

A young man with short dark hair is shown in profile, looking down at a menorah. He is lighting the candles. The menorah has several lit candles with flames. The background is a warm, orange-toned image of a menorah with lit candles, creating a soft, glowing atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

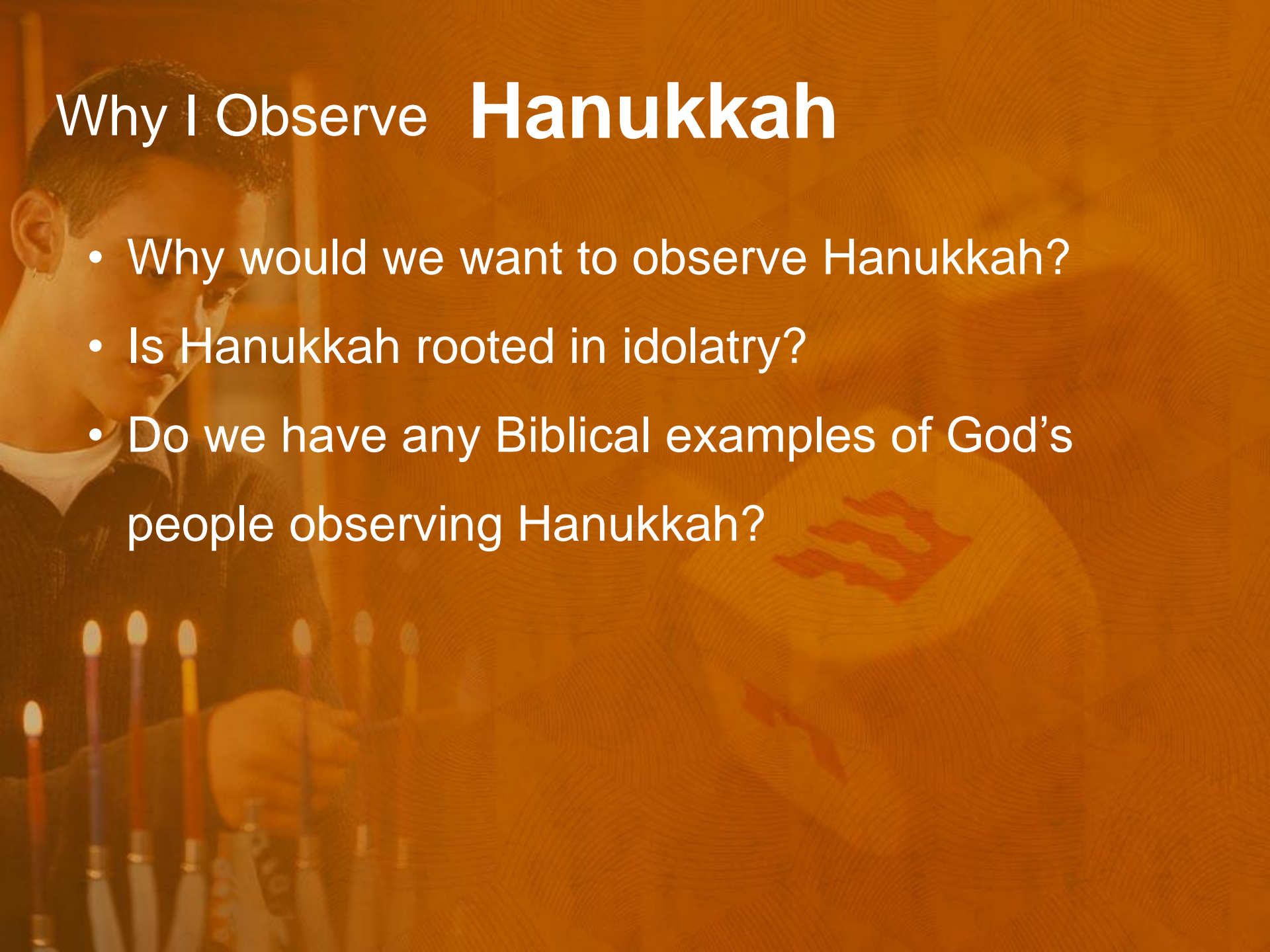
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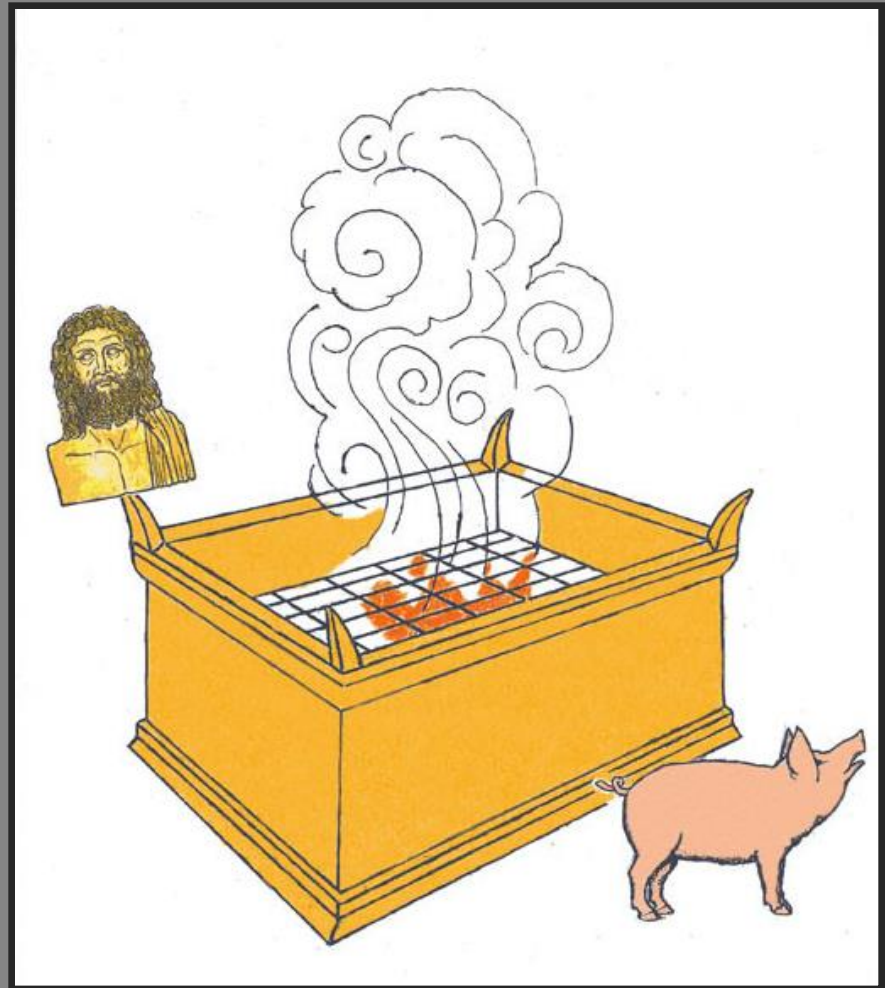
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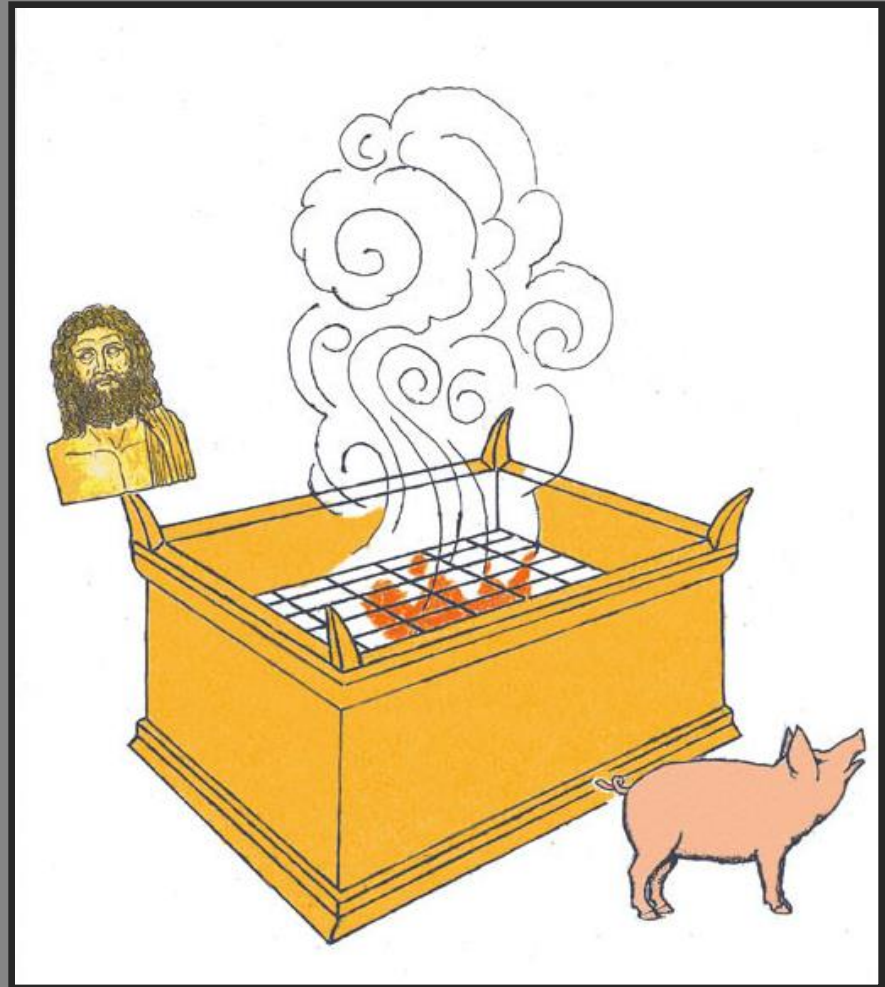
the Festival of Lights

