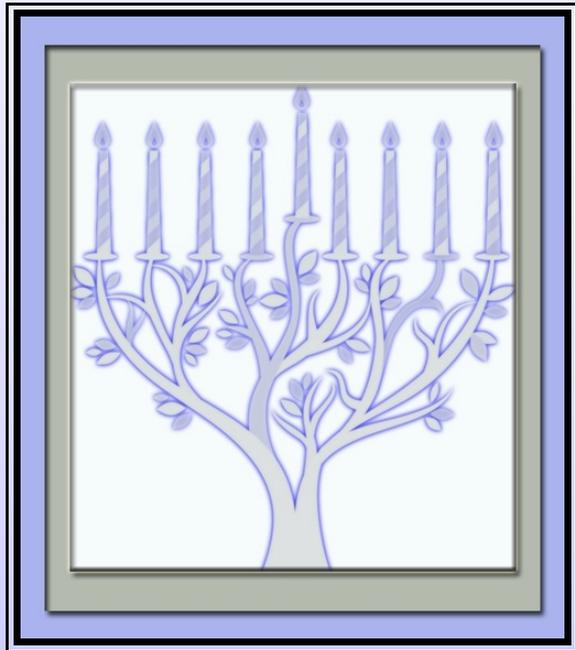


Celebrating Hanukkah



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A Messianic Hanukkah Blessing:

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam, asher kidushanu b'Yeshua, asher bismo madlikim anachnu ner shell chanukah.

Praised are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us in Yeshua, in whose name we light the Hanukkah lights.

Suggested Readings for Lighting the Shamash (Servant Candle)

Isaiah 49:3 - The Father said to Messiah Yeshua, "You are My Servant, Israel, In Whom I will show My glory."

Mark 10:44-45 - Messiah Yeshua said, "Whoever wishes to be first among you shall be the servant of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

First Night Reading

Genesis 1:2-4 - Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness and He called the light day, and the darkness He called night.

John 1:1-4 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.

John 1:4-5 - Yeshua said, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 8:12 - In Me is life, and the life is the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

I Peter 2:9-10 - We are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that we may proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but now the people of Elohim, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Second Night Reading

Isaiah 60:1 - Rise up in splendor! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

John 12:46 - Yeshua said, "I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness."

Acts 13:47 - The Lord says of us, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles/Nations, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

Acts 26:18 - Like Paul, we are called to help open eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to Elohim, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me [Yeshua].

Third Night Reading

Psalm 18:28 - You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns darkness into light.

John 8:12 - Yeshua said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

II Peter 1:19 - We have the Word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Fourth Night Reading

Psalm 97:11 - Light is shed on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.

John 12:46 - Yeshua said, "I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness."

Ephesians 5:8 - It is said of us, "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, walk as children of light."

II Corinthians 4:6 - God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Yeshua.

Fifth Night Reading

Isaiah 42:6 - I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles.

Luke 11:33 - No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lamp stand, so those who come in may see the light.

I John 1:7 - If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Messiah Yeshua His Son cleanses us from all sin.

I John 2:10 - He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

Sixth Night Reading

Psalm 119:105 - Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Isaiah 58:10 - If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday.

Romans 13:12 - The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Matthew 5:16 - Therefore let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Seventh Night Reading

Psalm 36:9 - With you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Matthew 5:14-15 - You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

John 12:35-36 - Yeshua said, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

Eighth Night Reading

Psalm 119:105 - Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Isaiah 60:1 - Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of YHVH is risen upon you.

Isaiah 2:5 - O house of Jacob, come and let us walk In the light of YHVH.

Isaiah 49:6 - The Father said of Messiah Yeshua, "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

I Peter 2:9 - Peter said of us, "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Romans 13:12 - The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

I Thessalonians 5:4-5 - We, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this day should overtake us as a thief. We are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night, nor of darkness.



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