Who trusted in our hearing?" @ vs16**

v6 But **the righteousness out-of trust is-saying** thus: Might-you not say in your heart: Who will-ascend into the heaven? This is to-lead-down Messiah;

v7 Or: Who will-descend into the abyss? This is to-lead-up Messiah out-of dead (ones).

v8 BUT **what is-it-saying?** The saying is near you, in your mouth and in your heart; **\*the saying of-the trust which we-are-preaching is this;** (Deut.30:12-14)

v9 That **\*if you-might-confess with your mouth Jehovah Jesus,** and you-might-trust in your heart that the God raised him out-of dead (ones), **you-will-be-saved;**

**(JAMES 5:15; \*The Vow Of The Trust Will Save. Phil.2:9-11)**

v10 For with-heart he-is-being-trusted with-reference-to righteousness, but \*with-mouth he-is-being-confessed with-reference-to salvation.

v11 For the scripture is-saying: Every one trusting on him will not be-disgraced.(Isa.28:16; 49:23)

v12 For (there) is not strict-order both of-Jew and of Greek. For the same Jehovah of-all, being-rich with-reference-to all\*the (ones) calling-on him;

v13 \*For every (one) whosoever might-call-on the name-of-Jehovah will-be-saved.

(Joel 2:32; Phil.2:9-11; James 5:15)

v14 How therefore might-they-call-on (one) with-reference-to whom they-trusted not? But how will-they-trust of-whom they-heard not? But how will-they-hear separate-from (one) preaching?

v15 But how might-they-preach if they-might not be-dispatched? Even-as it-has-been-and-is-still-written: As beautiful the feet of-the (ones) bringing-good-news-(of) good-things. (Isa. 52:7)

v16 BUT not all obeyed the good-news. For Isaiah is-saying: Lord who trusted in our hearing?

v17 So the trust (is) out-of hearing, but the hearing (is) through saying of-Messiah. (or 'of-God'?) (Isa.53:1)

v18 BUT I-am-saying, (have) they not heard? Yea-therefore: Their utterance went-out into all the earth, and their sayings into the limits of-the inhabited-earth.

(Psalm 19:4 - the Gospel has been preached via God's astronomy/zodiac; this is NOT astrology.)

v19 BUT I-am-saying, Came Israel not to-know? First Moses is-saying: I myself-will-provoke YOU to-jealousy over (a) not nation, over (a) nation without-understanding I-will-exasperate YOU. (Deut. 32:21)

v20 But Isaiah is-assuming-boldness and he-is-saying: I-was-found-by-the (ones) not seeking me, I-became revealed to-the (ones) not questioning me. (Isa.65:1)

v21 But to the Israeli he-is-saying: I-out-stretched my hands the total day to (a) people disobeying and contradicting. (Isa.65:2)

**Mercy!**

**Romans 11:1** I-am-saying therefore, (has) the God pushed-away-from-himself his people? (No!) May-it-not-come-to-pass; for I myself also am (an) Israelite, out-of seed of-Abraham, of (the)-tribe of-Benjamin

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The tradition of Hanukkah starts at sundown: Dec 22, 2019

**Torah portion:**

Numbers 7:30-41

**Haftarah portion:**

Zechariah 2:13 - 4:7

**Brit Chadashah/New Testament portion:**

John 8:12, 10:22-39

There are a lot of scriptures that apply. We often read surrounding N.T. scripture because it is such a blessing to do so

## [Why we are not lighting a Chanukkiyah this year at Hanukkah:](http://www.Cotopaxi-Colorado.com/BIBLE/hanukkah_habakkuk_maccabees_faith.htm)

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### **Jesus is the true Light of the naos/sanctuary.**

**Jesus distinguished himself from the Dedication celebration, just as he made a distinction between the physical Temple and himself.**

**Mark 11:16** "And he-was not letting-be in-order-that any-one might-bring-through (an) article through the temple."

It is important to see that **Jesus stopped the Temple services** (Mk.11:16, Jn.2:19-22) - **and that includes stopping the physical temple service of a post-Sinai law celebration/Dedication.** Understanding that Jesus was just there, as the scripture states, saves us the unnecessary step of second-guessing if Jesus was involved in the Dedication somehow. With the big picture of the entire Temple service stopping and changing, that becomes a moot point. And as he stopped the Temple service, then certainly, Jesus did not mean to extend this legalism of Hanukkah. Again, as is noted, but I think are not fully seen, (and if you receive anything from this discussion, may it be this):

