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“Jews” Worshiping at the Western or “Wailing” Wall in Jerusalem

**The Traditions and Practices of the Judeans**

**Lesson 15**

## An Open Letter from the Staff...

We learned in Lesson 13 that the term “Judean” was often used to identify someone who adhered to the culture and religious beliefs of those living in Judea. We also learned that the religion of the corrupted Judeans contained many pagan beliefs and rituals.

Prior to her Assyrian and Babylonian captivities, Israel had mingled with pagan cultures and religions time and time again. After repeated warnings, YEHOVAH God finally divorced Israel and brought about her exile into captivity.

While in Assyria, Babylon and Persia the Israelites absorbed additional pagan beliefs and practices, including the popular teachings of Zoroaster. Thousands later moved to Jerusalem and Judea carrying with them these ritual perversions which then were handed down from generation to generation in the form of “traditions.”

Eventually these perversions coalesced into the religion known today as Judaism. Everything about Judaism is either a distortion or a falsification of the Old Testament because Judaism is BASED on a man-made tradition that VOIDS the Old Testament by means of a series of dispensations and loopholes.

With the rejection of their Messiah and the commitment of the formerly oral traditions to writing, these Israelites completely abandoned themselves to a perversion which had once been only a persistent underground stream polluting Israel. After the Messiah’s crucifixion, this ideology emerged as the MAIN focus of those who refused to accept Yeshua as their savior.

To ascribe to the ancient Israelite religion the term “Judaism” is a GRAVE lexical and hermeneutic error. After some Judeans rejected their Messiah they formalized the tradition of the elders condemned by the Messiah as the very nullification of the Law of YEHOVAH God, and that *NEW RELIGION* is accurately and properly termed Judaism. This lesson will discuss some of the perversions found in the Judean Culture.



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### About Our Cover...

Modern “Jews” worshipping at what they think is the western wall of the Temple when, in fact, it is the western wall of Herod’s Fort Antonia which housed the Roman garrison that controlled Jerusalem.

## Traditions and Practices of the Judeans

### LESSON 15

#### The Culture of the Judeans

The following list summarizes some of the pagan practices, beliefs and customs which became part of the Judean culture, most of which have found their way into modern Judeo-Christian theology. In this and future lessons, we will examine some of these beliefs, customs and practices ("traditions of men") in the light of the Bible.

#### Practices, Beliefs and Customs Existing Within the Judean Culture

1. **Dualism:** the world is ruled by the antagonistic forces of good and evil with a good god versus an evil god (Satan).
2. **Immortality of the soul:** continued existence of a nonphysical entity which separates from a body at the time of death.
3. **Heaven:** an eternal place of bliss and the abode of YEHOVAH God, angels and the departed souls of the righteous dead.
4. **Hell:** an eternal place of torment and the abode of Satan, demons and the departed souls of the wicked dead.
5. **Trinity:** a triune godhead -- three-part god in unity.
6. Pre-existence of the soul prior to embodiment.
7. **Incarnation:** gods and "spirits" taking on flesh bodies.
8. Astrology, numerology, alchemy, sorcery, foretelling and various other occult practices.
9. Highly structured mystical priesthood, and an elaborate ritualistic system of worship with secret rites and ceremonies.
10. Babylonian calendar and observance of days.
11. Babylonian-style legal/judicial system.
12. Debt-usury economic/monetary system.
13. Babylonian-style central government.

#### The Traditions of Men

The "traditions of the Judeans are mentioned a number of times in the New Testament.

1. Read **Matthew 15:1-20** and **Mark 7:1-23**. What was it Yeshua and his disciples transgressed or violated according to the scribes and Pharisees? **Matthew 15:2**.

2. What specific violation were the Judean leaders accusing the disciples of committing? **Matthew 15:2; Mark 7:2, 5**.

3. According to **Mark 7:3**, who followed this TRADITION?

4. Responding to the Judeans' accusation, Yeshua told them in **Mark 7:7** they were worshipping in vain and

"teaching for doctrine the commandments" of whom?

