

**Exploring the Everlasting Covenant**  
*For Families Rediscovering Their Biblical Roots*

**THE  
COVENANT**



**Book 1**

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Faith & Fun-filled Study of the  
Master Theme of the Bible*

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### **The Covenant Book 1**

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## ***LESSON 1 – HAVE YOU DISCOVERED YOUR BIBLICAL ROOTS?***

### **LESSON PURPOSE**

The purpose of this lesson is to discover the reasons why Christians should learn the biblical Hebraic roots of their faith and how this can benefit their lives.

### **LESSON OUTLINE**

#### **A. Returning to Our Roots**

#### **B. Benefits of Learning Our Roots**

- 1. A Fuller and Clearer Understanding of the Bible
- 2. Exciting New Insights about the Teachings of Jesus
- 3. Clarification of Paul's Writings
- 4. Clearer Comprehension of God's Plan of Redemption and Prophetic Seasons
- 5. Become a Better Follower of Jesus

### **LESSON INSTRUCTIONS**

Complete the following steps in order to properly understand this lesson.

#### **Step 1 - Reading Assignment**

Read the following lesson.

#### **Step 2 - Scripture Meditation Assignment**

Meditate on the specified Scriptures by answering the question in the space provided.

#### **Step 3 - Fun and Games**

Complete the fun and games exercise.

#### **Step 4 - Lesson Review**

Answer the questions in the space provided

#### **Step 5 - Life Application & Personal Growth**

In the space provided, explain how you can apply the information to your life.

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Have you discovered your roots? People all over the world are searching for their roots. Likewise, Christians are searching for their spiritual roots.

Most do not realize there was a vital connection between Christianity and Judaism that was severed by the Christian church centuries ago. Biblical Judaism and biblical Christianity, which the Lord intended to be one, went their separate ways with tragic consequences for both.



Remember you do not support the root  
but the root supports you  
Romans 11:18

We are living in a new spiritual season when the Lord is calling Christians back to their biblical roots. The biblical root of Christianity grew from an everlasting covenant God made with Abraham. Christians become part of that root through their acceptance of Jesus as Messiah and Lord.

Why should Christians explore the everlasting covenant? Why should we discover our roots? How can we benefit from such a study? Believers who are discovering their roots are experiencing

profound changes in their lives. Their understanding of the Bible becomes richer, deeper, and clearer with new and powerful insights. Their walk with God is energized and their love relationship with Jesus is rekindled.

Do you desire these wonderful benefits in your life? You can experience them in this course. Thousands who have discovered their roots through the everlasting covenant can testify that their lives have been profoundly changed.

**A. Returning to Our Roots**

The biblical root of our Christian faith is Hebraic and comes to us from the Jewish people. “Hebraic” is not a word that we commonly use in Christian circles. It sounds old and foreign.

The word Hebrew simply means to “cross over” and refers to the fact that Abraham crossed over the Euphrates when he left his land for the land God promised him. There God made an everlasting covenant with Abraham. Abraham crossed over from being a natural man to a covenant man.

Since Jesus was a Jewish descendant of Abraham, Christians become part of the everlasting covenant through faith in Him.

So, the phrase “Hebraic/Jewish roots of Christianity” simply means there was 2,000 years of Hebrew history, culture, language, traditions and customs that were the roots from which Christianity grew. In order to understand

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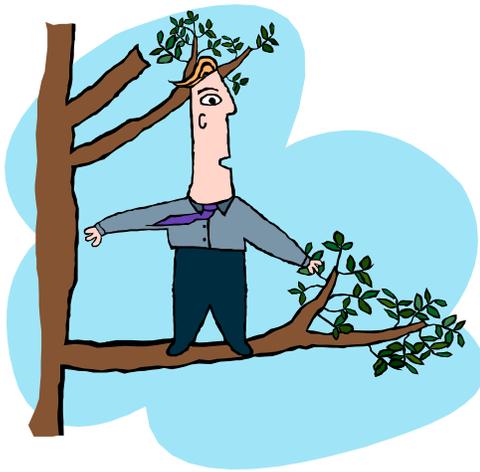
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the New Testament the way the writers intended for us to understand it, we must study it within the context of its Hebraic/Jewish roots.