**Jesus specifically picked the time around the Dedication to contrastingly say "NO! I AM the Light! I AM the center of attention in the Lampstands, I am better than the physical temple lampstands, or your little Chanukkiyahs, no matter how great and glorious they appear to you".** Of course that is paraphrasing commentary of these scriptures:

**John 8:12** "Again therefore the Jesus spoke to-them, saying, I myself-am the light of-the world; the (one) following me will by-no-means walk-around in the darkness, BUT he-will-have the light of-the life."

**John 10:24** "The Jews therefore encircled him, and they-were-saying to-him, Till at-what-time are-you-lifting-up our soul? If you yourself-are the Messiah, you-say-(so) to-us with-boldness-of-speech.

v25 **The Jesus answered to-them, I-said to-YOU, and YOU-are not trusting. The works which I myself-am doing in the name of-my Father, these-(things) (are)-bearing-witness concerning me;"**

**Mark 13:2** "And the Jesus having-answered he-said to-him, Are-you-looking-at these great buildings? By-no-means might-let-be stone on stone which might (not) [by-no-means] be-overthrown."

**Note that at the Dedication/Hanukkah, Jesus said that he had already told them who he was (@Jn.8:12). Jesus then told them that he was God, and they wanted to stone him to death for blasphemy. Such a happy Hanukkah that was:**

**John 10:30 I and the Father are one.**

**John 10:31 The Jews therefore again bore stones in-order-that they-might-stone him.**

**Not so happy of a Hanukkah.**

## Jesus is the Light in the Christian assemblies:

**Revelation 1:13** "And **in the midst of the lampstands** (one) like (a) son of-MAN, having-been-and-still-clothed-in (a garment) to-the-feet and having-been-and-still-girded-around at the breasts (with a) belt [girdle] made-of-gold;"

v20 The mystery of-the seven stars which you-saw on my right (hand), and **the seven lampstands**, namely-the (ones) made-of-gold. The seven stars they-are messengers of-the seven assemblies, and **the lampstands they-are the seven assemblies**.

Living the spiritual life is more difficult than seeing it; some days a chanukiah is in front of the Lampstand in our hearts (1Cor.3:16) - and so here we are. Never-the-less, it is a good place to be as we work out our salvation. This is such a critical verse to know:

**1 Corinthians 3:16** "Are YOU not knowing absolutely that YOU are the sanctuary of the God, and the spirit of God is dwelling in YOU?" Again, this dictates that the Temple service (as at Heb.7:11) has changed. What a beautiful Light!

### In sum

Yeshua stopped the Temple sacrifices @Mark 11:16. The naos/sanctuary of God is in you @1Cor.3:16. That rent veil @Mt.27:51 was his flesh, and thus is spiritual @Heb.10:19-20. Therefore all the commandments regarding the veil are also spiritual @Rom.10, 2Cor.3:2-6. The true Light/Lampstands is @Jn.8:12, Jesus. Rest in Him @Heb.4:3 - Rest from work now in Yeshua.

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**Zechariah 2:13** Be silent, all flesh, before Jehovah; for he is waked up out of his holy habitation.

in other words, now hear this:

**Zechariah 3:1** And he showed me Joshua (יהושע, LXX: Ἰησοῦς, Jesus) **the high priest** standing before the angel of Jehovah, and Satan standing at his right hand to be his adversary.

The name **Jesus** was more common in the O.T. than in the N.T. That is, the record shows more people with the name Jesus in the O.T. than in the N.T. **The prophecy of Zechariah** would have had the Jews aware of **a future High Priest named the BRANCH** and also named as:

Joshua- יהושוע **Yěhowshuwa** - LXX: Ἰησοῦς- Ἰησοῦν- Ἰησοῦς- Yeshua -Jeshua - Jesus.

Prophecy: **He would be Ruler and High Priest**.