**COMMENT:** The word TRADITION is translated from the Greek word *paradosis* (#3862 in *Strong's Concordance*), meaning "transmission, i.e. a precept; specially the Judean traditionary law." This refers to teachings (doctrines, precepts, customs, etc.) that are handed down from generation to generation. "The washing of hands," a religious ceremonial ritual, was one such tradition. The Messiah CLEARLY condemned this TRADITION as vain (empty) worship, indicating that their motive for keeping this tradition was improper.

#### Recommended Reading...

*The Temples That Jerusalem Forgot*, by Ernest L. Martin.

### The Ritual of Washing

The washing (ablution) of hands was not simply done for hygienic purposes, but constituted a CEREMONIOUS RITUAL strictly adhered to by the Judeans. It was part of their TRADITIONARY LAW. The Jewish Talmud puts the one eating with unwashed hands on the same plane as one committing fornication, and states that the one lightly esteeming hand washing will perish from the earth.

5. What did the Messiah call the scribes and Pharisees who promoted the tradition of washing the hands? **Matthew 15:7; Mark 7:6.**

6. In **Mark 7:8**, what did the Messiah accuse these Judean leaders of laying aside? What did he accuse them of holding on to?

### Appearing Clean

1. Read **Luke 11:37-41**. According to **verse 37**, with whom was Yeshua eating?

2. According to **verse 38**, what did the Pharisees observe that made him marvel (wonder)?

3. In **verse 39**, what does the Messiah say the inward part of the Pharisees is full of?

**COMMENT:** In the above verses Yeshua rebuked the Pharisees for their hypocritical practice of making themselves appear clean (pure; righteous) by OUTWARD ceremonial ritual while their true motives and desires were impure and unrighteous. While appearing righteous and pure, they were actually robbing and stealing from the people. They were nothing more than common thieves masquerading as pious, holy men, not unlike the religious and political CHARLATANS of our day.

4. In **Matthew 23:25**, what does Yeshua say the scribes and Pharisees are inwardly full of?

### Ravening

The word RAVENING is translated from the Greek word *harpagē* (#724 in **Strong's Concordance**), meaning "pillage." It refers to the acts of robbery, extortion, plunder, etc. -- a seizing by FORCE.

**COMMENT:** In the above verse the word EXTORTION is rendered from the same Greek word (#724) that was translated into the word RAVENING in **Luke 11:39**. In both cases reference is made to the greed and avarice of Judean scribes and Pharisees who used, without restraint, their positions of power over the people to plunder them -- all under the pretense of righteousness.

### Excess

The word EXCESS is translated from the Greek word *akrasia* (#192 in **Strong's Concordance**), meaning "want of self-restraint." It refers to a lack of self-control.

The Judean tradition of "washing of hands," as hypocritically practiced by the scribes and Pharisees, was nothing more than vain ceremonial ritualism used to put on an appearance of purity and righteousness. In some cases it was INTENTIONAL DECEPTION to hide inner wickedness. Others undoubtedly engaged in the ritual ignorantly, thinking it would make them ceremonially righteous (a false TRADITION OF MEN taught to them).

Many professing Christians today practice VAIN ceremonial ritualism in one form or another (Catholicism would be a good example of this). Although it is often completely nonsensical, they believe it is necessary to please YEHOVAH God.

### Corban

In **Matthew 15:3-6** and **Mark 7:9-13**, Yeshua the Messiah condemns another TRADITION of these Judean scribes and Pharisees.

1. What commandment of YEHOVAH God did the Messiah accuse the scribes and Pharisees of violating by their tradition? **Matthew 15:3-4; Mark 7:9-10.**

2. According to **Mark 7:11-12**, what was it that a man could say to his parents -- pointing to tradition -- to free himself from providing for their needs?

3. In **Matthew 15:6** and **Mark 7:13**, Yeshua told these Judeans they were making the word (commandment) of YEHOVAH God “none effect” by their what?

**COMMENT:** According to the Law of YEHOVAH God, people were responsible for seeing that the needs of their elderly parents were satisfied. This DUTY was emphatically UNDERSCORED by the Messiah, who, from the tree, committed his mother Mary to the disciple John for care and support (**John 19:26-27**). Through the TRADITION of “corban,” Judeans were able to avoid or shun (“make of none effect”) this commandment of YEHOVAH God. This is a good example of how man attempts to REPLACE or supersede YEHOVAH’s Law.