It was a Jewish rabbi from Tarsus, known as the apostle Paul, who wrote these words to the Christians in Rome, *For whatever things were written before were written for our learning ... (Romans 15:4).*



**The Root and the Branches**

*Do not boast against the branches (Jews). But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root (the Hebraic origins of our faith), but the root supports you (Christianity) (Romans 11:18).*

The root is the origin, the cause, the source that establishes and gives life to that which is attached to the root. The more we learn about our Hebraic/Jewish

roots, the more fruitful we can be in our Christian lives.

**B. Benefits of Learning Our Roots**

Discovering the biblical roots of Christianity can bless us in many wonderful ways. We will learn some of the more important benefits in this introductory lesson.

**Benefits of Learning Our Roots**

- A fuller and clearer understanding of the Bible
- Exciting new insights about the teachings of Jesus
- Clarification of Paul's writings
- Clearer comprehension of God's plan of redemption and prophetic seasons
- A better follower of Jesus

**1. Fuller and Clearer Understanding of the Bible**

While we Christians in America view life with a Western mind and worldview, the Bible was written by Abraham's descendants who had a Hebraic culture, language, and worldview. This presents a real problem and challenge. We have a Middle-Eastern book that we seek to understand from our Western culture. These cultures are vastly different.

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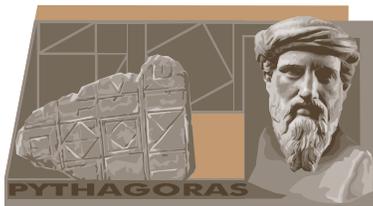
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It is difficult for Westerners to understand the Middle-Eastern culture and worldview from which the Bible was written. Furthermore, the Western mind has been influenced more by Greek philosophy than Hebrew thought.



This is why it is so important for us to study the biblical Hebraic/Jewish roots of Christianity. Reading the Bible through Hebrew eyes gives us a fuller, richer, and clearer understanding of the text. It enlarges, clarifies and gives detail to the meaning of what we are reading.

Most of us are familiar with the 3-dimensional drawings that have recently become popular. When you first look at these drawings, you only see them a certain way on the surface. But if you look past the surface, you can see a full rich, background of detail that you would never know was there otherwise. You are seeing it through the eyes of the artist. It is simply a matter of perception.

When we see the stories of the Bible through Hebrew eyes, the Bible become much richer, deeper, and clearer with more detail than we could ever imagine. We gain new and powerful insights and clarity of vision and understanding because we perceive the Bible through the eyes of the writers.

**2. Exciting New Insights About the Teachings of Jesus**

While Christians have a good understanding of the divinity of Jesus, few know Jesus the man. Every culture makes Jesus over into their image. Those of us who live in America think of Jesus in American terms. Europeans see Jesus as a European. Religious groups get upset when they realize that Jesus was not a member of their denomination. The PLO wants to make Jesus into a Palestinian.

Jesus was a Jew born into a Jewish family in the Jewish village of Bethlehem in the land of Israel. He kept all the laws of God as well as the customs and traditions that honored God and benefited people.

Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day and was dedicated to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the Temple in Jerusalem (Genesis 17:12; Leviticus 12:3; Luke 2:21). Jesus was raised in Nazareth in a very poor Jewish family (Luke 2:24). He had four step-brothers and two step-sisters (Matthew 13:55-56).



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**Jesus**

- Read the Jewish Scriptures*  
(Luke 4:16-21)
- Spoke Hebrew*  
(Acts 26:14)
- Wore Jewish clothes*  
(Matthew 9:20)
- Ate only biblically kosher food*  
(Matthew 26:26-28)
- Kept the Jewish Sabbath*  
(Luke 4:16)
- Celebrated the biblical feasts*  
(John 7:1-10, 37-39)
- Followed Jewish customs*  
(Matt. 8:1-4)
- Lived His entire life as a Torah (Hebrew for law)-observant Jew*  
(Matthew 2:22-23; Luke 2:39-40)

**Jesus**

1. Ministered as an itinerant rabbi to the poor and needy (Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 4:16-21).
2. Performed miracles similar to those performed by other rabbis plus other miracles ordinary rabbis could not perform (Isaiah 35:4-6; Matthew 11:1-6).