See also **Jesus was a common name in the Old Testament.**

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There is "room" here to see Joshua as a type of Messiah, at least in some of these verses...I don't think a person could not see that unless God put a blindness on them. Within the Prophecy of Zechariah, it seems likely that the Jewish rulers and scribes would have known both the Hebrew and Greek names of the promised Messiah...

**Zechariah 3:2** And Jehovah said unto Satan, **Jehovah rebuke thee, O Satan**; yea, Jehovah that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? (Jehovah, the Son, said of Jehovah, the Father) (you may see the Trinity here if you look far enough) Perhaps a brand plucked out of the fire also refers to God's saving of Israel?

3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the angel.

4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take the filthy garments from off him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with rich apparel.

**Pilate & the soldiers put robes on Jesus representing sin, kingship and purity.**

O.T. - Zechariah 3:3 Now Jeshua{gr.Jesus} was clothed in filthy raiment

O.T. – Isaiah 64:6 ...and all our righteousnesses are as a polluted garment...

O.T. – Isaiah 53:4 ...Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows...

N.T.- John 19:2 ... and they-cast-around him (a) purple garment-(himation)

N.T.- Matthew 27:28 And having-stripped him they-placed-around to-him (a) scarlet mantle (chlamus);

O.T. -Zechariah 3:4 ...Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

N.T.- Luke 23:11 But the Herod together-with his armies having-treated him with-contempt, and having-mocked (him), having-cast-around him (a) brilliant (white) esthes (robe) he-sent him back to-the Pilate.

O.T. – Zech.3:2 ...and I will clothe thee with rich apparel.

(this was an extremely expensive robe that Pilate took as a gift from Herod, hence they became friends that day - vs 12. Further proof that he kept this robe:

Matthew 27:31 And then they-mocked him, they-stripped (off) him the mantle (chlamus), and they-clothed him in his garments-(himations); and they-led him away into to-be-crucified.

For more on the colors of these robes visit this link:

[www.Cotopaxi-Colorado.com/BIBLE/Colors-of-Jesus-robes-match-veil.htm](http://www.Cotopaxi-Colorado.com/BIBLE/Colors-of-Jesus-robes-match-veil.htm)

**Zechariah 3:5** And I said, Let them set a clean mitre upon his head. So they set a clean mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments; and the angel of Jehovah was standing by.

6 And the angel of Jehovah protested unto Joshua, saying,

7 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou also shalt judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee a place of access among these that stand by.

**Zechariah 3:8** Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou and thy fellows that sit before thee; for they are men [אֲנִישֵׁי] *anshey*] that are a sign [מוֹפֵת] G4159]: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant (עֶבֶד) *ebed* the Branch (צֶמַח) *tsemach* )\*

vs8 –Kohlenberger’s Interlinear translation: “listen! now! Joshua the-priest the-high you and- associates-of-you the-ones-sitting before-you that men-of symbol they indeed see-! bringing \*\*\* servant-of-me Branch”

The Hebrew for “and thy fellows that sit before thee; for they are men that are a sign, for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the Branch” is:

וְרַעֲיָה הַיִּשְׁבִּים לְפָנָיָהּ כִּי־אֲנֹשִׁי מוֹפֵת הַמָּה כִּי־הִנְנִי מְבִיא אֶת־עַבְדִּי צֶמַח:

With a quick look at the Hebrew this understanding seemed available:

...and thy fellows abiding in your person, are people for a sign, they indeed see me bringing the servant of me the Branch.

Then I spent the next day going over the Hebrew and LXX Greek word by word, with this result:

From the Hebrew, roughly:

...and brothers/neighbours the (ones) dwelling in the presence (of-you), that men wonder they-(are) that behold! come in \*\*\* servant Branch.

Smoother:

...and the ones dwelling in the presence of you, those men are wonders (and are wondered at), they that BEHOLD me coming in my servant, the Branch.

From the LXX Greek:

Roughly: - and the-(ones) neighbor of-you, the-(ones) sitting(at rest)/abiding/dwelling in-front-of person of-you, inasmuch-as men observers-of-wonder (they) are, inasmuch-as to-have-perceived (that) I bring the-(one) slave of-me a-rising-of-Light.