4. In **Matthew 15:11** and **Mark 7:15**, what does the Messiah say (in parable form) defiles a person?

5. In explaining the parable, Yeshua says the evil things that come out of a certain part of men is what defiles them. What part of men is that? **Matthew 15:17-20; Mark 7:18-23.**

6. In **Matthew 15:14** Yeshua describes the Judean scribes and Pharisees as “\_\_\_\_\_ leaders of the \_\_\_\_\_.”

### The Contaminating Judeans

The Judean scribes and Pharisees, like many within the so-called Christian world today, were more concerned with conformity to their human TRADITIONS than OBEDIENCE to YEHOVAH God. These arrogant, superficial Judeans, who were so concerned that they would be contaminated by contact with their inferiors, or by eating food with ceremonially unclean hands and vessels, were themselves the MOST CONTAMINATING OF ALL! They taught their spurious traditions to others and enforced obedience to them, even to the point of VIOLATING YEHOVAH’s righteous Law. Their “traditions,” -- products of their evil hearts -- were evidence of their DEFILED, UN-GODLY condition.

1. Read **Titus 1:10-16**. Verse 10 addresses the subject of unruly (rebellious) and

### Corban

The word CORBAN comes from the Greek word *korban* (#2878 in **Strong’s Concordance**), meaning “a votive offering; a consecrated present (to the Temple fund).” The Judeans had developed a culpable practice in connection with “corban.” By their TRADITION they taught that money, property or anything dedicated to the Temple as “corban,” or a votive (vowed or pledged) gift, thereafter belonged to the Temple and could not be used for some other purpose. However, in reality, the gift or devoted item was kept by the person who made the vow. According to this practice, a son could avoid his responsibility to support his old and indigent parents merely by saying that his property, or some portion of it, was “corban” -- a gift dedicated to YEHOVAH God or to the Temple. By saying, “It is corban,” he would not have to use such property to support his parents who might be in such desperate straits and request or need his aid in the future.

vain talkers and deceivers, especially those of what persuasion?

2. What does **verse 14** indicate they give heed to? What does this (and the “commandments of men”) pervert (turn from)?

3. According to **verse 15**, what is wrong with their mind and conscience?

4. What does **verse 16** state that they do to YEHOVAH god -- “being abominable, and disobedient, and to every good work reprobate”?

**COMMENT:** The above verses are applicable to CHRISTIAN ISRAEL today! They are instructions to CHRISTIAN ELDERS and OVERSEERS concerning the rebuking of false teachers who DECEIVE people with Judean fables (myths) and commandments of men. These deceivers are identified as “THOSE OF THE CIRCUMCISION.” This further identifies them as JUDEANS, since the ceremonial ritual of fleshly circumcision was a strict requirement according to their TRADITION. To them, anyone not circumcised in the flesh was “unclean” and not to be associated with.

5. According to **Acts 15:1**, what were the Judeans teaching that had to be done “after the manner of Moses”? If, so they said, this was NOT done, what would be the believers’ spiritual state?

6. According to **John 7:22**, what day of the week did the Judeans circumcise on?

7. According to **I Corinthians 7:19** both circumcision and uncircumcision are regarded as what compared to the commandments of YEHOVAH God?

**COMMENT:** The Judeans FALSELY taught (as part of their tradition) that circumcision of the flesh must be strictly observed, and they considered as “unclean” and “unsaved” those who were not circumcised. This is yet another example of RITUALISTIC NONSENSE and an attempt by man to achieve his own righteousness. This VAIN tradition of men will be dealt with in more detail in future lessons.

### The Leaven of the Pharisees

Yeshua the Messiah likened the traditions (doctrines) of the Judean Pharisees and Sadducees to LEAVEN which spreads and CONTAMINATES!

1. Read **Matthew 16:5-12**. In **verse 6** what did the Messiah warn his disciples to “take heed and beware of”?

2. In **verse 12**, what did the disciples understand the Messiah was talking about when he spoke of the “leaven” of the Pharisees and Sadducees?