3. Presented Himself as the Jewish Messiah and Savior to the Gentiles (John 10:22-23).
4. Was rejected as Messiah by a small handful of powerful Sadducean priests (Matthew 27:1,20; Luke 2:22).

5. Had thousands of followers from the ordinary people (John 11:47-50, 53).

**Jesus' Followers**

- ✓ Were Jews
- ✓ Worshipped on Saturday
- ✓ Attended the Synagogue
- ✓ Celebrated the feasts
- ✓ Acknowledged Jesus as the Jewish Lord
- ✓ Wrote the "Jewish" New Testament
- ✓ Lived a *Torah*-observant lifestyle

When the church was taken over by the Gentiles, the Jewish believers were forced to deny their Jewishness and conform to the Greco-Roman beliefs and practices which were being incorporated into the organized church.

The Jewish believers in Jesus either conformed or stayed to themselves and had to practice their New Testament beliefs in secret. They were not accepted by rabbinic Judaism of the second century of our era or by Gentile Christianity which replaced the Jesus movement of the New Testament.

**Greco-Roman**

In the fourth century of our era the Roman Emperor Constantine stripped Christianity of its Hebraic-Jewish roots and incorporated Greek philosophy and Roman religious practices into the new religion which became known as Christianity. He imposed his decrees on the people which he enforced with the sword. He spread his Greco-Roman Christianity throughout Europe.

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Some Jewish believers assimilated into the Gentile church while others maintained their Jewish identity until the fourth and fifth centuries when they passed from the scene. From that time, until the late nineteenth century, the New Testament Jewish way of life ceased to exist. Jewish believers thereafter had little choice but to become part of the anti-Semitic, Greco-Roman, Gentile led church.



It is important to understand that Jesus and all His early followers were Jews who were deeply rooted in the rich Hebraic soil of their ancestors. They thought, taught, and lived out of this soil.

When we Christian believers study the biblical Hebraic/Jewish background and culture of the New Testament we will gain exciting new insights about Jesus. These new insights are really old insights that we have misinterpreted.

**3. Clarification of Paul's Writings**

Other than Jesus Himself, the apostle Paul is probably the most

misunderstood person of history. Both Christians and Jews believe Paul was an anti-law Jew who established a Gentile brand of Christianity that was different from his ancient faith. We learn otherwise when we study Paul's writings.

**The Apostle Paul**

- A Jew whose name was Sha'ul, the Hebrew form of the name Saul
- Born into a Jewish family of the tribe of Benjamin
- Circumcised according to the law
- A zealous Pharisee
- Considered himself a Hebrew of the Hebrews
- Kept all the customs and traditions of his people
- Lived his entire life as a Torah-observant Jew

Because Paul was an extraordinary student, he was taken to Jerusalem where he was privileged to study under Gamaliel, who was the leading moderate Pharisee teacher of his day and grandson of the great Rabbi and teacher, Hillel

Gamaliel had about 1,000 students in Jerusalem and Paul was at the top of the class. Paul was fluent in both Hebrew and Greek (Acts 21:37-40).

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**In Acts We Learn That Paul**

- ❖ Circumcised Timothy (Acts 16:3)
- ❖ Regularly attended synagogue (17:2)
- ❖ Took a Jewish vow (18:18)
- ❖ Hurried to Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Pentecost (18:21; 20:16)
- ❖ Paid for other Jews to offer sacrifices at the Temple (21:23-27)
- ❖ Claimed to have kept the laws and customs of his people (25:8; 28:17)

Furthermore, Paul assumed the Christians in Corinth would celebrate the Feast of Passover and exhorted them to do so in the proper attitude (1 Corinthians 5:6-8). This certainly does not sound like one who was against the law of God.



Because of the western cultural misunderstanding of the meaning of the word “law,” Paul is accused of being anti-law. We have been taught that Paul was a traitor to his people who started a

new religion called Christianity. This is not true according to Paul’s own words.

