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natural olive – those who recognize their Hebraic roots.*

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## PREFACE

This is one of a number of books put together to try and assist the Messianic Community in their understanding of their Jewish roots and of the significance of the Hebraic roots to us as Messianic Community. In so doing we hope to bridge the gap between the physical experience of the Old Testament and the spiritual significance thereof in the New Jerusalem (Revelation). In this book the focus will be on spiritual warfare and the celebrating God's restoration of our roles as prophet, priest and king.

The journey toward my Hebraic roots began a few years ago when I attended a *Bar mitzvah* in a local *synagogue*. After the service they told this story:

- Every young man at the age of 13 hears goes through a process ending in the declaration of his entering manhood.
- He is given a new name.
- His name is engraved on a wooden carving of a tree – the tree of life.
- The rabbi sends a note to Jerusalem where his name is entered in the Book of Life.
- He doesn't need a visa if he should go to Israel and, because his name is recorded, he can stay there forever.

As they told this story I saw in it the New Testament truth of accepting Yahshua as your personal Savior and of being accepted into the Kingdom of God. What was being done in the natural at a Bar mitzvah had a spiritual parallel in the kingdom of God. I realized that if we observe the Hebraic festivals and celebrations in the natural we would uncover spiritual patterns and truths that follow.

My thanks to a spiritual friend, Arthur Aaron, who started me (Roland) down this path.

These notes are the first fruits of our study and already we have realized that there is so much more to add.

Our suggestions for using this book are as follows:

1. Study our thoughts and the heart with which it was written.
2. Keep in mind the fact that we are looking for spiritual truths that are manifested in the natural and are not suggesting legalism.
3. Consider the strands and concepts that link the:
  - Old and New Testament
  - Jew and Christian

And consider what position you should take in relation to:

- The Jewish people
- Jerusalem
- The keeping of the feasts

Remember, you need to count the cost:

*If I should forget you  
O Jerusalem  
Let my right hand lose its skill  
If I do not remember you  
Let my tongue cling to the roof  
Of my mouth  
If I do not exalt Jerusalem  
Above my chief joy.  
(Ps. 147:5)*

#### 4. Sin of Spies

While traveling through the wilderness the Jews arrived at Canaan. Moses sent 12 men in as **spies**. Ten men came back and saw more problems than opportunities. As a result of the **sin of the spies** the Jews suffered and died in the wilderness. The story of Purim is a repetition of this sin. The people had experienced God's blessings and promises but were no longer able to see it. Every Purim feast is a reminder that we must look at all the opportunities and promises of this world discern what God's will is for us.

All of us go through hard times; all of us face struggles and tribulations. What a blessing it is to understand the deeper meaning of the names of the heroes of this story as this helps us to gain faith.

- Mordecai means "mera dachiya", a spice that diffuses a fragrance after it has been processed.
- Esther means "Hadassah", myrtle, and olive green leaf that releases a sweet fragrance when crushed and bruised. Our full potential is brought out in the hard reality of life. This helps us to value trials and tribulations.

#### 5. Purim's Mask

Part of the festivities of the feast of Purim is that we put on a mask. We do this to identify with Esther who hid her real identity. At the end of the celebration we take this mask off and store it for another year.

In reality, however, we put on masks all year long. Wearing a mask is a norm and not a once off thing. We do this to present an **image** of what we think others want to see. In this process we forget what the **real face** looks like.

Purim challenges us to find the courage to remove the everyday masks and to present our true self to the world. As we face this reality, in ourselves and in relationships with others, we will be able to receive healing and restoration.

## 6. Sin of the Golden Calf

Way back in Exodus, Moses had lead the congregation to Mount Sinai. He went up the mountain to get the Ten Commandments. When he came down the “people” had started to worship a **golden calf** – the sin of the Golden Calf. The attack by the Greeks was to implement idol worship. Each time we light the Chanukah candles we declare to the spiritual realm that we have victory over this “world” in our lives through the power of our faith in The God of Israel.

This book is in a developmental phase and we would therefore welcome feedback from those who have used it. Suggestions for improvements would be particularly appreciated, as would any testimonies as a result of your having used this book and applied it to your life. The Messianic Community needs to urgently **say** and **do** the words of Ruth:

**Ruth 1: 16,17**

***Urge me not to leave you or to turn back from following you; for where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord does so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts me from you.***

**I.e. we need to live out the statute, “your people shall be my people”.**

Yours in Christ

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