

THE ORDINATION PROCESS FOR THE SEED OF ABRAHAM

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The ordination process is a structured biblical teaching and training in Scripture and The Hebraic Perspective, which prepares a man to be an ordained minister—elder of The Seed of Abraham as either an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and or teacher. In the days of the Apostles one could go along with Paul or Peter, and ‘a Timothy or Marc’ would emerge to be sent to congregations to show them the Way by example and teaching (1st Tim. 1:5-9). If you were here with me we could do the same thing, but not being here we can do the ordination process through Internet and email.

This teaching and training is also open to any male who desires to be taught The Hebraic Perspective (THP), but not for ordination (but if he senses during the process, or after, that Yeshua wants him to be ordained, all that he has learned will be applied to it). This is a great way for a man to learn THP for his own understanding, as well to be a spiritual leader to his wife, children, congregation and community.

This teaching and training is also open to women who would like to receive all the training that a man will, but not for ordination. This will prepare her to be a biblical helpmate to her husband, and co-teacher of their children. She will also be an example and asset to many other women, etc.¹

¹ God *created* Adam and Eve differently. They are different physically and spiritually. Generally, God made women to be more sensitive to the spiritual realm, while men tend to be like rhinos—strong and stable, but not the lightning rod that women are into the spiritual realm. This is the reason why the New Testament *does not* have any women apostles, pastors, evangelists nor teachers, because these are leadership positions, and *why* Paul strictly forbids women from teaching men (1st Tim. 2:8-15, etc.). As he said, it was the woman (Eve) who was deceived, and *that’s* the point (2nd Cor. 11:3; 1st Tim. 2:4). If a woman is a leader she is much more likely than a man to lead the Flock astray by demonic spirits deceiving her. This is not a cultural thing nor a male desire to rule over women, but ‘a Kingdom thing.’ The Patriarchal order of the Bible is set, just as it is in Heaven (1st Cor. 11:1-16). As there is a hierarchy in an army, so too in a godly marriage and congregation.

God ordained men to lead and to be the spiritual head, whether the Sons of Aaron and Levi in their priesthoods (note well that only paganism had both priests *and* priestesses), or the Kings of Israel (no queens, except a usurper to the Throne; 2nd Kings 11:1f.), or the 12 male Apostles (Yeshua never sent any women out to proclaim Him when He was in Israel; Mt. 10:5; Luke 10:1), nor are there any New Testament women elders (pastors) nor deacons in the Church; Phoebe notwithstanding (ask for the PDF, *Phoebe—Deaconess?*).

Although there are many godly women named in Scripture, none of them were ordained to be pastors, teachers or evangelists (and none of them were apostles; Mary Magdalen notwithstanding, for her speaking to the Apostles about the risen Lord was only a ‘one-time event.’ Yes, in this instance she was like an evangelist, but that wouldn’t be her office or calling). Some women were prophetesses, but this isn’t a leadership position for a congregation (pastor/elder/overseer), nor did any of them have a teaching ministry in a church, nor were any an evangelist. Scripture is clear on the position that God has given to women, and it’s that of a helpmate for her husband, not as the leader of her family, nor a teacher of men, nor a pastor(ess).

Although we never see a woman pastor, evangelist or teacher in the New Testament, that’s not to say that women didn’t help their husbands in their husband’s capacity (e.g. Priscilla and Aquila; Acts 18:2, 18, 26), but it certainly wasn’t done as a woman minister of a congregation or deaconess, etc. (Gen. 3:13; 1st Tim. 2:12, 14; Titus 2:3-4; Rev. 2:20).

This biblical position does not diminish the value of a woman in any way, no more than a captain is less of a person than a general. Men and women are of equal value before the Lord, just as a ten dollar bill (say, a man) is of the exact same value as two five dollar bills (a woman). Whenever we move out of *God’s order* and way of living our lives that He designed, we move into carnal thinking and ways that may appear good, but aren’t of God, nor are good for us. I have taught in a number of churches where a woman was the pastor. Inevitably, both

The Hebraic Perspective is the particular biblical viewpoint of understanding Scripture from its Hebraic perspective versus say, a Baptist, Messianic, Pentecostal or even Messianic or Hebrew Roots theology. THP helps us to better understand who our God is and His way for us to live it, explaining why Mosaic Law is still God’s standard of holiness and what constitutes sin (Rom. 3:20; 7:7, 12, 14, etc.), and exposes the false teachings of the Roman Catholic, Protestant, Pentecostal and Charismatic churches, as well as the Messianic, Hebrew Roots and One Law movements.