**Paul Wrote**

- ☑ *Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good (Romans 7:12).*
- ☑ *For we know that the law is spiritual ... (vrs. 14).*
- ☑ *For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man (vrs. 22).*

When we realize who Paul was and the background and education he had, certainly we see the need to study what Paul studied, our Hebraic/Jewish roots, in order to understand his letters as he intended for us to understand them. We must do our best to put ourselves in his culture and think his thoughts.

If we study Paul through our Western eyes, we will certainly misunderstand him. Unfortunately, this is what our early church fathers did, and they have passed down their cultural misinterpretations of Paul from one generation to the next, even to our own times.

**4. Clearer Comprehension of God’s Plan of Redemption and Prophetic Seasons**

Another benefit of studying our biblical Hebraic/Jewish roots is a clearer

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comprehension of God’s plan of redemption and prophetic seasons. These are best understood as the Feasts of the Lord. While Christianity considers the Feasts as “Jewish” holidays, they are actually the Lord’s holidays He gave as teaching aids for all believers.



The major moves of God in the Bible happened on Feast days which were spiritual pictures of God’s redemptive work in Jesus. Jesus not only kept every feast, He accomplished all of His redemptive activities on Feast days.

**Jesus Was**

- ❶ Crucified on Passover
- ❷ Buried on Unleavened Bread
- ❸ Resurrected on Firstfruits
- ❹ Sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost
- ❺ Will return at Tabernacles

Believers can celebrate these Feasts as we identify with Jesus and personalize His works of redemption in our lives.

The seven Feasts of the Lord are visual aids teaching believers the seven

steps of redemption in our walk with God.

- ❑ The Feast of Passover teaches us how to find peace with God through Jesus, our Passover Lamb.
- ❑ The Feasts of Unleavened Bread and Firstfruits teach us how to identify with Jesus in His burial and resurrection.
- ❑ The Feast of Pentecost teaches us the necessity for the power of God to live under the Lordship of Jesus.
- ❑ The Feast of Trumpets teaches us that Jesus is the Horn of our Salvation who gives us victory in spiritual warfare.
- ❑ The Feast of Atonement, teaches us that Jesus cleanses us as we humble ourselves and repent of sin.
- ❑ The Feast of Tabernacles teaches us that Jesus is our rest and source of joy as we trust and obey Him.



### **God's Prophetic Seasons**

The Feasts of the Lord also teach us God's prophetic seasons so we can discern the times in which we are living.

❖ In the 1500s God used Martin Luther to restore the spiritual reality of the Feast of Passover to the church.

❖ In the 1700's God used John and Charles Wesley to restore the spiritual reality of the Feasts of Unleavened Bread and Firstfruits.

❖ In 1906 God used the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to restore the spiritual reality of the Feast of Pentecost.

❖ God is now restoring Trumpets and Atonement in preparation for the restoration of the Feast of Tabernacles and His soon coming.

When we understand our biblical Hebraic/Jewish roots, Christians will know how to walk with God. We will realize that salvation has a definite beginning, a specific process, and a glorious ending both personally and corporately and how to apply the redemptive work of Jesus to our lives.

We will be able to discern the spiritual times and seasons in which we are living and what this means for our lives. This will help us move forward from what God did in the past to what God is currently doing in His on-going work of redemption.

### **5. A Better Follower of Jesus**

One last benefit of studying our Hebraic/Jewish roots is being a better follower of Jesus. Paul reminded Timothy that the "Holy Scriptures" makes us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 3:15).

The only Scripture available in Paul's time was the Hebrew Scriptures, the First Testament of the Bible. The New Testament did not become Scripture until later.

Studying the Hebrew Scriptures makes us wise for salvation through faith in Christ [Messiah] Jesus. But the Hebrew Scriptures were not written in a vacuum. They were written in a Hebraic culture that carried them through the centuries to the first century and time of Jesus.