Here's [a link to the background work on Zechariah 3:8](http://www.cotopaxi-colorado.com/Torah-Torah.htm/BIBLE/Parashat/Zechariah-3-8-.pdf) <http://www.cotopaxi-colorado.com/Torah-Torah.htm/BIBLE/Parashat/Zechariah-3-8-.pdf>

In this passage we can see the “friend/brother/neighbor” of Jesus as both the Apostles of Jesus and all those that confess His Name. Those that are washed in the blood of Yeshua the Lamb have access to and are in sight of the throne of God. Through the Holy Spirit YHVH, they live in the Presence of YHVH the Father in Messiah Yeshua, who is YHVH the Son. This is further discussed at: [Christ in YOU; YOU in Christ](#)

<http://www.cotopaxi-colorado.com/Torah-Torah.htm#Christ in YOU; YOU in Christ>.

**Matthew 27:51** "And behold the veil of-the sanctuary was-split into two, from from-above till below"

**That veil was his flesh!**

**John 14:6** "The Jesus is-saying to-him, I myself-am the way and the truth and the life. No-one is-coming to the Father unless through me."

**Hebrews 10:19-20** "Having therefore brothers, boldness-of-speech with-reference-to the entering-in of-the holy-ones in the blood of-Jesus,

Which (entering-in) he-dedicated for-us (a) way recently-slain and living, **through the veil, this is his flesh,**"

**Revelation 7:9** After these (things) I-saw, and behold much crowd, and which not-one was-being able to-number it, **out-of every nation and of-tribes and of-peoples and of-languages**, having-stood-and-still-standing **in-sight of-the throne and in-sight of-the lamb**, **having-been-and-still-cast-around (with) white stoles**, and palms in their hands;

(Note they are in sight of the throne, having come THROUGH Jesus as per John 14:6. That they have hands indicates they have bodies)

v10 And they-are-crying with-(a)-great voice saying: The salvation to our God namely-the (one) sitting on the throne and to-the lamb.

v11 And all the angels had-been-standing in-a-circle of-the throne and of-the elders and of-the four living-creatures, and they-fell on their faces in-sight of-the throne and they-worshipped the God,

v12 Saying: Amen, the blessing and the glory and the wisdom and the giving-of-thanks and the honor and the power and the strength to our God with-reference-to the ages of-the ages: amen.

v13 And one out-of the elders answered saying to-me: **These, the (ones) having-been-and-still-cast-around (with) the stoles namely-the white (ones), who are-they and from-whence came-they?**

v14 And I-have-said-and-still-say to him: My lord, you yourself know-absolutely. And he said to-me: **These are the (ones) coming out-of the tribulation, namely-the great (one), and they-washed their stoles and they-whitened them in the blood of-the lamb.**

v15 **Because-of this they-are in-sight of-the throne of-the God**, and they-are-serving him of-day and of-night **in his sanctuary**, and the (one) sitting on the throne will-tabernacle on them.

**1 Corinthians 3:16** "Are YOU not knowing absolutely that **YOU are the sanctuary of the God**, and the spirit of God is **dwelling** [οικεῖ - oikei] in YOU?"

**John 3:29** The (one) having the bride is bridegroom; **but the friend of-the bridegroom, the (one) having-stood-and-still-standing and hearing of-him, he-is-rejoicing with-joy because-of the voice of-the bridegroom**, this therefore the joy namely-mine is-having-been-and-is-still fulfilled.

The "friend of-the bridegroom" is not the bride, but rather the best-one-new-man.

See: [Bride Pride - A Great Mystery](http://www.Cotopaxi-Colorado.com/BIBLE/Bride_Pride.htm) www.Cotopaxi-Colorado.com/BIBLE/Bride\_Pride.htm

**Israel remains the Bride...**

**Isaiah 4:2** In that day shall **the branch of Jehovah** be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

\* **My servant the Branch** - Of course, we Christians can see \*Yeshua/Jesus as **my servant the Branch** here, and that Zechariah isn't talking about Hanukkah.