The most important criteria for the ordination (or the non-ordination) process is that you to love Yeshua with all your heart, have been baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, and have fully surrendered your life to Yeshua, seeking to do His will at any cost.² Entering into the Process is not a matter to be taken lightly. Please *know* within yourself that Yeshua is calling you to begin the Process, whether for ordination or not. When you know that, contact me and ask me to consider you and why you sense Yeshua wants you to begin. I will pray about it and get back with you. You should be able to finish the Process in two to four years, depending on how much time you give it.

Resolve yourself—you will be tempted by Satan with fear and doubt, and also, assailed by family, friends and foes alike. Always seek the Lord Yeshua to strengthen you and to give you His wisdom and forgiving loving-kindness in how to deal with others. You will be able to finish the Process as you continue to make Yeshua Lord of your life.

The cost of this discipleship program could easily be \$40,000 because it’s comparable to a seminary education,³ only better, because of the biblically accurate Hebraic theology and articles, etc., that you’ll be learning and the weekly (and at times daily) one-on-one interaction and instruction you’ll receive from me. You’ll learn everything from:

1. The Ark of the Covenant to why ‘an eye for an eye’ is a form of righteousness;
2. From how Yeshua lived His life as our pattern to live by, to Paul’s two distinct streams of thought on Mosaic Law;
3. From the Hebrew language to the Feasts of the Hebrews;
4. From the pollution of paganism within the Church to the purity of holiness in Yeshua’s Kingdom;
5. From how to compile a worship service to how to live a life of worship;
6. From how to witness to Jews and Gentiles about Yeshua, to how to make *matza* for Passover, and
7. Why physical covenantal Gentile circumcision is forbidden in the New Testament, etc.

I don’t ask any money for the ordination or non-ordination process. The cost is free. I do ask, however, for your life—a life totally dedicated to Yeshua. I want you to be willing to give up everything for Him; whatever He may ask of you, for the furtherance of His glorious Name and Kingdom, in this world in darkness, which may include your own family, friends and flock. If you walk in this divine reality you will bear much fruit for our Lord, whether you’re ordained or not. Yeshua said, “And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.” (Matthew 10:38)

my wife and I sensed there was something ‘not right’ in the spiritual realm. Also, the women are strong, but the men are weak. I realize that in this carnal world many women have been abused, but that’s not a reason for a godly marriage, family or congregation to be otherwise. When we fail to realize this we invite chaos, sin and hardship into our lives. We’re not to bend God’s Word to our way of thinking, but to bend our way of thinking to God’s Word. If you have any questions, let me know!

² Matthew 12:47-50; 16:24; Mark 8:34; 10:21; Luke 5:11, 28; 9:23f; 14:25-33.

³ “Pointing to research showing that the average cost of a seminary education ranges from \$35,000—\$50,000, the president of The Urban Ministry Institute, Don Davis, said the hefty price tag has become one of the main barriers to training more leaders for ministry.” *CP (Christian Post) Church & Ministry*, Aug. 26, 2013, at <http://www.christianpost.com/news/cost-of-seminary-is-out-of-control-says-president-of-the-urban-ministry-institute-94751/>.

For those of you who are seeking ordination as a pastor, if you don't have a fellowship or a congregation of your own yet, you'll be able to begin one as you proceed with the ordination process, as our Lord leads you. In terms of the name of your fellowship or congregation, I ask that the name of it be The Seed of Abraham (even if you already have a name for it). This will allow your people to be aligned with ours by our name and The Hebraic Perspective.

THREE STEPS TO ORDINATION

There are three steps or phases to the ordination and non-ordination process, with those seeking ordination becoming eventually becoming licensed and then ordained ministers. The three phases for ordination are Pendee, Licensed Minister and Ordained Minister.