**COMMENT:** The word DOCTRINE is translated from the Greek word *didache* (#1322 in *Strong’s Concordance*), meaning “instruction,” which is derived from the root word *dao* (to teach). *Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon* defines this word as “that which is taught.” The TRADITIONS of the Judeans were “passed on” or taught from generation to generation. Thus, the “DOCTRINES” of the Judeans were their “TRADITIONS.”

3. In **Colossians 2:8** what does Paul warn the Christians in Colossae to avoid as well as “vain deceit? What were these things that were “after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ”?

4. What does Paul warn the Christians in Ephesus that “vain words” could do to them? Because of these “vain words” “the wrath of God” could come upon whom? **Ephesians 5:6**.

5. In **Hebrews 13:9**, what is it that Christians are warned not to be carried away with?

**COMMENT:** The word PHILOSOPHY in **Colossians 2:8** is translated from the Greek word *philosophia* (#5385 in *Strong’s Concordance*), meaning “specifically Judean sophistry.” *Webster’s 1828 Dictionary* defines SOPHISTRY as “fallacious reasoning; reasoning sound in appearance only.” FALLACIOUS means “deceptive or misleading.” Therefore, Paul is warning against TRADITIONS (doctrines) of men that DECEIVE others -- precisely what the “tradition of the elders” did in

those days (the same as they do today in the form of “Judea-Christian” doctrines).

The word VAIN in **Ephesians 5:6** is rendered from the Greek word *kenos* (#2756 in *Strong's Concordance*), meaning “empty.” *Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon* defines this word as “devoid of truth.” Thus, Paul is warning against being deceived by false teachings that lead to disobedience (to YEHOUVAH God). Yeshua said the Judean rulers were doing this to the people. (This is precisely what is going on in Christian Israel today.)

### Other Judean Traditions

1. Read **Matthew 12:1-8**. After observing Yeshua's disciples plucking corn, the Pharisees accused them, in **verse 2**, of doing “that which is not \_\_\_\_\_ to do upon the sabbath day.”

2. Read **Luke 13:10-17**. According to **verse 14** the ruler of the synagogue was angry because the Messiah did what on the Sabbath day? What did the ruler order the people to seek on a day OTHER than the Sabbath?

3. Read **John 5:1-17**. In **verse 10**, what was it the Judeans went so far as to tell the cured man he could not do on the Sabbath day?

4. Read **Mark 3:1-6**. According to **verse 2**, what were the Pharisees planning to do to the Messiah if they caught him healing on the Sabbath?

**COMMENT:** The above verses are an example of the many Judean regulations (TRADITIONS) concerning what could and could not be done on the Sabbath day. The Sabbath (indicating a rest) was ORIGINALLY intended to be a spiritually uplifting time. However, the Judean religious leaders gradually made it a burden by greatly increasing the Sabbath restrictions (traditions). The true purpose and intent of the Sabbath was made VOID by these Judeans. They turned the people into SLAVES TO TRADITION rather than allowing the Sabbath to serve men. The rabbis had a saying: “The sins of everyone who strictly

observes every law of the Sabbath, though he be an idol worshiper, are forgiven.” It is this kind of VAIN REASONING that leads to DISOBEDIENCE of YEHOUVAH's Law. Is not modern Israel (U.S., Great Britain, Scandinavia, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, etc.) plagued with similar “vain reasoning” in its various forms and experiencing MASS disobedience to YEHOUVAH God?

### Racial Indulgence

1. Read **Matthew 3:1-12**. In **verse 9**, John the Baptist tells the Pharisees and Sadducees not to claim whom as their father in order to seek “escape from wrath”?

2. In **verse 7**, John called these Judean leaders a generation of what?

**COMMENT:** In the above passage of scripture, John the Baptist scolded the Judean leaders for their LACK of sincere REPENTANT ATTITUDE. He further condemned their belief in “RACIAL INDULGENCE” -- the idea that they needed no repentance and would escape wrath because they were descendants of Abraham (a concept DECEIVING many Israelites today). The word VIPERS comes from the Greek word *echidna* (#2191 in *Strong's Concordance*), meaning “an adder or other POISONOUS snake.” *Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon* further defines this word as “cunning, malignant, wicked men.” The inference is that the religious teachings (TRADITIONS) of these Judeans were POISONING the minds of others -- just as they are doing today!

3. Read **John 8:31-37**. In **verse 32**, what did the Messiah tell the Judeans that they would know? And what would it make them?