On Hanukkah, the *Jewish custom* is to light candles or lamps on a special candelabrum or lampstand called a Chanukkiyah (Note in the Tabernacle, it was a lampstand). There are eight lamps or candles for the eight days of Hanukkah, and each night a "new" lamp/candle is lit with a separate candle that is usually located in the center of the lampstand. The Hebrew name for this candle/lamp/light is "**the Shamash**", which means "**servant**". . Whether related or not, I know not, but note that Clare's Library of Universal History, c1908, Vol.1, p130 has a picture of the sun god "Shamash" dictating to Khammurabi the code of laws. So carefully consider the origins of your traditions. ([See further comments here](#))

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**Revelation 1:12** And I turned-around to-be-looking-at the voice, one-who was-speaking with me; and having-turned-around I-saw seven lampstands made-of-gold,

**13** And in the midst of the lampstands (one) like (a) son of-MAN, having-been-and-still-clothed-in (a garment) to-the-feet and having-been-and-still-girded-around at the breasts (with a) belt [girdle] made-of-gold;

Yeshua is the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53 and the Light of the world:

**John 8:12** Again therefore the Jesus spoke to-them, saying, **I myself-am the light of-the world;** the (one) following me will by-no-means walk-around in the darkness, BUT he-will-have **the light of-the life**.

**Revelation 1:14** But his head and the hairs white as wool white as snow, and his eyes as (a) flame of-fire.

v15 And his feet like to-chalcolibanus as having-been-and-still-on-fire (from) in (a) furnace, and his voice as (a) noise [voice] of-many waters.

v16 And holding **in his right hand seven stars**, and out-of his mouth (a) sharp two-edged sword proceeding-out, and his countenance as the sun appearing in its power.

v17 And when I-saw him, I-fell to his feet as dead; and he placed his right hand on me saying: You-be not fearing: **I myself am the first and the last**

v18 **And the (one) living, and I-became dead and behold I-am living into the ages of-the ages, and I-am-having the keys of-the death and of-the hades.**

v19 You-write therefore things-which you-saw and things-which they-are and things-which it-is-about to-come-to-pass after these-things,

v20 **The mystery of-the seven stars** which you-saw on my right (hand), **and the seven lampstands**, namely-the (ones) made-of-gold. **The seven stars they-are messengers of-the seven assemblies, and the lampstands they-are the seven assemblies.**

**The Apostles of Jesus remain a sign to the Old and New Covenant assemblies:**

**Revelation 21:14** And the city-wall of-the city having twelve foundations, and on them twelve names of-the twelve apostles of-the lamb.



cont. **Zechariah 3:9** For, behold, **the stone** that I have set before Joshua; upon one stone are **seven eyes**: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith Jehovah of hosts, and **I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.**

**"Whenever a stone is used symbolically, it always refers to King Messiah."**  
- [David L Cooper](https://www.biblicalresearch.info/page706.html); <https://www.biblicalresearch.info/page706.html>

**Revelation 5:6** And I-saw in midst of-the throne and of-the four living-creatures and in midst of-the elders (a) lamb having-stood-and-still-standing as having-been-and-still-slain, having seven horns and **seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of-the God** having-been-and-still-dispatched into all the earth.

**Zechariah 3:10** In that day, saith Jehovah of hosts, shall ye invite every man his neighbor under the vine and under the fig-tree.

**Jeremiah 31:31** "Behold, **the days come**, saith Jehovah, that **I will make a NEW COVENANT** [בְּרִית חֲדָשָׁה] **with the house of Israel**, and with the house of Judah: 32 **not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers** in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although **I was a husband unto them**, saith Jehovah. 33 But **this is the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith Jehovah: **I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people**: 34 and **they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for they shall all know me**, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Jehovah: for I will **forgive their iniquity**, and their **sin will I remember no more.**" -

**Ezekiel 36:26** **A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.**

27 And I will put **my Spirit within you**, and cause **you to walk in my statutes**, and **ye shall keep mine ordinances, and do them.**

28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and **ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.**

**Romans 11:26** And thus **all Israel will-be-saved**, according-as it-has-been-and-still-is-written: The (one) delivering will-be-present out-of Sion, he-will-turn-back impiety from Jacob.

v27 And this (is) **the covenant from me to-them, at-the-time-that I-might-remove-for-myself their sins**

**Zechariah 4:1** And the angel that talked with me came again, **and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep.**

**Matthew 25:5** But (as) the bridegroom (is) lingering **they all became-drowsy and they-were-sleeping.**

v6 But of-midst of-night (a) clamor has-come-to-pass-and-still-is, **Behold, the bridegroom is-coming**, YOU-be-going-out into (a) meeting of-him.

