

Shabbetai Zvi and the Mystical Movements

16th Century – New Jewish Currents

- Beit Yosef and the end of Rishonim
- Historiography – The 10 works
- Renaissance of Aggadah – Eyn Yaakov, Me'or Einayim, Maharal
- Renaissance of Kabbalah in Tzfat and the Arizal

16th Century – Historical Context

- Printing Press
- Spanish Expulsion
- Burning of the Talmud
- Printing of the Zohar
- New continents
- Scientific Discoveries – Early Modern Science
- Collection of Curiosities – Rudolph II
- Renaissance and *Ad Fontes*

17th Century

- בשנת היובל הזא"ת תשובו איש אל אחוזתו (זהר ח"א קלט,ב)
- 1648 – Bogdan Chmielnicki and the Cossack Massacres
- “Chmiel the Wicked” – חמיל ימ"ש: ח'בלי מ'שיח י'בואו 'לכם –
- הג"ר יחיאל מיכל מנעמירוב: "חבלי משיח" בגימטריא ת"ח
- Luther, Protestantism, Puritanism and Millennialism
- Spreading of Mystical Messianism
- R Menasseh ben Israel – *Piedra Gloriosa* 1655, *Hope of Israel* 1652

Piedra Gloriosa – Rembrandt 1655



Shabbetai Zvi – The Beginning

- Born on August 1, 1626 (9 of Av) in Smyrna
- 1648 – First Wife and Divorce
- 1650 – Antinomian Behavior - מתיר אסורים – Utters Shem Shamayim
- 1653 – Cherem and leaves Smyrna
- Thessaloniki – Married a Sefer Torah
- Constantinople – Fish as baby - Flagged and Imprisoned
- 1664 – Sara bat Meir

Shabbetai Zvi – The Movement I

- Natan HaAzati – 22 yr old Natan of Gaza
- Lurianic Kabbalah
- 1664 – Messianic Message
- 1665 – Shabbetai Zvi meeting
- Lost manuscript
- Cancellation of 9 Av
- Tikkunim
- Gaza

Shabbetai Zvi – The Movement II

- Amsterdam, Poland, Morocco - All the way to South America
- 1665 – Back to Smyrna and Marriage to Sara
- 1666 – Fifth Monarchy in London
- 1666 – The Year of Expectation: Smyrna, Amsterdam and Poland
- 1666 - Return to Constantinople and the Sultan Ahmet Pasha
- Imprisoned in Gallipoli
- November 1666 – Conversion to Islam
- 1680 – Death

