

Great Controversies



**A Changing World
1500's - 1700's**

**The Rabbi Eibeshitz/
Rabbi Emden
Controversy**

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Great Controversies in Jewish History

The False Messiahs (Part 2): The 100 Year Fallout

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I. The Shabbatai Tzvi Fallout

A. For the next 100 years, reverberations are felt

- a. Witch-hunt
- b. Longevity
 - i. The bitter choice

B. Donmeh Jews

- a. Turkey, founded by Shabbatai Tzvi's 4th wife

C. Yosef ben Tzur (1683)

- a. Moroccan peasant

D. R' Yaakov Emden – R" Yenossan Eibeshutz

- a. Rav Yaakov Emden (1697 - 1776, known as Yaavetz)
 - i. Father was Chachom Tzvi
 - ii. Campaigned against Ramchal – R' Moshe Chaim Luzzato
 - iii. Had a personal shul and ran a printing press
- b. Rav Yenossan Eibeshutz (1690 - 1764)
 - i. Became rav of triple community in 1750
 - ii. An amulet was discovered to be questionable and r' Emden claimed he was a Sabbatean

E. Yaakov Frank (1726 - 1791)

- a. 1750's claimed to be reincarnation of Shabatai Tzvi
- b. Converted to Christianity
 - i. Took over 25,000 Poles with him