








The Messiah Resources

Resources with a  symbol are appropriate for grades 4-12 or family read aloud. All other books are appropriate for young adults or adults.



Key Resources


  [Daily Life at the Time of Jesus](#) by Miriam Feinberg Vamosh  
Description in the “Key Resources Recommended in Several Units” beginning on page 33.

  [The Holman Bible Atlas](#)  
See description in the “Key Resources” section beginning on page 32.

 [Yeshua: A Guide to the Real Jesus and Original Church](#) by Ron Mosley  
This is a well-researched and fascinating study of the Jewishness of the historical Jesus. The author explores the structure and mission of the original church in the Jewish culture of the first century. The book combines scholarship with an understandable writing style resulting in a book that can be easily read but challenging to the reader. This book is a must for every serious student of the Bible in enlightening us as to our Jewish heritage. With forwards by Brad Young, Ph.D., Dr. Marvin Wilson, and Dwight Prior. We recommend readings in the “Ancient Israel Unit,” this Unit, and the “Early Church Unit” (not published at the time of this writing). Paperback - 213 pages (July 1998) Jewish New Testament Publishers; ISBN: 1880226685. Reading level: Grades 9 and up.

Alternative Resources

  [Discovering the Bible: Jesus in Galilee](#) by Victoria Parker, Janet Dyson
The Bible is perhaps the most influential book in the history of the world, and every child should be familiar with its timeless stories. This new *Discovering the Bible* series of books brings them to children everywhere in an accessible, lively, informative fashion, and is an invaluable addition to every home library. (June 9, 2000) Lorenz Books; ISBN: 0754804771.

 [The Hem of His Garment](#) by Dr. John Garr ★
As you read this volume, you’ll be simply amazed at just how Jewish Jesus really was! You’ll also be enriched by a comprehensive understanding of spiritual lessons found in biblically Hebraic dress. The story in Matthew 9 is not just an isolated, one-of-a-kind event in the life of Jesus, a time when one lone woman reached out and touched the hem of his garment to be healed. Hidden from the

eye of the reader of these stories is an enriching key to understanding what actually happened in these days of deliverance. Most versions of the Bible tell us that she touched the “hem of his garment” or the “border of his garment” or the “edge of his cloak” or the “fringe of his cloak.” None of these translations, however, adequately conveys one important detail of the event. Without this detail (which you will learn about in this book), we simply miss the richness of this event and of an entire tradition in biblical history. Golden Key Books (423-472-7321). ISBN: 0-9678279-0-6. [Available online!](#)



[The Jesus I Never Knew](#) by Philip Yancey ♦

Philip Yancey realized that despite a lifetime attending Sunday school topped off by a Bible College education, he really had no idea who Jesus was. In fact, he found himself further and further removed from the person of Jesus, distracted instead by flannel-graph figures and intellectual inspection. He determined to use his journalistic talents to approach Jesus, in the context of time, within the framework of history. In *The Jesus I Never Knew*, Yancey explores the life of Jesus, as he explains, “‘from below,’ to grasp as best I can what it must have been like to observe in person the extraordinary events unfolding in Galilee and Judea” as Jesus traveled and taught. Yancey examines three fundamental questions: who Jesus was, why He came, and what He left behind. Step by step, scene by scene, Yancey probes the culture into which Jesus was born and grew to adulthood; His character and mission; His teachings and miracles; His legacy—not just as history has told it, but as He himself intended it to be. Hardcover 288 pages (September 1995) Zondervan Publishing House; ISBN: 0310385709.



[Jesus the Jewish Theologian](#) by Brad Young, Marvin R. Wilson, David Wolpe

This book establishes Jesus firmly within the context of first-century Judaism and shows how understanding Jesus’ Jewishness is crucial for interpreting the New Testament and for understanding the nature of Christian faith. Paperback - 308 pages (November 1995) Hendrickson Publishers, Inc.; ISBN: 1565630602. Reading level: Adult.



[Knowing Jesus Through the Old Testament](#) by Christopher J. H. Wright ★

Has the Christian Bible bound believers to a narrow and mistaken notion of Jesus? Christopher Wright is convinced that Jesus’ own story is rooted in the story of Israel. Throughout his life Jesus lived by the script of Israel. Only as we come to understand Jesus as a man with a story—an Old Testament story—will we come to know who Jesus truly is. To change that narrative is to deface our only reliable portrait of Jesus. Here is a book that traces out the face of Christ in the textual tapestry of the Old Testament. But it also outlines the pattern of God’s design for Israel as it is lived out in the story of Jesus. (March 1995) Intervarsity Pr; ISBN: 0830816933.