1. Pendee Status: Initially, you'll have read this paper, The Ordination Process, and if you have any questions about it, please let me know. You'll also have The Checklist (both as a file on your computer in PDF and printed out) so you can both click on any article or book URL to read it and/or download it for your own files/library, and also to keep track of your own progress by marking off on a printed version of the PDF your progress. I'll also have one for you and when you finish an article, etc., I'll mark it off on my sheet as well. This way we'll both know where you are at in the Process.

1. Next you'll fill out The Theological Questionnaire, which I'll email you. Send me the answers to the questionnaire in the same email, right below the questions in the space provided. (I don't want an attachment.) This way I can interact with you about your answers through the email. This may also lead to me asking you to read other articles for you to respond to, before you go on to the next article (Seeking Ordination).

2. After we finish with The Theological Questionnaire you'll read Seeking Ordination (even if you're not seeking ordination), and respond to it by sharing any insights or questions you might have. After that's completed you'll be asked to provide some personal information about yourself (e.g. name and address, etc.). Here is the order you'll proceed in:

3. The Initial Papers

1. The Ordination Process at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Ordination-Process.pdf>.
2. The Checklist for TSOA at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Checklist-for-The-Seed-of-Abraham.pdf>.
3. The Theological Questionnaire (sent via email)
4. Seeking Ordination at <http://seedofabraham.net/Seeking-Ordination.pdf>.
5. Personal Information (Name, Address, etc.; sent via email)

2. Next you'll begin to read and respond to these articles, etc. below, most of which are from The Hebraic Perspective, in the order they're listed in. The section, The Hebraic Perspective (on the website), is the #7, the last section found in the HomePage Menu under Articles, but will be the first section that we'll be covering so you can get a firm grasp on what The Hebraic Perspective is. Your own Checklist (at The Checklist for TSOA at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Checklist-for-The-Seed-of-Abraham.pdf>) will have their URLs, also, so you can click on any article or book, etc., and it'll take you right to it:

1. THE HEBRAIC PERSPECTIVE

1. *Take the Quiz!* Five Quick Questions about the New Testament at <http://seedofabraham.net/Take-the-Quiz.pdf>
2. *The Hebraic Perspective* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Hebraic-Perspective.pdf>

3. *Law and Grace* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Law-and-Grace.pdf>
4. *No Longer Under the Law?* at <http://seedofabraham.net/No-Longer-Under-the-Law.pdf>
5. *The Feasts of Israel as Time Markers After the Resurrection* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Feasts-of-Israel-as-Time-Markers.pdf>
6. *Seven Ways Yeshua Fulfilled the Law* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Seven-Ways-Yeshua-Fulfilled-Law.pdf>
7. *Law 102* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Law-102.pdf>
8. *Hebrews and the Change of the Law* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Hebrews-and-the-Change-of-the-Law.pdf>
9. *Romans 14 and the Dietary Laws* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Romans-14-and-the-Dietary-Laws.pdf>
10. *Goodbye Messianic Judaism!* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Goodbye-Messianic-Judaism.pdf>
11. *God's Way vs Church Way* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Gods-Way-vs-Church-Way.pdf>
12. *Kingdom Violence—Matthew 11:12* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Kingdom-Violence.pdf>
13. *Common—Acts 10:14* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Common-Acts-10.14.pdf>
14. *Grace, Holiness and the Pharisaic Church* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Grace-Holiness-and-the-Pharisaic-Church.pdf>
15. *Gentile Circumcision?* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Gentile-Circumcision.pdf>
16. *The Sabbath and Yeshua* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Sabbath-and-Yeshua.pdf>
17. *The Lifting of the Veil—Acts 15:20-21 Reader Comments* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Lifting-of-the-Veil-Comments.pdf>
18. *The Lifting of the Veil—Acts 15:20-21* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Lifting-of-the-Veil.pdf>
19. *Paul and Acts* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Paul-and-Acts.pdf>
20. Six **YouTube** messages on The Hebraic Perspective on the Menu at <http://seedofabraham.net/wordpress/>
21. The Tabernacle of Moses; a series of seven teaching CDs at <http://seedofabraham.net/wordpress/books-cds/>
22. Shark Bait! The Serpent in Israel; four messages on holiness at <http://seedofabraham.net/wordpress/books-cds/>
 1. Shark Bait! The Serpent in Israel
 2. The Essence of Moses' Holiness
 3. The Ultimate Test for God!
 4. John 13—A Picture of Glory
23. *From Sabbath to Sunday* at <http://seedofabraham.net/From-Sabbath-to-Sunday.pdf>
24. *When Does the Sabbath Begin?* at <http://seedofabraham.net/When-Does-The-Sabbath-Begin.pdf>
25. *SAM the Rock Thrower* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Sam-the-Rock-Thrower.pdf>
26. *Synagogue and Church Officials* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Synagogue-and-Church-Officials.pdf>