**Zechariah 4:2** And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have seen, and, behold, a ~~andlestick~~ **lampstand all of gold, with its bowl upon the top of it, and its seven lamps thereon; there are seven pipes to each of the lamps, which are upon the top thereof;** 3 and **two olive-trees** by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.

4 And I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?

5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these are? And I said, No, my lord.

6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is **the word of Jehovah** unto Zerubbabel, saying, **Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit**, saith Jehovah of hosts.

7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain; and **he shall bring forth the top stone with shoutings of Grace, grace, unto it.**

**David L. Cooper explains:** *"We know that candlesticks and all types of lamps are used for the purpose of giving light where there is darkness. Naturally therefore one concludes that the candlestick here signifies that which gives light in darkness. This idea is confirmed by an examination of the first chapter of the Book of Revelation. There John was given a vision of seven golden candlesticks in the midst of which the glorified Son of Man was walking. He was informed that they signified or represented the seven churches of Asia. Thus those seven local congregations gave forth the light of truth in the heathen darkness about them.*

*Since the church during this age is functioning as Israel did in the Mosaic economy, we may be certain that the candlestick which was first in the Tabernacle and later in the Temple signified, Israel, who gave forth the light of the Word of God to the heathen world during that time.*

*But the candlestick as it was in the Jewish economy had to be cleansed and the oil replenished daily. This fact signified the imperfection of Israel during that time. In order to give forth light, there was the necessity for constant attention.*

*But this candlestick is an improved one, being connected with an inexhaustible supply of the oil which was burned to give the light. This oil comes from olive-trees connected by pipes to the candlestick. This arrangement therefore signifies that there will be a change in Israel's condition and that she will at some time be thus connected with the inexhaustible supply of that which enables her to shine with uninterrupted splendor.*

***These facts therefore present us with a prediction that at some time in the future Israel will be thus connected with God, the source of all light, and Messiah in such a way that she can give forth the light of His truth with uninterrupted blessing."***

<https://www.biblicalresearch.info/page707.html>

**Zechariah 6:11** yea, take of them silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua [ <sup>יְהוֹשֻׁעַ</sup> *Yéhowshuwa*, LXX: Ἰησοῦ Yaysou (Jesus!)] the son of Jehozadak, the high priest;

12 and speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts, saying, **Behold, the man whose name is the Branch** [ <sup>יְבִרְכָה</sup> LXX: ανατολή – *A-Rising-of-Light*]: and he shall grow up out of his place; and **he shall build the temple of Jehovah** [ <sup>יְבִרְכָה</sup>];

13 even **he shall build the temple** [LXX: οἶκον *dwelling-place*] **of Jehovah**; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

Jesus came. And he stopped the temple sacrifices:

**Mark 11:16** "And he-was not letting-be in-order-that any-one might-bring-through (an) article through the temple."

At this time, the sanctuary of God was Jesus:

**John 2:19** The Jesus answered and said to-them, **YOU-break-down this sanctuary, and in three days I-shall-raise it.**

v20 The Jews therefore said, In forty and six years this sanctuary was-built, and you yourself-will-raise it in three days?

v21 **But that (one) was-saying concerning the sanctuary of-his body.**

v22 **When therefore he-was-raised out-of dead (ones) his disciples were-made-mindful that he-was-saying this to-them, and they-trusted the scripture and the word which the Jesus said.**

The Naos/sanctuary of God is in you.

**1 Corinthians 3:16** "Are YOU not knowing absolutely that **YOU are the sanctuary** [ναός – *naos*] **of the God, and the spirit of God is dwelling** [οἰκεῖ - *oikei*] **in YOU?"**

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See also the article "[Branch of Righteousness](#)" by John Parsons.