[The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah](#) by Alfred Edersheim ♦

Alfred Edersheim's heritage as a Messianic Jew gives the description of Jewish culture in *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah* an authenticity that a non-Jew would be hard-pressed to duplicate. The culture of Israel during the Roman occupation comes alive in Edersheim's writing in a way that goes beyond scholastic study, by blending his own Jewish heritage, archaeological fact, and keen spiritual insight. Jesus is steeped in the culture of Israel as it progressed from Abraham to Herod. Used as a reference, *The Life and Times* gives Bible studies the context for the illustrations of Jesus, and its index is arranged according to verses and events. Read as a book, Edersheim is ponderous; however, a contiguous reading gives one a consistent Hebrew framework within which the New Testament fit 2,000 years ago. Hardcover - 1109 pages New Updtd edition (April 1997) Hendrickson Publishers, Inc.; ISBN: 0943575834.



[Messianic Christology](#) by Arnold Fruchtenbaum ★

Dr. Fruchtenbaum works his way through the Old Testament following the first-century Jewish arrangement of the books, the arrangement that Jesus was familiar with. He shows how the revelation of the Messiah gradually progressed and built-up to reveal a magnificent picture of the Deliverer to come. *Messianic Christology* is an absorbing study that will strengthen your faith, bless your heart, and invigorate your worship. (1998) Ariel Ministries; ISBN: 091486307X.



[The Nazarene](#) by Sholem Asch, Maurice Samuel (Translator)

The story of Jesus is told by three different witnesses: Cornelius, Pontius Pilate's governor of Jerusalem; the fragmentary gospel of Judas Iscariot; and the narrative of Joseph, a young student of Nicodemus, presenting a sweeping panorama of the Holy Land nearly two thousand years ago. Paperback 2nd edition (December 1996). Carroll & Graf; ISBN: 0786703792




[No Wonder They Call Him the Savior: Chronicles of the Cross](#) by Max Lucado

In this compelling quest for the Messiah, Max Lucado presents a poignant narrative that sheds new light on a story which readers thought they already knew by heart: the story of Christ's crucifixion. This book truly shows the power and "awesomeness" of our Lord and Savior. (September 1998) Multnomah Publishers Inc.; ISBN: 1576733882.




[A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23](#) by W. Phillip Keller

A genuine classic about how a real-life shepherd views the love that Jesus the Shepherd has for his flock. The book draws on the firsthand experiences of one who has developed and managed sheep ranches. An inspirational and refreshing look at one of the best-loved portions of Scripture. Timeless. In Mass Market format. Mass Market Paperback (December 1996) Zondervan Books; ISBN: 031021435 1.

 [Twelve Words Jesus Knew](#) by Irene Lipson

Imagine learning Hebrew and learning about the character of God at the same time! Irene Lipson accomplishes this feat through an in-depth study of twelve Hebrew words spoken by Yeshua. These words, including “Berith” (covenant), “Shabbat” (Sabbath), and “Torah” (direction), illustrate God’s relationship with his people and introduce us to the world of Jewish religious thought and practice. Lipson then points us toward a life-style shaped by our relationship with the God whom these words reveal. 224 pages (1998) Monarch Books; ISBN: 1854244256.

 [Understanding the Difficult Words of Jesus](#) by David Blivin, Roy Blizzard

The authors do an excellent job of placing Jesus in his proper historical context, as highly educated in both the study of the Torah and in the culture of his day. Many scholars believe Jesus’ teachings were originally transmitted in Hebrew and can therefore be fully understood only from their Hebraic context. Many of Jesus’ sayings contain Hebrew idioms that are meaningless in either Greek or English. When the Greek text is translated back into Hebrew, Hebrew idioms appear that illuminate the teaching. This light of understanding reveals the wonders of our Savior’s life and teachings. (February 1995) Destiny Image; ISBN: 156043550X.

Videos

 [Jesus In His Jewish World](#) by Dwight A. Pryor

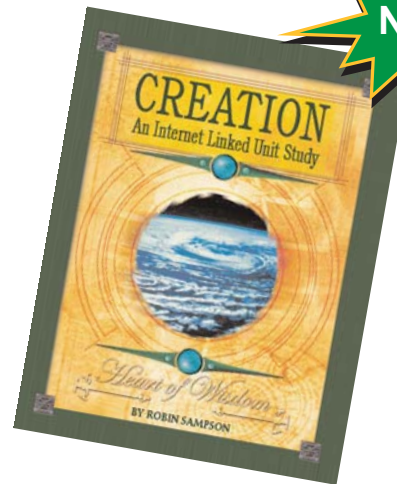
Drawing upon the very latest biblical research, Pryor opens up the Gospels to wonderfully new and inspiring insights into the life of our Lord. A picture is drawn of the historical Jesus—living in the land of Israel and within the Jewish culture of the first century—that dramatically illuminates the method and meaning of his teachings. Seven 60-minute messages on four videos.