27. *The Two Babylons—The Full Hislop* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Two-Babylons.pdf>

28. *Inerrant or Inspired?* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Inerrant-or-Inspired.pdf>

2. When you finish with *Inerrant or Inspired?*, you'll officially begin to read and comment on the Scripture Readings Schedule.⁴ (Before this I'd like for you to be reading all the Scripture lessons, but not commenting on them. This will give you more time to read and respond to the articles listed above).
 1. Feedback for the Scripture readings will be on each *section* of the five reading sections, not each chapter. The five sections are:
 1. Torah (Mosaic Law; the five Books of Moses; Genesis through Deuteronomy),
 2. The Prophets,
 3. The Writings and
 4. The two sections of the New Covenant: Matthew to Acts and Romans to Revelation.
 3. During this time you'll want to learn Hebrew,⁵ either from my course or from someone else's course, if you don't already know it. By the end of the Process you should be able to read, write and speak enough Hebrew to do what is known as the *Shema* (Dt. 6:4-5).

For each article, book, and YouTube message, as well as the teaching CDs (except for the Hebrew course), I'd like for you to answer some of the following points. Please share with me, as though you were writing to a friend *who hadn't read the article or book*, etc., and you wanted to explain to him some of what you gleaned from it:

1. Telling him what you saw in it that you hadn't seen before, and/or
2. How something in it impacted you, and/or
3. How it deepened or built upon what you already knew, and/or
4. How something 'came together for you,' like two pieces of a puzzle.
5. What did you learn? and/or
6. What insight/s did you receive? and/or
7. Was there something that encouraged you in your walk with Yeshua (i.e. built up your faith)?

I *don't* want a summary of what you read, but an insight or two and/or how it impacted you, etc. I want to see what you see. Tell me as though I didn't know anything about it, as you might tell a friend.

For both *The Tabernacle of Moses* and *Shark Bait!* send me feedback on each CD. The cost of the teaching CDs (including the Hebrew course) is half price for anyone in the Process. If you can't afford them please let me know and we'll work something out.

When you officially enter into the Scripture readings you'll also continue to read other articles on the website and comment on them, as well as books and DVDs that are required.⁶

2. **Licensed Minister:** After a season of finding out how you 'see' the Word of God and our interaction over it, in both the weekly Scripture readings and feedback, and in your article and book comments, you'll be issued a ministerial certificate and ministerial credit-type card with your picture and name

⁴ See *Scripture Readings* at <http://seedofabraham.net/ScriptureReadings2016-2017.pdf>.

⁵ All three sets of CDs are found at <http://seedofabraham.net/wordpress/books-cds/> and are half price for ordainees and anyone in the Process.

⁶ The books, etc., that are required reading are found in *Books to Read* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Books-to-Read.pdf>. You'll also find them on the Checklist.

on it, stating that you are a licensed minister of The Seed of Abraham. It will be good for five years and will allow you time to finish the ordination process. With the ministerial license you'll be an official representative of The Seed of Abraham, with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of a minister of God.

- 3. Ordained Minister:** Upon completion of the ordination process you'll be ordained as a minister and an elder of the Lord Yeshua through The Seed of Abraham (to whichever office/s you feel called to). You'll be given a ministerial certificate and card with your picture and name on it, stating that you're an ordained minister and elder of The Seed of Abraham. You'll be thoroughly proficient in The Hebraic Perspective and able to minister and teach people in your fellowship and on the street, the way to walk out their faith in Yeshua—through the Holy Spirit and all the rules of Moses that apply to them. You'll also know how to lead people, Jewish or Gentile, to Messiah Yeshua.