### **The Hebrew Scriptures and Jesus**

By the time of Jesus, the Hebrew Scriptures were organized into three divisions. These were the:

- ✓ Law of Moses
- ✓ Prophets
- ✓ Psalms

After Jesus was resurrected, He said to His disciples, ... *These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be*

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*fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me (Luke 24:44).*

**Opening Their Understanding**

*And He [Jesus] opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ [Messiah] to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things (Luke 24:45-48).*

Jesus said that the Hebrew Scriptures were about Him. Jesus opened their spiritual understanding that they might comprehend the Scriptures. He taught them how the Hebrew Bible, (First Testament), with all of its surrounding history and culture, pointed to Him.



Jesus also said to two of His followers *O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to*

*have suffered these things and to enter into His glory And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself (Luke 24:25-26).*

Luke explains, *Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him. ... And they said to one another, Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us? (Luke 24:31-32).*

Jesus wants to open our spiritual understanding in this same way he did with His disciples. He wants us to learn the Hebraic/Jewish roots of our faith so we can know Him more fully and be better disciples.

May the Lord open our spiritual eyes to understand the Scriptures as He taught them to His disciples.

May our ears hear what they heard.

May our Lord's words burn within our hearts.

May our lives be changed forever as we explore the wonders of the "Everlasting Covenant."

**SCRIPTURE MEDITATION ASSIGNMENT**

Read the following Scriptures and write in the space provided how this knowledge can help you better understand the Bible and your relationship with God.

**Romans 11:18** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Romans 15:4:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Luke 24:44-48** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**FUN AND GAMES**

Complete the following exercise.

**WORD SCRAMBLE**

Each of the scrambled letters below represents key words in understanding the biblical Hebraic/Jewish roots of our faith. Unscramble the letters and write the words in the boxes that follow.

1. awl

2. tshpeopr

3. slmsap

4. estafs

5. aibclibl

6. rebaihc

7. orsot

(Answer Sheet – Page 16)

**LESSON REVIEW**

**Answer the questions in the space provided.**

1. The word “Hebrew” means: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What did Abraham do that made him a Hebrew?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. To properly understand the Bible, we must read it through the eyes of the writers.

True                       False

4. Jesus was a:

Christian    European    Jew    Palestinian    Catholic

5. Jesus lived and taught within the culture of His people.

True                       False

6. Jesus did away with the laws of God.

True                       False

7. The first followers of Jesus were:

Christians    Europeans    Jews    Palestinians    Catholics

8. The Apostle Paul forsook his heritage.

True                       False

9. Paul kept the traditions of his people.

True                       False

10. Paul was a traitor to his people who became the founder of Christianity.

True                       False

11. What did Paul say about God's Law?

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12. What did Constantine do to make Christianity acceptable to the Roman Empire?

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13. The term "Greco-Roman means: \_\_\_\_\_

14. The Feasts of the Lord are Jewish holidays.

True

False

15. Circle the correct answers for the following:

The Biblical Feasts are:

A. Passover B. Christmas C. Hanukkah D. Unleavened Bread E. Easter F. Firstfruits

G. Pentecost H. Sunday I. Purim J. Trumpets K. Atonement L. Tabernacles

16. God has prophetic seasons which He has revealed in the Feasts of the Lord.

True

False

17. According to Luke 24, what did Jesus say about the Hebrew Scriptures?

A. They were replaced by the New Testament

B. They were hard to understand

C. They taught about Him

D. They were no longer relevant

**(Answer Sheet – Page 17)**



***FUN AND GAMES***

**Complete the following exercise.**

**ANSWER SHEET**

1. Law
2. Prophets
3. Psalms
4. Feasts
5. Biblical
6. Hebraic
7. Roots

**LESSON REVIEW**

**Answer the questions in the space provided.**

**ANSWER SHEET**

1. To cross over
2. He crossed over from being a natural man to a covenant man
3. True
4. Jew
5. True
6. False
7. Jews
8. False
9. True
10. False
11. Holy, just, good and spiritual
12. Stripped Christianity of its Hebraic-Jewish roots and incorporated Greek philosophy and Roman religious practices
13. Greek and Roman beliefs and practices
14. False (the Lord's holy days)
15. A, D, F, G, J, K, L
16. True
17. C. They taught about Him