 [Eyewitness to Jesus](#)

A fragment of papyrus which has recently been re-discovered could be the link that can date the Gospel of Matthew all the way back to a time contemporary with the life of Jesus. The implications of archaeological evidence such as this could have an enormous impact on the scientific community as well as the religious community. Matthew D’Ancona of Magdalen College in Oxford travels from Egypt to the Holy Land in search of the evidence that can prove that this papyrus was written during the life and times of Jesus. 100 minutes.

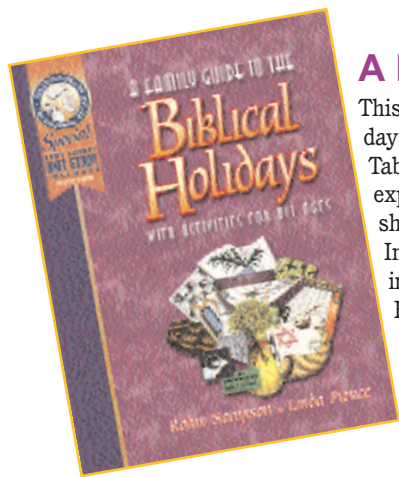
We hope you enjoyed the sample pages from Heart of Wisdom.

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Creation: An Internet Linked Unit Study

“This is more than a study of Creation --This is a study of Christianity versus humanism”This new unit study is a multi-level (grades 4-12) Bible focused, study utilizing the Charlotte Mason approach (living books, narration, etc.), lifestyle of learning methods, and the Internet! All Biblical doctrines of theology, directly or indirectly, ultimately have their basis in the book of Genesis. Therefore, a believing understanding of the book of Genesis is a prerequisite to an understanding of God and His meaning to man. **Price includes password Internet access** to updates, and links to hundreds of sites that correlate with the study.

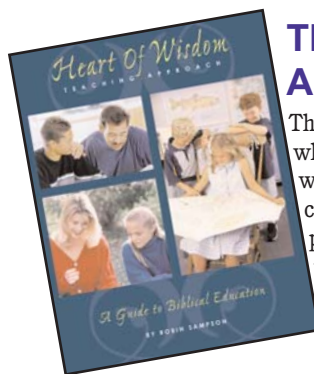
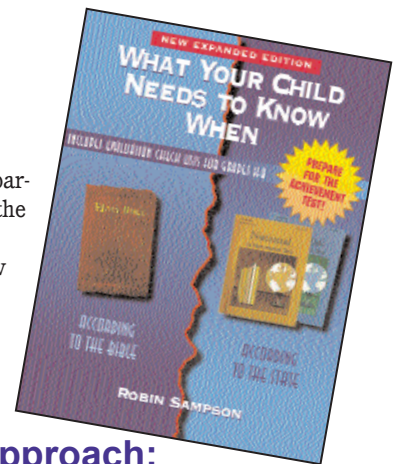


A Family Guide to the Biblical Holidays

This giant, 585-page telephone-size book gives an extensive look at the nine annual holidays: Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Day of Atonement, Tabernacles, Hanukkah, Purim and the weekly holiday--the Sabbath! This book explains the historical, agricultural, spiritual, and prophetic purposes of each holiday, showing how each points to Christ and creative ways to teach them to your children! Includes projects, crafts, recipes, games, and songs for celebrating each holiday. Also includes instructions for a weekly Bible study and instructions using the Special Home School Section to incorporate the teaching of the biblical holidays with the academic school subjects! Excellent, fascinating information about the true New Testament Church and our Hebrew roots also included! ISBN 0-9701816-0-4. [Read Excerpts at BiblicalHolidays.com](http://BiblicalHolidays.com)

What Your Child Needs to Know When

Revised 2001. This is long-time homeschool best seller. Concerned homeschooling parents are always asking, "Am I doing enough?" This book is the answer. It includes the checklist for academic evaluation for grades K-8 and explains why children need to obtain not just academic knowledge but, more important, the Godly wisdom to know how to use the knowledge! Includes chapters on true Biblical education methods (compared to classical Greek) and the Heart of Wisdom teaching approach! ISBN 0-9701816-1-2. 312 p.



The Heart of Wisdom Teaching Approach: A Guide to Biblical Education

This book provides you with the methods, program, and resources for a 12-year course of study where students spend half the school day studying God's Word and the other half studying God's world (academics). Students study history chronologically and science in the order of the days of creation. This book will instruct you, step by step, how to give your child an Bible focused, comprehensive education from preschool through high school; one that will train him or her to read, to study, to understand, to love to learn and most importantly to desire and seek true wisdom. The Heart of Wisdom teaching approach is a beautiful, exciting blending of Bible first philosophy, the Charlotte Mason approach, Hebraic education, Delight Directed learning, 4 Step Lessons, and more.