[http://www.hebrew4christians.com/Scripture/Parashah/Summaries/Behaalotkha/Tzemach\\_Tzaddik/tzemach\\_tzaddik.html](http://www.hebrew4christians.com/Scripture/Parashah/Summaries/Behaalotkha/Tzemach_Tzaddik/tzemach_tzaddik.html)

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[A note on the colors of the robes Jesus wore at his arrest and trial in relation to the colors of the veil](#) [www.Cotopaxi-Colorado.com/BIBLE/Colors-of-Jesus-robes-match-veil.htm](http://www.Cotopaxi-Colorado.com/BIBLE/Colors-of-Jesus-robes-match-veil.htm)

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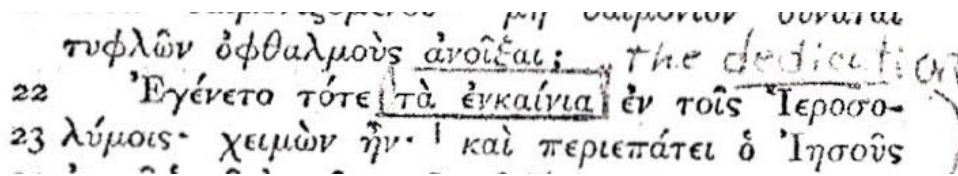
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## "the dedication" @ John 10:22

Interesting differences in the Greek Texts,  
Ralph Mount's "Gospel of John" course has this text:



ἐγκαίνια "enkainia" as opposed to ἐγκαινία *engkainia* in the T.R. and GNT morph texts:

Textus Receptus: Ἐγένετο δὲ τὰ ἐγκαινία ἐν τοῖς Ἱεροσολύμοις καὶ χειμῶν ἦν

GNT morph: ἐγένετο τότε τὰ ἐγκαίνια ἐν τοῖς Ἱεροσολύμοις χειμῶν ἦν

A typo in the Greek? *It certainly looks like a Nu rather than a Gamma...*

**Answer:** The texts have variant use of the same word here. See variant texts here:  
<https://biblehub.com/text/john/10-22.htm>

Example: Tischendorf, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition: Ἐγένετο δὲ τὰ ἐγκαίνια ἐν τοῖς Ἱεροσολύμοις χειμῶν ἦν.

Note Perschbacher's New Analytical Greek Lexicon, p113, "en + kainos".

So, when a novice like me sees, or rather looks at a "problem" in the Greek text, it probably isn't a problem.

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## Jesus was walking around.

**John 8:12** Again therefore the Jesus spoke to-them, saying, I myself-am the light of-the world; the (one) following me will by-no-means walk-around in the darkness, BUT he-will-have the light of-the life.

**John 10:22** But the dedication(s) came-to-pass in the Jerusalem, and it-was winter.  
v23 And the Jesus was-walking-around in the temple in the portico of-the Solomon.

v24 The Jews therefore encircled him, and they-were-saying to-him, Till at-what-time are-you-lifting-up our soul? If you yourself-are the Messiah, you-say-(so) to-us with-boldness-of-speech.

v25 The Jesus answered to-them, I-said to-YOU, and YOU-are not trusting. The works which I myself-am doing in the name of-my Father, these-(things) (are)-bearing-witness concerning me;

v26 BUT YOU yourselves-are not trusting. For YOU-are not out-of the sheep namely-the mine, according-as I-said to-YOU.

v27 The sheep namely-the mine are-hearing of-my voice, and-I myself-am-coming-to-know them, and they-are-following me;

v28 And-I myself-am-giving life eternal to-them; and by-no-means might-they-perish with-reference-to the age, and **not anyone will-seize them out-of my hand.**

v29 My Father who has-given-and-is-still-giving to-me is greater (than)-all, **and no-one is-being-able to-be-seizing out-of the hand of-my Father.**

v30 **I and the Father are one.**

v31 The Jews therefore again bore stones in-order-that they-might-stone him.

v32 The Jesus answered to-them, Many fine works I-pointed-out to-YOU out-of my Father; because-of what-sort-of work of-them are-YOU-stoning me?

