Hanukkah is not a commanded feast.

Cycles continue even today and in the future.

* We will be delivered once again for the hand of the enemy.
* What will we do when we are delivered once again.
	+ Turn to God, our rock, our savior, or …
	+ Turn to our own strengths, power, wisdom and might.

John 10:22 Then came Hanukkah in Yerushalayim.

* Evidence establishes the truth.
* Our job is to present evidence to the best of our ability in teachings,
	+ And let the Holy Spirit move upon the people’s hearts.

**Psalms 30:1** A PsalmH4210 *and* SongH7892 *at* the dedicationH2598 of the houseH1004 of David.H1732

**H2598**

חֲנֻכָּה

chănûkkâh

khan-ook-kaw'

From H2596; initiation, that is, consecration: - dedicating (-tion).

* Total KJV occurrences: 8

Dedication of what?

* The Altar.
	+ It would make sense that Yeshua would be in the Temple during the Feast of Dedication. (?)

Altars have a very important role throughout the scripture.

* Genesis 4 (Cain and Abel)
	+ They were bringing an offering to Adonai.
	+ Offerings are brought to an altar.
* **Gen 8:20**  Noach **built an altar** to Adonai.
* **Gen 12:7**  Adonai appeared to Avram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." So he **built an altar** there to Adonai, who had appeared to him.
* **Gen 22:9**  They came to the place God had told him about; and Avraham **built the altar** there, set the wood in order, bound Yitz'chak his son and laid him on the altar, on the wood.
* **Gen 26:25**  There he **built an altar** and called on the name of Adonai. He pitched his tent there, and there Yitz'chak's servants dug a well.
* **Gen 35:1**  God said to Ya`akov, "Get up, go up to Beit-El and live there, and **make there an altar** to God, who appeared to you when you fled `Esav your brother."

**The Tribulation will start because of the profaning of the Altar.**

**Mat 24:15**  "So when you see the abomination that causes desolation spoken about through the prophet Dani'el standing in the Holy Place" (let the reader understand the allusion),

* **Dan 12:11** From the time the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.

The Altar is God’s signet on the earth.

* Psalms 24 (the Psalm sang over the Altar.)
	+ Everything that touches the Altar when it is up and dedicated, is Holy and belongs to God.
	+ The Altar represents God’s authority, His Ownership and Kingship on the earth.

All that may be needed just before the start of the tribulation, the Altar.

* 2 Samuel 24:18-25 (:25 Then David built an altar to Adonai)
	+ The Altar was built first, without the Altar the Temple is just a building.
		- Now the Temple becomes the House of God.

John 10:22-23 Why does John record for us that Yeshua is here during the feast of Dedication since it is not a commanded feast?

* He wasn’t commanded to be there.
* Why do we need to know that Yeshua was there?
	+ Hanukkah is not one of the foot festivals.
		- Why?

Hanukkah is not a modern holiday.

* Hanukkah is a national holiday, established years before Yeshua.

In Haggai 2:1 … this word of Adonai came through Hagai the prophet:

* To rebuild the temple around 100 years before Hanukkah.
* Hagai 2:10 On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month …
* Haggai 2:15  Now, please, from this day on, **keep this in mind**: before you began laying stones on each other to **rebuild the temple** of Adonai,

Scripture being used as a precedent for a custom.

* Every custom in Israel is taken from scripture,
	+ Some taken out of context. Possibly.

**John 10:23-30** and Yeshua was walking around inside the Temple area, in Shlomo's Colonnade.

* During the feast rededication, Yeshua is reminding the Judeans surrounding Him own authority He is coming in.
	+ He is pointing the people back to the Father.
	+ As the people are celebrating victory over Antiochus the oppressor,
	+ And they are being oppressed once again by the Romans.
	+ And by spiritual death.

The leadership was not standing up for want was right and Godly but were being Hellenized by the oppressor they were under.

* The Father was sending His Son to bring order to the House of God.
* The House of God with the Altar is God signet here on the earth.
	+ At this time the priesthood was corrupt.
	+ Annas and Caiaphas were not legitimate priest.
* The corruption had overtaken the priesthood, the kingship and the people.
* **2Ch 24:20-22**  The Spirit of God covered **Z'kharyah** the son of Y'hoyada the cohen; he stood above the people and addressed them: "Thus says God: 'Why are you transgressing the mitzvot of Adonai and courting disaster? Because you have abandoned Adonai, he has abandoned you." …
	+ **Joh 10:31** Once again the Judeans **picked up rocks** in order to stone him.

The rededication was a result of what Antiochus had done to the Altar.

* He had profaned the Altar by putting a pig on the Altar.
* And putting ab image of Zeus in the Temple.
	+ This is profaning, an abomination, defilement.

**Exodus 29:36-**

* **Exo 29:37**  Seven days you will make atonement on the altar and consecrate it; thus the **altar will be especially holy**, and whatever touches the altar will become holy.
	+ sanctifyH6942
		- Set apart, Holy, Consecrated
	+ What is the opposite of sanctified: profane or common. Can be used by everyone.
		- The Feast, the Shabbat, the Temple, the Priesthood, the Altar …
* **Exo 29:39**  The one lamb you are to offer in the morning and the other lamb at dusk.
	+ **Dan 12:11**  From the time the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.
		- The morning and evening lambs = the regular burnt offering.
			* How is the abomination caused?
				+ Not just by someone not consecrated, touching the Altar but putting a pig on the Altar as Antiochus did.

The story of Hanukkah is about what the Anti-Christ will do during the tribulation.

* Seven (28:27) days for the Altar for atonement and consecration and on the 8th day the Altar is consecrated and especially holy, whatever touches the Altar will become holy.