For those of you not being ordained, at the completion of your studies you'll receive a Certificate of Achievement in having satisfactorily completed The Seed of Abraham's intensive academic and spiritual course on The Hebraic Perspective.

DAILY LIFE

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Begin your day with 10-20 minutes of praise and worship. Sing along with your favorite praise songs on CDs, etc., or sing unto the Lord a-cappella, or if you play the piano or guitar you could sing playing those. Sing out loud or softly (if you don't want to disturb anyone). This will prepare you for the next phase.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read the Word from the Scripture Readings Schedule for 20-30 minutes or more every morning. It can be viewed on-line⁷ and you can download your own PDF. This Schedule is unlike any other because every week you'll be reading the words of Yeshua or you'll be in the Book of Acts, along with other Scripture sections, and of course, in a year's time you'll have read the entire Bible. It has proven to be a blessing for many people.

Please use this example/form in emailing me your insights and comments, etc., again, not as an attachment, but within an email. This way I'll be able to interact with you about it:

SCRIPTURE: "If any man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey his father or his mother, and when they chastise him, he will not even listen to them, then his father and mother shall seize him, and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gateway of his hometown. They shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey us, he is a glutton and a drunkard.' Then all the men of his city shall stone him to death. So you shall remove the evil from your midst, and all Israel will hear of it and fear." (Deut. 21:18-21)

INSIGHT: I don't think one can fully understand this passage until one is a father himself. This is a passage used a lot by anti-Torah critics, who use it to make the Torah look like an extreme and harsh sounding set of rules, but really, this is a very important scripture. First, it shows us that rebelliousness is very evil in the sight of Yahveh. We also learn that the role of parenthood is very sacred in His sight, and it is to be respected:

⁷ The *Scripture Readings* are found at <http://seedofabraham.net/ScriptureReadings2016-2017.pdf>.

‘You must honor your father and your mother that your days may be long upon the land which Yahveh your God is giving you.’ (Ex. 20:12)

I think, how different would today’s generation be if this scripture was still enacted by the people?

SCRIPTURE: “For son treats father contemptuously. Daughter rises up against her mother. Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and a man’s enemies are the men of his own household.” (Micah 7:6)

INSIGHT: This is very similar to what Yeshua said when He was walking the earth, in Mt. 10:34-37:

“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to “set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; and “a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.” (Mt. 10:34-37)

And it also ties in with the section in Deuteronomy, and how true this section is! I think every follower of Yeshua can relate to, ‘A man’s enemies are the men of his own household.’ I know I can! Yeshua is the greatest cause of Peace, but also the greatest cause of division! This is because men’s hearts are so rebellious.

The weekly Scripture reading comments are due on either Sunday or Monday from the previous week’s readings, which end on the Sabbath. I won’t accept feedback after Monday.

For Pendees/Ordainees: I ask that the weekly Scripture Readings Schedule be handed out to those in your Bible study, fellowship or congregation, and also, show them where they can find it on the website.⁸ You might want to make copies for them. This way not only you and your flock will be ‘in sync,’ but they will also be in sync with all the people associated with The Seed of Abraham.

You don’t have to bring a message on Shabat (the Sabbath) to your people from the weekly readings, but you’ll most likely find that as you read them, the Lord will give you a message from them much of the time. Also, the people will have already read the passage that you’ll be speaking on. This makes for more of a oneness and togetherness and a family oriented atmosphere, and also allows questions about Scripture, both from what you teach on and other sections, to be brought up and answered either after the message or Bible study.

PRAYER

If you’re not already doing this, please pray 60 minutes after praise and worship, and the reading of the Word. If you like, sing first, then pray, and then read the Word, or any order you like. The order doesn’t matter—the doing of it does. Whatever works best for you.

You’re probably very busy, but if you don’t have a daily morning quality prayer life, coupled with the reading of the Word, you’re not going to be able to withstand the ordeal of the ordination process, let alone a lifetime of ministry in The Hebraic Perspective. For those of you not seeking ordination, this lifestyle will make you strong in the Lord and an asset to all those around you, wherever He places you.