v33 The Jews therefore answered to-him saying, We-are-not stoning you concerning fine work, BUT concerning blasphemy, and because you being MAN, you-are-making yourself God.

v34 The Jesus answered to-them, Is-it not having-been-and-still-written in YOUR law, I myself-said, YOU-are gods?

v35 if those he-said gods, to-whom the word of-the God came-to-be, and the scripture is not being-able to-be-broken,

v36 Whom the Father made-holy and dispatched into the world, are-YOU yourselves saying, that you-are-blaspheming, because I-said, I-am son of-the God?

v37 If I-am not doing the works of-my Father, YOU-be not trusting me;

v38 But if I-am-doing, even-if YOU-might not be-trusting me, YOU-trust in-the works, in-order-that YOU-might-come-to-know and You-might-trust that the Father (is) in me, and-I in him.

v39 They-were therefore seeking again to-arrest him, and he-went-out out-of their hand.

## Happy Hanukkah?

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**Psalm 82:5** They know not, neither do they understand; They walk to and fro in darkness: All the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 I said, Ye are gods, And all of you sons of the Most High.

7 Nevertheless ye shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; For thou shalt inherit all the nations.

Read about God's great plan of mercy given to both Jew and Gentile at Rom. 11:31-36.

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## Light and Darkness

**Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

2 And the earth was waste and void; and darkness (חֹשֶׁךְ choshek) was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness (חֹשֶׁךְ choshek).

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness (חֹשֶׁךְ choshek) he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one (אֶחָד echad) day (יוֹם yowm).

**Psalm 18:11** He made darkness (חֹשֶׁךְ choshek) his hiding-place, his pavilion round about him, Darkness (חַשְׁכָּה chashekah) of waters, thick clouds of the skies.

**Deuteronomy 4:11** And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the heart of heaven, with darkness (חֹשֶׁךְ choshek), cloud, and thick (עֲרַפֵּל araphel) darkness (עֲרַפֵּל araphel).

**Exodus 20:21** And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick (עֲרַפֵּל araphel) darkness (עֲרַפֵּל araphel) where God was

**Psalm 139:11** If I say, Surely the darkness (חֹשֶׁךְ choshek) shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"

**Psalm 139:12** even the darkness (חֹשֶׁךְ choshek) is not dark (חֹשֶׁךְ choshek) to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness (חַשְׁכָּה chashekah) is as light with you.

Gen.1:5 Note: after the separation, Day & Night, Light & Darkness are "echad" - ONE. This may be a hopeful view...there's not darkness in YHVH, but he makes darkness his pavilion...and lets HIS LIGHT shine forth...those that "go to that Light" (believers) are echad with YHVH Yeshua (Eph.5:30-32). REMEMBER: EVERYTHING OUTSIDE OF YHVH IS RELATIVE DARKNESS.....and this includes orthodox Judaism (God blinded them (Rom.11:8) and believers are NOT grafted into the Judaism that rejects Yeshua as Messiah and YHVH.Rom.11:16-17)....still though, they are in YHVH'S PAVILION. Read about God's great mercy to Jew and Gentile at Romans 11:31-36.

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Thanks Biblical Creation web for pointing out the fact that pearls must have human contact in order to live or "shine".

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it." **Matt 13:45-46**

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### **Hanukkah Habakkuk Maccabees Faith**

**Mark 11:16** "And he was not letting be in order that any one might bring through (an) article through the temple." - *wouldn't this include the "articles" needed for traditional celebrations, and not just for the Levitical service?*

A question came up about "**stop the Temple sacrifices**" as per *Mark 11:16 and Jer.31:32*

*So I have some extra scripture, history and comments on a separate page here:*

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### **On being comfortable:**

Matthew 27:51 and Hebrews 10:19-20 confirm the Levitical priesthood's end:

**Matthew 27:51** "And behold the veil of the sanctuary was split into two, from above till below"

**Hebrews 10:19-20** "Having therefore brothers, boldness of speech with reference to the entering in of the holy ones in the blood of Jesus, which (entering in) he dedicated for us (a way recently slain and living, **through the veil, this is his flesh,**"

**1 Thessalonians 4:18** "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

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