Smyrna 1665

- R Chaim Benveniste – *Kneset Ha-Gedolah*



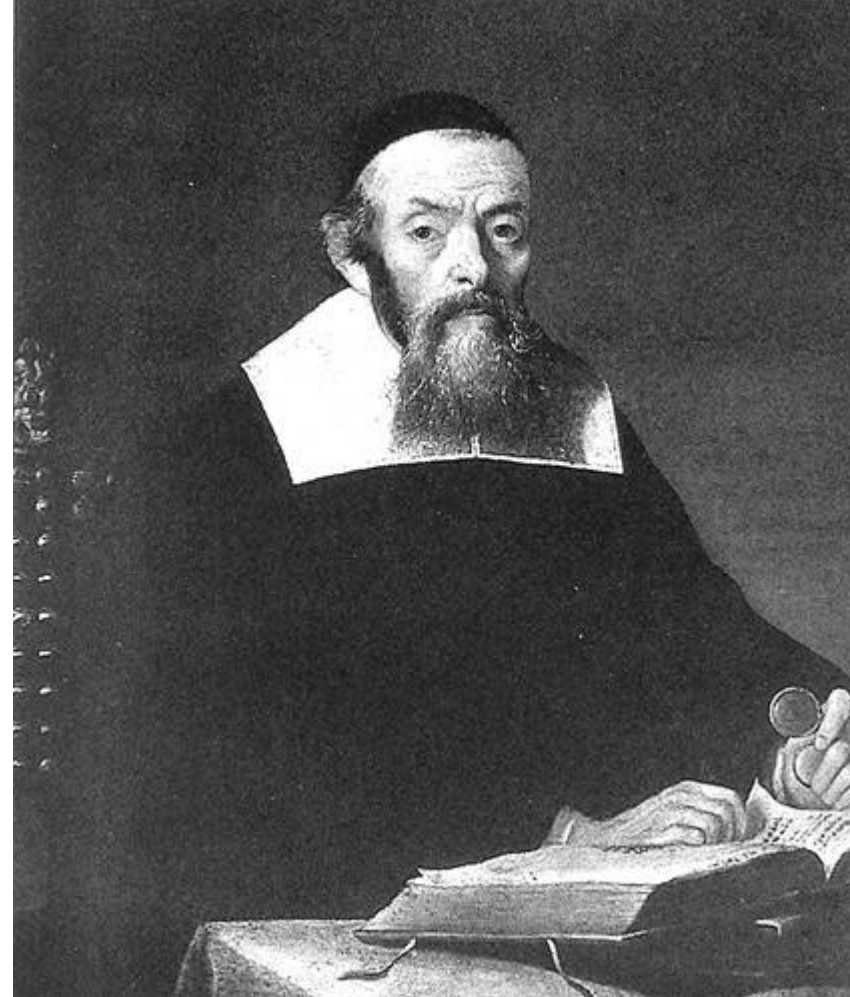
Amsterdam - Followers

- R Yitzchak Aboab da Fonseca
- Brazil 1642-1654
- Amsterdam 1654-1666



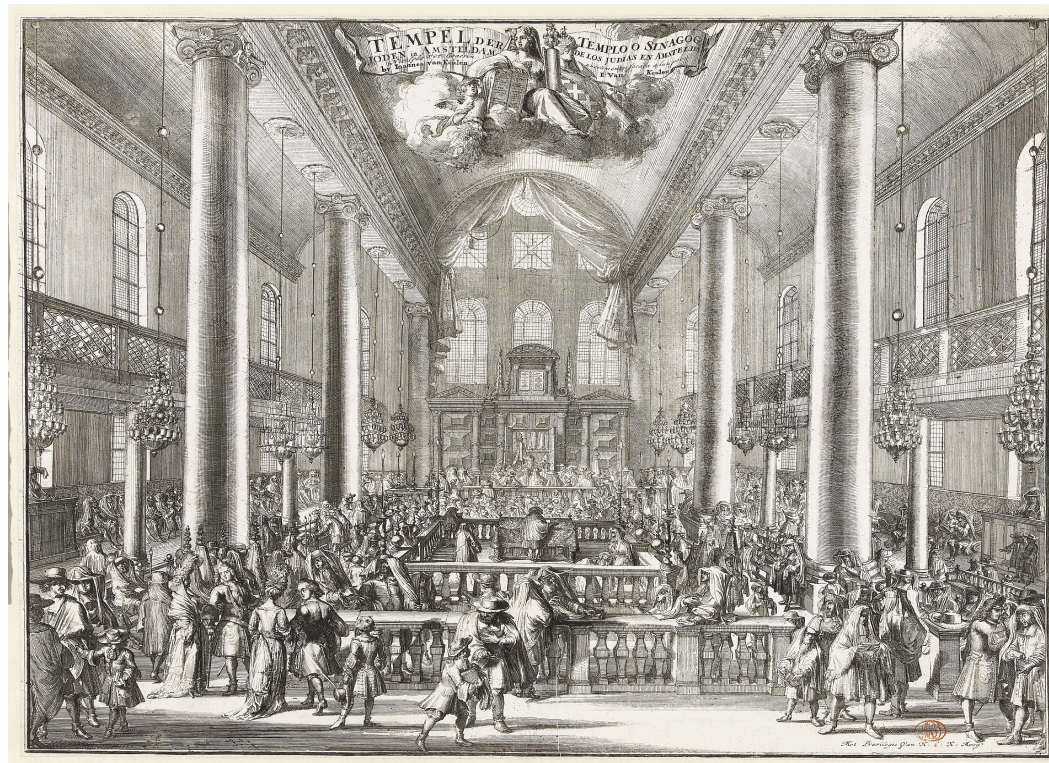
Amsterdam - Opponent

- R Yaakov Sasportas
- 1693 – Haham in Amsterdam
- *Zizat Novel Tzvi* - 1666-1676



The Aftermath – Amsterdam I

- 1675 – *Mikdash Me'at* – Spanish Portuguese



The Aftermath – Amsterdam II

- Abraham Miguel and Isaac Cardozo
- R Moshe Hagiz – *Sfat Emet*
- Nehemiah Hayyun – *Oz L'Elokim (Mehemnuta de Kola)*
- R Yosef Ergas – *Ha-Tzad Nachash*
- Chacham Zvi - 1703
- R Shlomo Ayalon (1660-1728)
- R Moshe Chaim Luzzatto - Ramchal

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