4. After Yeshua offered them freedom, the Judeans responded by saying they were Abraham's what? As a result of this they thought they were not in bondage to any man and did not need to be made what? **Verse 33**.

**COMMENT:** In these verses we see another example of the ERRONEOUS Judean belief in racial indulgence. They believed they

were blameless simply on the basis of being Abraham's descendants! They did not consider themselves to be in bondage; thus, they did not need the Messiah to set them free! The word FREE is rendered from the Greek words *eleutheros* (#1658) and *eleutheroo* (#1659), meaning to be "exempt" from obligation or liability. They considered themselves EXEMPT (free) from bondage on the basis of their ancestral lineage; as a result, they saw NO NEED for repentance and reform -- like many today!

This leads us to yet another FALSE TEACHING of the Judeans -- that of SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS. They believed they could attain righteousness by their OWN efforts through observance of ritual. This was nothing but the HUMANIST DOCTRINE of "personal salvation" -- man "saving" himself by works alone. Yeshua the Messiah and the disciples STRONGLY condemned this heresy.

### A Form of Righteousness

**1. Read Romans 9:31-10:4.** In verse 32, Paul states that Israel (including the Judeans) did not attain righteousness because they sought it NOT by what? That being the case, how did they try to attain righteousness?

**2. In Romans 10:3** Paul states that they went about to establish their own WHAT without submitting themselves to YEHOUVAH's righteousness?

**COMMENT:** In the above scriptures, Paul was addressing those in Israel (many of whom were Judeans) who were trying to prove their own righteousness through the keeping of TRADITIONS rather than submitting to YEHOUVAH's laws and righteousness (faith in the Messiah). In effect, they were placing their FORM of righteousness (faith in TRADITIONS) over that of YEHOUVAH's laws and faith in the Messiah.

The word RIGHTEOUSNESS is translated from the Greek word *dikaiousune* (#1343 in *Strong's Concordance*), meaning "equity:

specifically justification," which in turn is derived from #1342 (*dikaaios*), meaning "equitable; innocent, holy." By doing the "right things," men are justified. Today, Judeo-Christian churches teach people they can be "saved" by MYSTERY and RITUAL -- respond to an altar call, say the "sinner's prayer," be a member of the "right" church, be baptized a non-Biblical way, say the right creeds, etc. (traditions of men).

**3. In Luke 16:15,** the Messiah told the covetous Pharisees that they were trying to do what before men? He also told them that what they were doing ("that which was highly esteemed among men") is what in the sight of YEHOUVAH God?

**4. In Luke 10:29** we see that the Judean lawyer, who had asked the Messiah how to inherit eternal life, was willing to do what?

**5. Read Luke 18:9-14. Verse 9** states that the Messiah spoke a parable to those who trusted in what? And were what "and despised others"?

**6. In verse 14** Yeshua indicates that the repentant publican went to his house in what condition -- rather than the self-righteous Pharisee?

**COMMENT:** In the verses above the words JUSTIFY and JUSTIFIED are rendered from the Greek word *dikaioo* (#1344 in *Strong's Concordance*), meaning "to render (i.e. show or regard as) just or innocent." It comes from the same root word (*dikaaios*, #1342) Paul used in **Romans 10:3** (see above).

Yeshua essentially told the Judeans that seeking their OWN righteousness outwardly (to get esteem from men) while their heart was NOT RIGHT (NON-REPENTANT) was an ABOMINATION (#946; "a detestation, i.e. Idolatry") to YEHOUVAH God. And what does repent mean? Repent means to CHANGE -- CHANGE from observing man's laws and traditions to observing YEHOUVAH God's laws and way of life. The Messiah used the examples of the Judean lawyer and Pharisee in the scriptures above to ILLUSTRATE this IDOLATROUS

MIND SET -- a mind set prevalent in Judeo-Christianity today!

### System-Trained “Teachers of the Law”

1. In **John 7:15** the Judeans who heard the Messiah’s teaching wondered how he knew letters (writings; law) since they claimed he was what?

2. Read **Mark 6:1-6**. After questioning the source of the Messiah’s wisdom, and acknowledging his common ancestry, the Judeans became what at him? **Verse 3**.

