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The “Acts” Seminar is an in-depth study of the Book of Acts from a Jewish perspective. Like most other studies on the Book of Acts, it examines the background of Luke, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost and the ministries of Peter, Stephen, John and Paul. But unlike other studies, it examines these (and many other) subjects from a perspective that makes it possible to really understand what was going on in the lives of Yeshua’s (Jesus’) first disciples and appreciate the profound implication of our own “calling” to discipleship.

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“As an introduction to the world of Hebrew thought (this book) is biblical, historical, and cultural in nature.”

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“A theological, social and economic framework for Old Testament ethics. Then in relation to contemporary issues (Wright) explores a variety of Old Testament themes—economics and the land, politics and the world of nations, righteousness and justice, society and culture, (and) the way of the individual.”

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The standard Hebrew-English Lexicon.

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The “Idioms” Seminar will challenge and fascinate even the most serious “disciple.” The introduction briefly addresses some of the profound differences between Greek and Hebrew and explores the correlation between language and worldview. Chapter two deals with the significance of each letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Chapter 3 identifies hundreds of Hebrew idioms that employ the names of various parts of the human body. Chapter 4 discusses selected idioms in the New Covenant writings.

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The “spellbinding” story of the birth of the state of Israel.

Dickinson, Peter, ***City of Gold*** (Pantheon Books).

“A creative retelling of biblical stories as the events of Scripture might have been described by witnesses or by people who had just heard about them.”

Kellerman, Harry, ***Conversations with Rabbi Small*** (Fawcett Crest).

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The autobiography of Golda Meir.

Michener, James A., ***The Source*** (Fawcett Crest).

“A sweeping chronology filled with excitement—pagan ritual, the clash of armies, ancient and modern: the evolving drama of man’s faith ...”

Peters, Joan, ***From Time Immemorial*** (Harper & Row).

A discussion of the Arab-Jewish conflict over “Palestine.”

Potok, Chaim, ***The Chosen*** (Fawcett Crest).

A remarkable story of the tension and struggle of modern Jewish experience.

Prince, Lydia, ***Appointment in Jerusalem*** (Chosen Books).

Three years in the life of Lydia Prince, that took her from a life of physical comfort and professional fulfillment to one of danger, poverty, and estrangement from everything and everyone she held dear. The place was Jerusalem; the time, the opening battle of the long war between Jew and Arab.

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“Passionate summary of the inhuman treatment of the Jewish people in Europe, of the exodus in the 19th and 20th centuries to Palestine and of the triumphant founding of ... Israel.”

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The story of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

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“Nearly 1000 clearly written biographies of Jews who left an indelible mark on humankind.”

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An atlas of biblical history.

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This atlas “integrates the geography of Bible lands with the teachings of the Bible.”

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A classic which ranks in significance with the works of Flavius Josephus. The work of Eusebius of Caesarea, one of the earliest Church Fathers which covers events of the first three centuries to the time when Constantine became sole master of the Roman world.

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Edersheim, Alfred, ***The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah*** (MacDonald Publishing Company).

A classic work which deals with the life and times of Yeshua in it's fullest sense from an examination of the Jewish world into which Yeshua came to a detailed look at the nature, character, and ministry of the Messiah.

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"A scholarly analysis by a Hebrew University Professor of Early Christianity on the relationship between Judaism and Christianity."

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An atlas of the 4,000-year global saga of the Jewish people illustrated in 121 maps.

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An atlas of ancient history from 1700 BCE/BC to 565 CE/AD.

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This Seminar ... explores the *nature* of Anti-Semitism, and the *reasons* for it! ... it explores the character of the faith of the first followers of Yeshua (Jesus) and then traces the history of the chasm that develops in the 2nd century between the Jewish community, the emerging "Church" and the messianic Jewish followers of Yeshua. The Seminar explores the spread of "Christianity," the writings of the Church Fathers from Ignatius (d. c. 107 C.E.) to Augustine (354-430 C.E.) and what it was like for Jews (messianic Jewish believers or otherwise) to live in the Medieval Christian world.

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A "fair, even-handed" exploration of the *roots* of the conflict that includes both Israeli and Palestinian claims to the "Promised Land." The Seminar is divided into six sections, 1) The Great Revolt—The 1st Zionist Conference, 2) World War 1—The British Mandate, 3) Arab Violence—The British Withdrawal, 4) War of Independence —Intifada, 5) Israel's "Land Grant" and 6) Supplemental Documents and Maps.

King, Marie Gentert (ed.), ***Foxe's Book of Martyrs*** (Fleming H. Revell Company).