If you’re not used to praying for an extended length of time, try to begin with 20 minutes a day for a week and increase your time by 10 minutes each week until you get to 60 minutes. One hour of prayer, *in the morning*, is the foundation. This is the standard. Adding another 10, 20, 30 or 60 minutes or more reori-

⁸ The *Scripture Readings* are found at <http://seedofabraham.net/ScriptureReadings2016-2017.pdf>.

ents you in Him in an even greater way. Morning time of praise, prayer and the Word is essential for how you'll feel and react to circumstances and people the rest of the day. *Morning praise, Word and prayer is your time to be with Yeshua.*

Also, you should be praying in tongues one-third of your prayer time, the beginning third.⁹ Divide the 60 minutes (or whatever time you're praying) into three equal parts, which will give you time for:

1. Praying in tongues, and
2. Praying in your understanding (your own language), and
3. Waiting upon the Lord.

The 60 minutes should be quality prayer time, which means that you're not doing anything except seeking His Face and praying for others to be drawn to Him, etc. You're not listening to music, nor making toast and eggs, nor driving down the road, etc. It's a quality prayer time. It's time specifically set apart in the morning upon arising to lift up prayer concerns and to focus upon Him. True ministry comes out of our praising and worshiping Him, reading the Word and quality prayer time spent with Him.

This paradigm, of dividing your prayer time into three equal parts, isn't so rigid that you can't pray with your understanding during the time of tongues, or waiting upon the Lord; or pray in tongues during your time of waiting upon the Lord, etc. Also, if the Holy Spirit directs you to listen to praise and worship music one day, for some or all of the prayer time, do so, but this should be an exception, not the general rule.

If you're not used to praying in tongues for a third of your prayer time, I would suggest that when you begin to pray in tongues that you think of Yeshua being there in the room with you, and you worshiping Him in tongues and telling Him that you love Him. Also, ask the Father to pour out the Holy Spirit upon you, like He did in Acts 2 to the Apostles, in the precious name of Yeshua, that you would have their ability to heal others in the name of Yeshua.

For the last third of your prayer time wait upon the Lord Yeshua and *listen* for His Voice, 'look for Him,' seek to enter into His Presence; seek to get to know Him (better) by His Spirit. Wait upon Him for an impression or a word, and just be with Him. Whether you literally sense anything or not you'll be reoriented.

One hour in the morning every day is *the minimum goal for the rest of your life*. Of course, you can pray in the afternoons and evenings, too, which is like icing on a cake, but only time in the morning counts toward the hour. Morning prayer is essential because the Lord reorients us for the day through it. Yes, you may have to get up earlier than usual, but it's more than worth it. Like physical exercise, the more one does it the more one is accustomed to it, and the more it becomes a (godly) habit, and the easier it is, as time truly seems to fly by in His Presence.

Of course, there may be some mornings when you might not be able to pray for an hour, due to having gone to bed too late the night before, but try and get some time of praise and worship, reading of the Word, and 15 minutes or more of prayer for that morning, and return to the hour of prayer the next morning. Reading the word, praising Him and studying the Word are eternal investments and help us to live in the day by His Spirit, with His Love, Joy, Long-Suffering and Wisdom, and to be able to minister to others in His name.

The spiritual benefits of the three of them are great because they bring us deeper into His Kingdom, give us a greater awareness of the Lord in our lives, and a greater trust and dependency upon Him, which is real maturity and greater *shalom* (peace) 'in Yeshua.'

⁹ To understand why I make praying in tongues a major part of your prayer life please read Dave Roberson's book, *The Walk of the Spirit—The Walk of Power* at <http://www.daveroberson.org/books.aspx>. It can be downloaded for free. It's one of the required books to be read for both the ordination process and the non-ordination process, and when you read it send me an email, sharing some of your insights and/or concerns.

Time spent in the three allows the Holy Spirit to mold and shape our character so that we truly reflect the heart and character of Messiah Yeshua in our lives, to strangers as well as family, and everyone else ‘in-between.’ (Galatians 5:22-23)

“But the Fruit of the Spirit is (God’s) love, (God’s) joy, (God’s) peace, (God’s) long suffering, (God’s) kindness, (God’s) goodness, (God’s) faithfulness, (God’s) gentleness, (God’s) self-control. Against such there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22-23)

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

All the articles, etc., on The Seed of Abraham website are to be read as part of the ordination and the non-ordination requirements. If you download the PDFs you read, you’ll be able to build your own library of articles and books, and also be able to send them to others whenever the need arises (or their links from the Checklist), and be able to print them out with their formatting and footnotes, for yourself and as possible handouts to others through either email or physically handing them out to people.

