



SHALOM AND WELCOME

You are about to be introduced into the world of Yeshua-Jesus Who walked this earth two-thousand years ago. He studied the Word of God from the ancient Scriptures comprising the Torah, the Writings and the Prophets; became a Rabbi by the age of thirty; worshipped and taught in God's Temple and in the local Synagogues; walked the streets of Jerusalem; was immersed in the River Jordan and swam in the Sea of Galilee, roamed the land of Judea teaching and healing the people; and loved His Father in Heaven and all peoples as Himself. He had a Jewish mother and grew up in a Jewish home; had Jewish friends and neighbours and spoke at least three languages. He loved the Scriptures and quoted from them often and obeyed His Father in Heaven in everything that was required of Him.

Then, somewhere in history, things changed as persecution and dispersion of Jews, including Messianic Jews made it almost impossible for non-Jewish Believers to read, hear and understand the Scriptures, especially Torah. So, apart from the few Jewish disciples scattered throughout the world, the non-Jews everywhere were being taught about the Messiah from letters, fragments of passed-down stories and anecdotes of the wonderful man who died for their sins, and pointed them toward God the Father. And, alas, they never knew the Jewishness of Yeshua, nor His language and customs—they could only make sense of Him through their own Greek-Western culture which was steeped in paganism and a completely different way of thinking. Many became confused in their new faith because they had no solid foundation in the first five Books of Moses, upon which was founded everything they needed to know about who God was, and how to love and obey Him. All they had was God's Messiah

and an inkling of a Hebrew nation that was built of the backs of great believers, from Abraham, Moses, King David and the Disciples in their own time.

As the centuries moved forward to this time, Believers in the Jewish Messiah became estranged from their Hebrew Scriptures, especially Torah foundations, which has led to Believers today being fully focussed on a non-Jewish Jesus who was the God of the New Testament. Thus, Believers today have an understanding that the God of the Bible is more interested in them studying the Writings of the Apostles as the main source of their faith in God and His Son. Hence, Believers are missing out on an amazing array of deep understandings which the Believers of Yeshua's time had, when they were all still attending fellowship and learning based on the foundational Scriptures.

Messianic Education Australia is now filling in the spaces between the foundational Books of the Bible and the Writings of the Apostles. There is much joy in knowing how Yeshua-Jesus and the Disciples understood God's plan. This study promises to go deep into wonderful and inspiring Scriptures which will open your eyes to a panorama of Biblical understanding, designed specifically to allow God to speak to you personally from all the Books of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. Yeshua-Jesus became the perfect sacrifice because He followed and obeyed the Torah, so if Yeshua expects us to follow Him and be perfect, then we will need to understand the mind of God through the foundational books of the Bible in order to follow Him with our hearts, mind and body.

We have no doubt, based on the testimonies of so many in the Study, that you will be blessed in the joy of God's Word.

Shalom from Natan and Hannah