This book deals with the "tragedy of persecution; the inspiration of faith and devotion; the courage of men of God facing torture and martyrdom."

Landels, J.G., ***Engineering in the Ancient World*** (University of California Press).

This book discusses and illustrates "a number of technological achievements in the Greek and Roman world, all of which have in common the application of power for engineering or other similar purposes."

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This book deals with the story of the cities mentioned in the New Testament, and helps bring them alive so that the reader is better able to identify with New Testament events.

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This book deals with the story of the Rulers in New Testament times, and helps bring them alive so that the reader is better able to identify with New Testament events.

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This book “traces the ideological DNA behind Palestinian nationalism and its ‘alternative’ histories, exposing how Nazism gave the Arab world’s amorphous hatred of the Jews an intellectual structure and how Soviet communism veiled its genocidal ambition with the mantle of national liberation.

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A “comprehensive study of the heirs of the earliest Jerusalem church, their history and doctrines, their relations with both synagogue and the growing Gentile church.”

Russell, D.S., ***Between the Testaments*** (Fortress Press).

“An attempt ... to review these years (i.e., between the Old and New Testaments) in the light of recent study and discoveries and in particular to assess the religious contribution made by that rather strange company of men known as ‘the apocalyptists.’”

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Schurer approached his *History* with the conviction that an understanding of Christianity presupposes a knowledge of Israel's history, which is “inseparably joined by innumerable threads. No incident in the New Testament story ... is intelligible apart from its setting in Jewish history.”

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The meeting between Jew and Greek was part of a tremendous process which revolutionized the ancient world. This book describes the contacts between Hellenism and the more ancient civilizations of Asia. It outlines the rise and fall of empires, but concentrates on the dramatic changes in the life and thought of the peoples involved.

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A helpful booklet which aids our understanding of the times and customs of the Middle East when the Bible was written.

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The collected works of Flavius Josephus, the classic work of Jewish History that spans the Second Temple period (4 volumes).

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“A contemporary of Paul and Jesus, Philo Judaeus ... is unquestionably among the most important writers for historians and students of Hellenistic Judaism and early Christianity.”

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A discussion of the developing theological character and symbolism of the Jewish holidays. It is unique for its historical approach to the Jewish ritual calendar and is notable for the inclusion of areas not generally addressed in many of the works on the Jewish holidays.

Cashman, Greer Fay, *Jewish Days and Holidays* (S.B.S. Publishing).

A children's book on the holidays that is richly illustrated and explained simply.

Gorelik, Robert R., *Begin With Shabbat, A Simple Guide to Celebrating the Sabbath* (Eshav Books).

A simple guide to celebrating the Sabbath includes a brief explanation of the Sabbath blessings, and the blessings themselves in Hebrew, transliterated English, and English. It also includes the blessings for a simple Havdalah service.

Gorelik, Robert R., *A Passover Haggadah* (Eshav Books).

A step-by-step guide to celebrating and understanding Passover. It includes an explanation of each of the various aspects of the Seder and their fulfillment in Yeshua.

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A Siddur (Prayerbook) that includes the Daily Morning Services, Evening and Morning services for the Sabbath and services for the "High Holidays." Messianic—but traditional.

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A resource to help young children understand Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles).

Saybol, Judyth Robbins & Wikler, Madeline, *My Very Own Yom Kippur* (Kar-Ben Copies).

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A resource to help young children understand Rosh HaShanah (Jewish New Year—Feast of Trumpets).

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Thompson, Robert, ***Feasts of the Lord*** (Bible Voice).

A concept of redemption from God's point of view as portrayed in the Levitical feasts.

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In-depth study into inscriptional evidence and background issues of women as elders, leaders, donors, etc. in the synagogue.

Donin, Hayim Halevy (Rabbi), ***To Pray As a Jew*** (Basic Books).

An exceptionally useful resource for anyone who seeks to understand the liturgy of the synagogue.

Feldman, David M., ***Marital Relations, Birth Control and Abortion in Jewish Law*** (Schocken Books/Random House).

An examination of rabbinic legal tradition underlying Jewish values with respect to marriage, sex and procreation. It also compares these Jewish mores to Christian tradition.

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A description of Jewish holidays, religious practices, and doctrines. Included are valuable suggestions for the believer desiring to share his faith with a Jewish friend.

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A simple dictionary of the Hebrew and Yiddish words that play a role in Jewish life.

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"Reading Jacobs is like comparing notes with a very wise friend who has wrestled with the same questions that have always troubled you."

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