After you’ve read the articles, etc., in the list above (p. 3f., Three Steps To Ordination, numbered from 1-28) and given me feedback on them, and have begun the Scripture readings, you might want to begin with a systematic approach to the rest of the materials by starting with the articles listed in the Articles menu:

1. Biblical
2. Christian
3. Jewish
4. Mosaic Sacrifice
5. Miscellaneous
 - a. All the *Books to Read* in the Articles section under Miscellaneous¹⁰ are the books that are required reading for the ordination and non-ordination process. Please read them in the order listed, but if a book or any article ‘calls out to you,’ feel free to read it before another.
 - b. You can read the books while you are reading the articles on the website or you can do the website first and then the rest of the books and DVDs. The above five points are only a suggestion. Once out of the first 28 things you can design your own order if you like.
6. The Jewish Newsletters (in their order).
7. Missions
8. The Seed of Abraham
9. Comments 2002 to the present.

Or if you prefer, do the articles and books, etc. first, that you feel led to. Either way, by the time you’re done you’ll have read all the articles and books, etc. on the website.

¹⁰ The *Books to Read* are on the Checklist and also at <http://seedofabraham.net/Books-to-Read.pdf>.

THE GOAL OF ORDINATION

The goal of ordination is to read the weekly Scripture readings as well as all the articles, CDs, DVDs and books on the website, and the YouTube messages, interacting with me on all of them, as well as to develop a solid time of daily prayer and reading of the Word. By the time you're ordained you will be fully knowledgeable in The Hebraic Perspective and able to teach it to others, as well as to minister to Jew or Gentile, in the name of Yeshua, etc. This also holds true for the non-ordainee.

For the ordainees, if I sense from the Lord that you're ready for ordination before you finish all the website material then you'll be ordained at that time. Of course, you'll need to continue reading until all the material is read, but ordination is not based on what you've read, but who and 'where' you are in Messiah Yeshua. On the other hand, if after having read all the material on the website, and I sense that you're not ready to be ordained, then we'll wait upon the Lord for His timing. This applies to the non-ordainee also, in terms of receiving the Certificate of Achievement.

If after ordination, say, one, ten or thirty years down the road you sense that the Lord is leading you in another direction and you want to sever your official ties with The Seed of Abraham, just send me your ordination certificate and card. After that you're free to pursue whatever path you sense the Lord is leading you in. Conversely, if you teach things, in my judgment, that are contrary to the Word of God (e.g. Kabbalah; Sunday observance over Sabbath holiness; the wearing of the *kippa*; or Yeshua not being deity, etc.) and you do not have a change of mind after a given time and interaction with me, you'll be notified that you are no longer officially part of The Seed of Abraham. I will ask for your ordination certificate and card back and you'll not be able to use the name, The Seed of Abraham, or my name, or my articles, etc., for anything (e.g. the name of your congregation; teachings of mine, etc.).

The Hebraic Perspective, which identifies and distinguishes us from all the Protestant churches, and others of seemingly similar views, but who are very different from us,¹¹ is a 'wide open field' with room for growing theologically—for discussion, oneness and disagreement. We can disagree on issues not central to our faith in Messiah Yeshua (e.g. the day of the Resurrection, the date of the Exodus, and the color of the carpet in your congregational meeting place) and still fellowship, but there are red lines which, if one goes past, disqualifies him for association with The Seed of Abraham (e.g. the deity and humanity of Messiah Yeshua). Everyone sins, and no one has 'all the right teachings,' but hopefully, after correction will change their thinking, but heresy, rebellion and an unteachable spirit will not be tolerated.

If you have any questions let me know.¹²

We're not to bend God's Word to our way of thinking,
but to bend our way of thinking to God's Word.

¹¹ For instance, Messianic Judaism, with its lack of Torah integrity, and many Hebrew Roots and 'One Law' people with their insistence on Gentile circumcision, which is a major heresy, are not people who would agree with our perspective on Scripture, even though they may seem closer to us than the Church.

¹² Revised on 16 November 2017.