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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated first, to the Great High Priest, Yeshua, Whose eternal priesthood functions after the order of Melchizedek. Secondly, to every believer in Yeshua who truly longs to please YeHoVaH in every aspect of their being, and so learn to function within the order of their God-ordained priesthood.³

³ On the crown the Hebrew says, “holiness unto YeHoVaH”.

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SECTION 1:

PRIESTHOOD



From Adam to Aaron

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Introduction

As I looked up from my filing job, where I stood behind an opened filing cabinet, I saw a male figure. He walked through the front door of the office and headed my way. He was over six feet tall, had thick jet-back hair, a warm and pleasant smile. Coming closer towards me, he reached out his hand to shake mine. Returning the gesture, with a big smile, I stretched out my hand to shake his, stepping forward at the same time.

Suddenly, without thinking, I opened my mouth wide and shrieked. In stepping forward to greet the young man, so enraptured by him, I forgot to close the bottom file cabinet drawer. Tripping over it, I began to tumble to the ground.

Gravity was about to have its own way as I speed towards an unwelcomed encounter with the floor. Quickly, the young man lunged forward interrupting my fall, catching me with his strong waiting arms.

Humiliated but grateful for his help, I brushed aside my embarrassment and managed to ask him if I could help him. He told me that he was the new branch representative for the finance company where I worked. This introduction to the company, neither one of us forgot!

Time went on in that little company office, however, the young man stayed only a few months. When he left, our relationship continued and one year later, the two of us stood before a church altar. Holding hands in a marriage ceremony, we made a lifetime commitment to each other.

It has been nearly half a century since the day of our unique introduction. Looking back, I chuckle to myself on how I literally fell for my husband! Also, I giggle at the Heavenly Master's plan, and this promised husband for whom I prayed.

Indeed, he entered my life in a way, my wildest imagination, could never dream up. This remarkable, unexpected, surprising answer to

my prayers and the life to follow, all began with one of God's unique, divine appointments!

A BIBLICAL DIVINE APPOINTMENT

As I think of such Divine appointments, ones that change your life forever, I think of a day when a worshipper of false gods,⁴ named Abram, met the creator of the universe. After Abram's initial encounter with YeHoVaH of glory,⁵ his life changed, forever. Indeed, when God, Who initiated the Divine encounter, stepped into Abram's life, He totally shattered the mould for Abram, totally changing his destiny. Little did Abram know that those moments when God interrupted his life's journey, that he'd develop a strong and long-term covenant relationship with God Almighty, and that, through the relationship, God would bless all nations.

⁴ Joshua 24:2 "And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith YeHoVaH God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, [even] Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods."

⁵ Acts 7:2 "And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,"

This relationship with God came at a high cost as Abram learned many lessons in his personal commitment to God. From the beginning, following the initial encounter, God began to separate Abram from all he knew.

Genesis 12:1-3

1 ¶ Now YeHoVaH had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Commitment to continued fellowship with God meant leaving behind his father,⁶ and all his kindred, meaning his siblings and their

⁶ While God commanded Abram to leave his father, Abram brought his father along with him, as well as his nephew, Lot. After his father, Terah, died, Abram's journey with YeHoVaH stepped up a notch, and after his nephew Lot eventually left to go his own way, this covenant relationship with God moved forward to its full potential. This covenant required Abram's full obedience!

offspring, too, and travel to a land, about which he knew nothing.

Abram's relationship with God matured, whereby Abraham became a prophet and priest unto God and moved into a covenant-style relationship with God. Their relationship was so unique and blessed that, like a marriage, Abram's⁷ name changed to reflect the unity in his relationship with God. God gave him a new name, Abraham, which in effect took the "ה" (the "heh" or the breath of God) and added it to Abram's name. This new name showed the oneness of this *covenant agreement* between God and Abraham and the operative priesthood, therein.

PRIESTHOOD AND COVENANT

Abraham's priesthood with God and the covenant agreement between them is found in the book of Genesis, the book of beginnings. Therein are found records of the covenant and priesthood of Abraham, with its altar and sacrifice. Genesis also mentions and gives inference to other priests, some existing before, during and after Abraham. The believer's

⁷ Abram's wife, Sarai, also had the same letter incorporated into her name, changing it to Sarah.

priesthood, today, is spoken within the context of the Apostolic scriptures.

A BELIEVER'S PRIESTHOOD

In this book, as we explore some of those priesthoods and covenants in the Bible, you'll see the various responsibilities, altars and sacrifices of priesthood found in the Hebraic scriptures. As we study the Aaronic priesthood, you'll recognize its heavy duties and enormous responsibilities. Then, in shifting our focus to the New Covenant and its priesthood, you'll see a powerful contrast and liberty. In the final chapters of this book, as we look at the New Covenant and the believer's priesthood, indeed, you should recognize the far greater priesthood of the believer, as well as identify the believer's altar and sacrifice.

AUTHOR'S PRAYER FOR YOU

Dear reader, the way I see it, a believer's priesthood is the entire embodiment of a life lived for Messiah. As you read and study this material, may there arise an awareness of your priesthood in that light. May such propel you to move forward to operate in your priesthood and find in it *true fulfillment*. This can only bless God, you and others, whose lives you touch for God. May YeHoVaH enable you, dear one, to

grasp and embrace the road leading to the greatest depth of your relationship possible with Him, that of your priesthood.

AUTHOR'S REMINDER

Yeshua said in John 8:32

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

True liberty comes by hearing and receiving the truth. To receive truth, sometimes there is a battle. When that is the case, determine, ahead of time, to resist temptations to toss confronting truths aside. Determine now, with God's help, to shift your mindset into full gear to live the life God designed for you. Embrace that life, within the context of the New Covenant, *including the expression of your priesthood*, and let the hold of any former, erroneous teachings shatter.