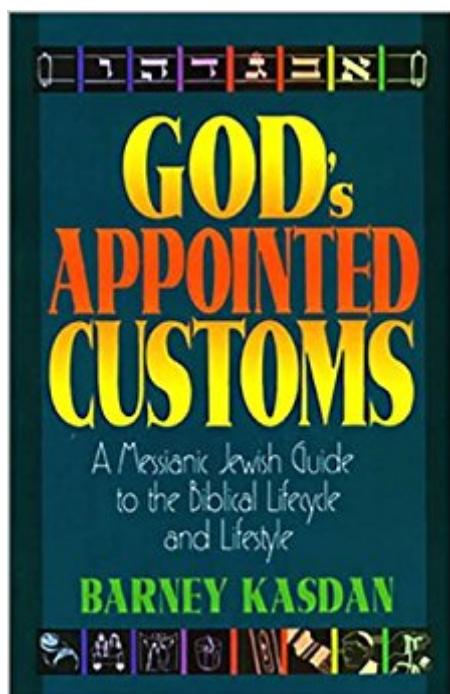


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# God's Appointed Customs: A Messianic Jewish Guide To The Biblical Lifecycle And Lifestyle



## Synopsis

Are the biblical/Jewish customs just for Jews? Or, can Christians also receive blessings by observing them? This book explains how God's appointed customs can be part of anyone's lifestyle, Jew or Gentile. This is especially relevant to believers in Messiah, since Yeshua (Jesus) himself observed them. Includes marriage and family customs, mourning customs, and more! Each chapter offers historical background, traditional Jewish observance, relevance to the New Testament, and a practical guide to help believers observe these customs within the context of a biblical lifestyle. God's Appointed Customs is divided into two sections, Biblical Lifecycle and Biblical Lifestyle. The author, Barney Kasdan, leads one of the world's largest Messianic Jewish congregations.

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This book seeks to present a balanced approach to understanding the importance and the danger of traditions. There are good traditions and there are bad traditions. Additionally, there is a good spirit and a wrong spirit in which one can approach the customs. These were certainly issues that faced the first Jewish and Gentile believers in Yeshua. On the Jewish side, the acceptance of Yeshua did not mean that they converted to a new religion. The Jewish believers actually saw themselves as having received the fulfillment of what was spoken of in the Hebrew Scriptures. They understood this to mean they were now Messianic Jews who would naturally continue in their God-given heritage. This fact is confirmed in a description of this Messianic Jewish community in the book of Acts: "You see, brother [Saul], how many tens of thousands of believers there are among the Jews, and they are all zealots for the Torah" (Acts 21:20). The first Jewish believers in Yeshua continued in the only lifestyle they knew: the Jewish life based on the Scriptures and

customs consistent with the Bible. Their new understanding that Yehua of Natzeret (Nazareth) was the Messiah made them even more zealous for their traditions, as they understood the spiritual reasons behind them. Modern Messianic Jews frequently feel the same way and share the same enthusiasm. The Gentile believer was not excluded. Saul wrote to many of them concerning their new life in Messiah: "Therefore, brothers, stand firm; and hold to the traditions you were taught by us, whether we spoke them or wrote them in a letter" (2 Thessalonians 2:15). The first-century, non-Jewish believers in Yeshua understood many of the details of the Hebrew Scriptures and many of the traditions that enhanced them. An example of this is the cup shared at Messiah's last Passover seder. This element is not mandated in the Hebrew Scriptures, yet it became part of the tradition of Passover. The third cup is called the Cup of Redemption and, although it is a rabbinic tradition, it was blessed by Yeshua himself. All traditions were weighed by the authority of the Bible, yet these believers were blessed as they understood the Jewish roots of their faith in Messiah. This is the balance that believers in Yeshua need to return to today. This book is an effort to bring out the spiritual richness of the biblical/Jewish traditions.

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I heartily recommend it to anyone who wants to learn about the holidays; especially Yeshua (Jesus) followers and or those who seek to understand the Jewish context of their faith. A go-to resource book that has served me for decades. A rich blessing to the entire faith community.

I very much enjoyed Mr. Kasdan's first book "God's Appointed Times". In my opinion, "God's Appointed Customs" was much more detailed. Mr. Kasdan managed to discuss some very controversial things in the Torah in a gentle and respectful manner. I did not totally agree with his explanations of circumcision and the kippah but it wasn't so much that the book deserved less praise. I titled this review "Bravo!" because there were certain chapters, such as the kosher chapter that were done very well. Mr. Kasdan presented all the information with adequate Scripture and

history. For anyone interested in becoming Torah Observant, I highly recommend this book.

I had misplaced my first copy and this is a VERY important book to our family who has discovered the real 'roots' of our Christian faith and to us the importance of observing the festivals. This is a veyr good book for guiding anyone in this endeavor....good explanations and simple ways to use this information for your family.

By far the best resource to understand Biblical traditions and practices within a Messiah-like framework.

Great book. Will order from this company again.

This is such a fantastic book! A look at why customs were done in the Scriptures, where it came from, and how they can be a blessing if applied in today's life.

Great book to know about the Jewish faith for a Messianic view..

This was an enjoyable and informative read for anyone wanting an understanding of Jewish biblical customs and traditions.

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