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Our Father Abraham: Jewish Roots Of The Christian Faith



Synopsis

Although the roots of Christianity run deep into Hebrew soil, many Christians are regrettably uninformed about the rich Hebrew heritage of the church. This volume delineates the link between Judaism and Christianity, between the Old and the New Testament, and calls Christians to reexamine their Hebrew roots so as to effect a more authentically biblical lifestyle. As an introduction to the world of Hebrew thought, Our Father Abraham is biblical, historical, and cultural in nature. At the same time, the writing is personal and passionate, reflecting Marvin Wilson's own spiritual pilgrimage and his extensive dialogue with Jews. The book (1) develops a historical perspective on the Jewish origins of the church, (2) sets forth the importance and nature of Hebrew thought, (3) discusses how the church can become more attuned to the Hebraic mind-set of Scripture, and (4) offers practical suggestions for interaction between Jews and Christians. The study questions at the end of each chapter enhance the book's usefulness as a text and also make it suitable for Bible-study and discussion groups. All Christians--and Jews too--will profit from Wilson's sensible treatments of biblical texts, his thorough understanding of both the Christian and the Jewish faith, and his honest historical analysis of the general failure of the Christian church to acknowledge and understand its relation to Judaism.

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Christian Scholars Review "A magnificent achievement in calling the entire body of Gentile Christianity to reassess the great religion to which it is permanently indebted."

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When people stop by our website and ask us "where do we start? What book do we read first?" this is the book that we start them off with when they start exploring the Hebrew roots of the Christian Faith. We call this book "THE PRIMER"! A must read for every Christian to understand the first century church.

If I were a participant in the Jewish Roots movement, I would likely love this book. However, having studied the scriptures thoroughly comparing Old and New Testaments and understanding what Jesus accomplished on the cross, I cannot agree with remaining "under" the law when my Christ paid such a horrific and total price to redeem me from it's curse. It would appear to me there is little or no comprehension of what Yeshua accomplished for us putting his flesh to death and being resurrected in the spirit. It seems if the New Testament is read it is not with understanding or revelation of God's Holy Spirit .

This book was assigned as course work towards my rabbinical training in 2012. Clearly, I valued the author's contrasts between the Judaic and Goyiim assemblies in the 1st century (33 CE thru 100 CE). However, his conclusions that described the cultural frictions between both camps are deficient in substantiated references. His citations provide parallel re-enforcement's, but none from the Judaic library. At the least, the author titled the major points and progressively developed the book's theme through each succeeding chapter. Kudos!!Admittedly, the author failed to properly leverage Hebrew terms and tint within the contexts for each chapter, which is a common result among those who have limited Judaic training and/or exposure to rabbinical academics. Howbeit, I respected the author's academic investments in this book. I, now, utilize this book, along with my personal rabbinical annotations, to teach my students. I especially note for my students my de-ciphers that identify the author's common cultural biases and the few academic short-comings. The author phrased the complexities between Judaic and the Goyiim Beloved in Messiah "... Jerusalem vs Athens ...".

This book was recommended to me by a well-read friend. It was an excellent purchase. It clearly explains the Jewish roots of Christianity, which in my opinion, should be common knowledge for all Christians. There is considerable reference to the findings of those with impressive educational titles,

both Jewish and non-Jewish, but not so much that the book becomes boring: It is far too revelatory to be boring. Probing questions at the end of each chapter make this gem of a book ideal for a personal or group study. You will undoubtedly be enlightened as you read *Our Father Abraham: Jewish Roots of the Christian Faith*. **BOTTOM LINE:** Buy it!

Its hard to describe just how eye opening this book is. It covers so many historical events that the church would not dare mention today and helps to understand the absolute tension between Jew and Christians today. It answers foundational questions I had (like why we went from the Sabbath to the Lord's Day) and so many other things you would think every Christian would be taught early and often. At times I wanted to cry over the history and the things uncovered in this book (with plenty of references for further study). If some parts of your church experience made you kind of scratch your head because they were so out of line with the Old and even New Testament - this book is for you. But be cautioned - its not for a new believer. This is definitely a "meat" and not "milk" type of book and one must be strong in their faith. Not because it tries to take you away from Christianity (it doesn't at all) or try to bind you with legalism (again, it doesn't at all) its just reading about things like the intentional changing of names (people in the Bible, names of books in the Bible, etc.) that you don't want to start to chew on too early in your walk. A really really good book though, especially if you want a good historical basis for your Christian walk.

Well written text covering the roots of Christianity by understanding our Jewish roots. Interesting insights highlighting the differences between western (christian) language and thought and the language and expression of thought of the Jewish people

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