



Derech HaMashiach
Torah Connect Foundations Course

Duration: 10 Weeks

Cost: Your time commitment for each week of the course (free will offerings are always welcome too)

Goals:

1. Connect the Covenant G-d made with Abraham, as recorded in the Torah (Five Books of Moses) with the work of Yeshua (Jesus) in the Renewed Testament.
2. Understand why it is the Renewed Testament and not the New Testament.
3. Identify the elemental principles of our faith in Yeshua, as they were understood by His Talmidim (Disciples), 2000 years ago, so that we may be mature believers, “whose faculties have been trained by continuous exercise to distinguish good from evil.” (Hebrews 5:14 - CJB¹)
4. Gain a basic understanding of the Shabbat, the Seven Day, why it is important to G-d and how we are to put it to practice, including the beautiful liturgy that is associated with it, which is over 2500 years old.

Synopsis:

For nearly 2000 years there has been a divide between the “Old Testament” and the “New Testament.” If one is new, the old must no longer be relevant. The aim of this Torah Foundations Course is to connect the Torah (the first Five Books of the “Old Testament”) to those who have placed their faith in Yeshua. Yeshua is simply the Name of Jesus in His local language; how those who associated with Him would have called Him.

The course is aimed at redefining the concept of the “Old” and the “New,” and provide the foundation to understand that the Bible as a whole, is indeed connected, one Book. This will highlight how important it is to know what is written in the Torah to understand what Yeshua and the writers of the Renewed Testament meant; what they understand and tried to convey to their target audience. This course will unpack why it is called “Renewed” and not “New,” and that G-d’s Covenant has been, and will always be the same. It has simply been “renewed” with respect to some of the Terms of the Covenant.

To comprehend this concept of renewal, it is important to understand the Covenant that G-d made with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses and the Children of Israel. It is with this understanding, that the work of Yeshua on the Execution Stake (also called the Cross) can be seen with new eyes, through the lens of the original Jewish worldview. It was originally this Jewish context that Yeshua and His Talmidim (or Disciples) taught, and it was with this worldview that Talmidim were instructed to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, ... teaching them to observe all I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19 – 20 – TLV²)

Along with understanding the Covenants, and their importance for us, we will see how even the very basic elements of our faith, as outlined in Hebrews 6:1 – 2, are not new, indeed those we share with the Pharisees of Yeshua’s time. We will learn that Yeshua never claimed the Pharisees’ belief and teaching was wrong, just that some of them did

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not live out their faith the way that G-d desired. It will become evident that the early Believers in Yeshua have much in common with the Pharisees, in particular aspects of faith principles and communal gatherings.

This course is not a New Believer's course, but an informative study on the covenantal relationship between G-d and the Jewish people, which impacts the lives of those who have faith in Yeshua. However, these foundations will still be beneficial for any New Believer. Through this course, we will learn to put on a new pair of glasses with which to read the Renewed Testament.

Syllabus:

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| Study 1: | The Kehillah: | The community that Yeshua started or maybe confirmed |
| | Torah Fulfilled: | How did Yeshua "fulfil" the Torah, the Instructions from G-d |
| Study 2: | The Kehillah: | How did it develop and what does it mean for us, here today |
| | The Remnant: | You are part of the Remnant that G-d has been calling out |
| Study 3: | The Covenants: | What are Covenants? What is "The Covenant" that does not change? What are Signs of a Covenant. |
| | Cutting Covenant: | How did G-d cut Covenant with Abraham |
| | Righteousness of Avraham: | What's so special about Abraham, and why it matters to us today, who have faith in Yeshua |
| Study 4: | Terms of the Covenant: | With every contract, marriage, and Covenant, there are Terms to adhere to. What are the Terms of "The Covenant" |
| | The Covenant with Abraham: | What is the importance of the Covenant G-d made with Abraham, around 4000 years ago, to us today |
| | Someone had to die: | The consequence of breaking The Covenant |
| | The Avrahamic Covenant in the Jewish Prayers: | Why does Abraham feature so heavily in Jewish prayers |
| Study 5: | The Covenant with Moses and Israel: | The Terms are renewed because of the Golden Calf, and how Yeshua deals with that |
| | The Renewed Covenant: | A brief introduction to the Renewed Covenant |
| Study 6: | Salvation: | Salvation for the Jew. Salvation for the Gentile. |
| | The Renewed Covenant: | How is the Covenant Renewed through Yeshua, and what is the Sign of the Renewed Covenant |
| Study 7: | Elementary Principles of our Faith – Part 1 | A brief overview of the Elemental Principles referenced in Hebrews 6:1 – 2. Where they come from and what they mean in their original context. |
| Study 8: | Elementary Principles – Part 1 | |
| Study 9: | A walk through the Shabbat | The Shabbat is the first of G-d's Appointed Times, which he set apart to meet with man. What are the highlights of this special time with Him |
| Study 10: | A walk through the Jewish/Messianic Prayer Siddur | The Jewish Prayer Siddur has been used for just over 2500 years. What part does it play in the worship of a believer in the Jewish Messiah. |