3. Read **Luke 20:1-8**. According to **verse 2**, the chief priests, the scribes and the elders asked Yeshua who had given him the what to teach the people?

**COMMENT:** The Judean culture provided for a highly structured and tightly controlled system of higher education, limited exclusively for training the “teachers of the law” -- the priests and scribes (who, for the most part, were Pharisees). They made a systematic study of THEIR law (HUMAN TRADITIONS) and its exposition their occupation. Thus, this special class of Judeans enjoyed great power over the common people. By not being a part of this group, Yeshua was not considered a “learned” man by many Judeans and was denounced by those in power for his lack of “accepted” authority, as were his disciples. A very similar set of circumstances exists within the “Christian” world today, with its “experts” of theology and law who have undergone rigorous educational training. They, too, exercise tremendous POWER over the people, and they use that power to control, deceive and plunder them. Ironically, it is the people’s recognition and SUBMISSION to these feigned experts’ authority that gives them this Satan-inspired power over them.

4. According to **John 9:22**, the Judeans executed power over the blind man’s parents through the threat of putting them out of the what?

5. According to **John 12:42**, even some

of the chief rulers were fearful of being “put out of the synagogue” by whom?

6. In **John 16:2** what is it that Yeshua tells his disciples will happen to them in relation to the synagogues?

**COMMENT:** In the above verses the phrase “put out of the synagogue” is translated from the Greek word *apesunagogos* (#656 in *Strong’s Concordance*), meaning “excommunicated.” This illustrates the kind of power these so-called “learned” men had over the people -- not unlike OUR SITUATION TODAY! Churches and religious leaders have ALWAYS controlled people through the threat of excommunication, as well as the fear of eternal damnation in hell. Lesson 17 will continue to examine the beliefs, traditions, customs and practices of the Judeans in terms of their PAGAN characteristics and how they can be related to modern organized religion.

### Recommended Reading...

***Judaism’s Strange Gods***, by Michael A. Hoffman II.

***Between the Two Testaments***, by Harry Eisenberg and Ernest Martin. (Article).

***The Talmud Unmasked***, by I.B. Pranitis (Translated by Col. E.N. Sanctuary).

***Is Judaism the Religion of Moses?*** By E. Martin. (Article).

### Answers to Questions in Lesson 14:

1. The Day of Pentecost 2. The Feast of Firstfruits 3. The holy spirit 4. The Wave-Sheaf Offering 5. Firstfruits 6. 144,000 7. Israel 8. Saudi Arabia 9. Fifteenth 10. fourth 11. YEHOUAH God gave His Law 12. No 13. Seven

# Check Your Progress...

**Question 1:** Did the Judeans, at the time of the Messiah, believe hell is a place where Satan lives? \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 2:** Is it true the Judeans copied the Biblical economic/monetary system? \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 3:** What did the Messiah say that most of the Judean traditions were?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Question 4:** The Judean custom of washing hands was simply done for hygienic purposes.  
True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 5:** The Judean “teachers of the law” were mainly whom? \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 6:** The Judeans tried to become righteous by keeping their own traditions.  
True \_\_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 7:** What is the idea that the Judeans needed no repentance because they were descendants of Abraham called? \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 8:** Rather than allowing YEHOVAH’s Sabbath to serve men, the Judeans turned the people into what? \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 9:** What did Yeshua the Messiah liken the traditions of the Judean Pharisees and Sadducees to? \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 10:** Is physical circumcision required of true Christians today? \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 11:** Was the Judean tradition of corban acceptable to YEHOVAH God? \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 12:** The idea of “personal salvation” -- man “saving” himself by works ALONE -- is known as a what? \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 13:** The true purpose and intent of the Sabbath was made \_\_\_\_\_ by the Judeans.

**Question 14:** What does vain reasoning, in its various forms, lead to?  
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The answers will be found in the next lesson. Approximately 3 weeks after receiving Lessons 13 through 16, you will receive a mail-in test that covers these four lessons. The test will be returned to you after grading. Following the completion of the Hope of Israel Bible Correspondence Course you will receive a **Certificate of Completion**. If you complete the course with a grade of 75% or better you will also receive an **Outstanding Student Award**.

