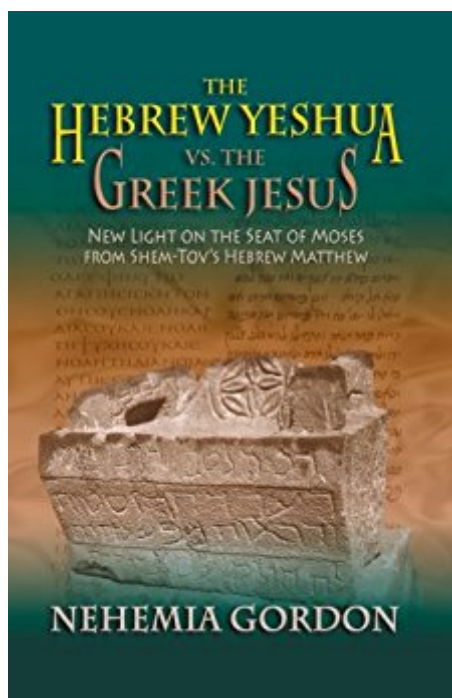


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The Hebrew Yeshua Vs. The Greek Jesus



Synopsis

An astonishing realization has recently gripped the Christian world: "Jesus Christ" was not a blond-haired, blue-eyed Gentile. Yeshua of Nazareth was raised in an observant Jewish family in a culture where the Torah (five books of Moses) was the National Constitution. Yeshua's teachings, which supposedly form the basis for Western Christianity, are now filtered through 2000 years of traditions born in ignorance of the land, language, and culture of the Bible. The issues over which Yeshua wrestled with the Pharisees are simply not understood by modern Christians; nor are his most important instructions followed by those who claim to be his disciples. Former Pharisee, Nehemia Gordon, a Dead Sea Scrolls scholar and Semitic language expert, explores the ancient Hebrew text of the Gospel of Matthew from manuscripts long hidden away in the archives of Jewish scribes. Gordon's research reveals that the more "modern" Greek text of Matthew, from which the Western world's versions were translated, depicts "another Jesus" from the Yeshua portrayed in the ancient Hebrew version of Matthew. Gordon explains the life-and-death conflict Yeshua had with the Pharisees as they schemed to grab the reins of Judaism in the first century, and brings that conflict into perspective for both Jew and Christian alike.

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Still reading and loving it !! Absolutely fascinating! Extremely well researched and documented. Outlines the history of the Pharisees and the extreme changes they made in the Torah and the Law of Moses since the time of Moses. As I read I became aware of the direct parallels with the Great Apostasy after the time of Christ and the Apostles and the subsequent descent into the Dark Ages. A must read for religious history lovers and those who want to get back to the true roots of God's dealings with men and what He really taught.

For people who are truly seeking bible truth, this is a MUST READ!!!!!! This short, well written, easy to read and comprehend book gives clarity to Scripture. While the subject matter is short, it will show the necessity of why Old Testament study must be included when studying the New Testament. The bible must be taken as a whole book, The first three chapters of Genesis lay out the foundation for everything in Scripture. What begins in Genesis is completed in Revelation. The shadows in the Old Testament are fulfilled as images in the New Testament. Scripture must be studied and learned with a Jewish perspective.

Anything this guy writes is worth reading as he is a scholar. Too few of those left in the world.

This book does two very important things: it explains an otherwise difficult passage (Matthew 23:2-3) using Shem-Tov's Hebrew-language Matthew, and it also points out something many people are unaware of: "normative" (rabbinic) Judaism teaches that rabbinic tradition trumps the Talmud, and the Talmud (itself tradition) trumps the Torah. (I hasten to point out that many Christians are also guilty of making the Word of God of none effect by their tradition. Tradition isn't just a Jewish issue.) I thoroughly enjoyed this book.

This book is essential for all those who seek the authentic. Nehemiah's exposition of Matthew 23:3 is excellent, and resolves a dilemma which must puzzle almost every believer who seriously considers the implications of this verse, and its contradiction with what Yeshua says in the rest of Chapter 23. Through a number of examples he also shows the danger of straying from the written Torah, by either adding to it or taking away from it. That is what the oral law does, which is what defines

Pharasaic rabbinism (as distinct from Karaism). Nehemiah shows concrete examples of its anti-Messianic implications, like those which frequently led to disagreements between the Pharisees and Yeshua. He also shows how the traditions of the rabbinists are so deeply embedded, that if Messiah was to appear today and disagree with them on some point, they believe they would have the authority to override Him. Extraordinary! I found the book easy and enjoyable to read, and it provided many fresh and valuable insights. To those who believe in Yeshua, do not be put off by the fact that it is written by a Karaite Jew. As Nehemiah rightly points out, Yeshua Himself looks very much like a Karaite Jew, One who came to overturn the traditions and reaffirm the written Torah of Moses. Of course He did much more than this, by being the more perfect Sacrifice and the conduit for the Ruach HaKodesh, but that is a whole separate story. Happy reading, and shalom!

Absolutely essential for any Christian who has had nagging questions about what's missing from Christianity, and ESPECIALLY so because the author is NOT a Christian or a Messianic Jew. This book, by a Hebrew-speaking, Dead Sea Scrolls translating, Jewish scholar, suggests that by interpreting the NT from a Hebrew perspective, we discover truths about Yeshua that Christians have missed for over 2,000 years. What's missing about Christianity (as well as what's superfluous), is that Yeshua didn't come to start a new religion. He came to call his people, the Jews, to teshuva (repentance) and back to walking in Torah (halakah). Yeshua was expunged of his Jewishness due to anti-Semitism and sheer fear late in the first through fourth centuries (read your history books). When the vicious Romans conquered Judea and Samaria and massacred over a million Jews, only those who renounced Jewish religious customs were allowed back into Jerusalem. A perfect setup for the pagan Greek Christians to take over. Then came Constantine, who literally outlawed the holy Jewish calendar, customs and religious practices, including worshiping on the true Sabbath. But for the first 40+ years after Yeshua's death and resurrection, virtually EVERY believer in Yeshua was a Torah-practicing, Shabbat-observing, Feast-keeping and kosher-keeping Jew (again, read your history books). If you want to truly know what it means to be a Christian, and to actually move beyond Christianity, you need to read this book.

If there is one consistency in books about the historical Jesus it's that the author's historical Jesus reflects his/her bias. I'm not a Karaite, but after reading the book, I believe that Christians may find a Jesus closer to the historical truth than most other portraits I've come across. Since I'm not a scholar, saying who the historical Jesus was, is above my pay grade. However, Nehemia Gordon has convinced me that maybe I'm closer to Karaite than I thought. The book provided intriguing

insight and hope the author has more to say on the subject. I liked this book enough to find out.

...and I listen to him all the time. I am sorry to say, I was disappointed with the book. There was very little new info, if anything,, that I hadn't heard him say elsewhere. I think the book covers a very important matter which every believer needs to know. I thought from the title he would have gone through at least the gospels and commented on several issues, not just one. A true comparison of the Hebrew Yeshua vs the Greek Jesus..I don't feel the book was true to the title. Sorry.

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