Why I Observe **Hanukkah**

- Why would we want to observe Hanukkah?
- Is Hanukkah rooted in idolatry?
- Do we have any Biblical examples of God's people observing Hanukkah?







NRS **1 Maccabees 1:49** . . . so that they would forget the law and change all the ordinances.

NRS 1 Maccabees 4:59

Then Judas and his brothers and all the assembly of Israel determined that every year at that season the days of dedication of the altar should be observed with joy and gladness for eight days, beginning with the twenty-fifth day of the month of Chislev.



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" The battle over G-d's Word would have not occurred . . . Instead, G-d's people would have quietly disappeared into the melee of Hellenism.

Richard Spurlock



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- Provoke Judah to Jealousy



NKJ Romans 11:11 ¹¹ I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation *has come* to the Gentiles.

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ESV Deuteronomy 12:29-31 ²⁹ "When the LORD your God cuts off before you the nations whom you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land, ³⁰ take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?- that I also may do the same.' ³¹ You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.

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- Chanukkah is the name of a pagan god

The word CHUN KAH comes from CHUIN who was a false god in Israel and in Babylon. I Chronicles 18:8 tells us that this City named CHUN was in Samaria and that it was a Brass-making center. The Root of this word is KUIN for the false god for whom that city was named which is Strong's Number #3594. This idol symbol was also known as Baal-Peor.

name withheld to hide the identity of the guilty.

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^{ESV} **Numbers 7:10** And the chiefs offered offerings for the dedication of the altar on the day it was anointed; and the chiefs offered their offering before the altar.

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chanak - חָנַךְ (Strong's 2596)

NKJ **Proverbs 22:6** Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

Dedicate, train up

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^{NKJ} **Matthew 16:18** "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."



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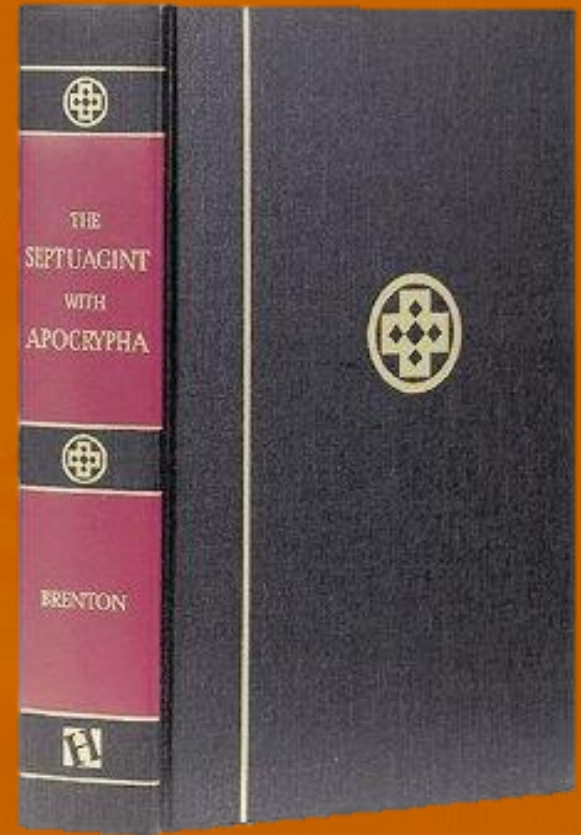


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NKJ John 10:22-24 Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. ²³ And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. ²⁴ Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."



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- It helps to reinforce our walk, especially as more people are drawn back to this way of life
- It commemorates a people who were willing to stand up against great odds to preserve the Hebrew way of life
- It provides insight into prophecy
- It provides an avenue whereby we can fulfill our role to making Judah jealous for YHVH
- It's not based in a previous pagan practice, that is – as long as we don't bring paganism into it
- Yeshua did it.

A young boy is shown in profile, lighting a menorah. The scene is overlaid with a warm orange filter. The menorah has several lit candles, and the boy's face is partially visible as he focuses on the task.

שְׁלוֹם לָכֶם

Shalom Alechim

Peace be Unto You