

“Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.” (Hebrews 5:10)

Abraham was the Father of Faith, and through Abraham’s “SEED” came the fulfillment of the Word of God in Genesis 3:15.

“Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.” (Galatians 3:16)

Thus, a pursuit of our “Hebrew Roots” is an incomplete and inadequate concept. All of these people were **NOT Jewish**, yet they were all extremely important in God’s plans from the beginning, **before Judaism existed**.

\* Limits God - Because of the heavy emphasis on Hebraism, the “HRM” limits God largely to Jewish understandings of Scripture. As noted previously, such people **reject Jesus** as the **Second member of the Trinity**. This is very similar to the Jews of Jesus time. They understood that Jesus was claiming to be God, and therefore wanted to kill Him.

\* Undermines the Bible - “HRM” believers are forced to interpret the Bible in the light of extra-biblical sources. God tells us that “ALL Scripture is profitable for doctrine”, but the “HRM” mandates other sources. For example, the belief that the New Testament was originally written in Hebrew and not Greek requires Hebraic sources be pursued. There are no ancient New Testament manuscripts in Hebrew; therefore, “experts” must be sought to “properly interpret” the Bible.

This invalidates the **TRUTH** that the Bible is the only source for **good doctrine**.

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine...” (2 Timothy 3:16)

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### Conclusion:

By all means STUDY! Study the Jewish culture of the Bible times. Study the culture that Luke would have grown up in. Study the Greek language that God chose to write the New Testament in. Study the Hebrew language of the Old Testament...

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)

But NEVER reject the CLEAR Word of God, the Bible, in order to embrace something that you have studied from outside the Bible. ALWAYS validate spiritual truth by **searching the Scriptures** to make sure it is true!

“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” (Acts 17:11)

**It is Very Dangerous to esteem Moses more highly than Jesus!**

“He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: (29) Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?” (Hebrews 10:28-29)

**Jesus is the FULFILLMENT of the Law... NOT a servant of it!**

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“Now the **end of the commandment is charity** out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: (6) From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; (7) Desiring to be **teachers of the law**; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm. (8) But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; (9) Knowing this, that **the law is not made for a righteous man**, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,” (1 Timothy 1:5-9)

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### Hebraic Roots, What Is That?

The Hebraic roots notions likely developed and grew as people realized the value of understanding the culture of the Biblical times. It is valuable to study the Jewish culture spoken of in the Bible; as well as the associated language and grammar.

Such cultural and linguistic studies can add great insights into the Word of God. In no way is this writing an effort to downplay what can be gained from this type of cultural understanding.

Unfortunately, the Hebraic Roots Movement does NOT stop with this type of study. The

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ideals of this movement take many of its adherents far beyond study and into dangerous deceptions.

The “*Hebraic Roots Movement*” (abbreviate HRM in this writing) is not a single unified group but is a variety of groups, some officially organized, and some unofficially. More accurately described, they are generally unified around the loosely defined Jewish roots of Christianity. Often they are at variance with each other; however, they are united against many Bible-based doctrines.

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### What Are Some Of The Dangers?

\* Rejecters of Jesus - **MOST** Jews in Jesus’ day rejected Him! Yet this movement makes many appeals to beliefs and practices endorsed by those who **REJECTED THE MESSIAH!**

\* No Trinity - Many “HRM” adherents do **NOT** believe in the **TRINITY**. Back to the first point, most of the Jews that rejected Jesus were also **non-Trinitarians**. Jesus claimed to be God and the Hebrews wanted to kill Him for it. They knew there was only one God... and in their mind, Jesus was NOT Him!

\* Obedience To the Law - Nearly all who embrace “HRM” concepts require obedience to the Law of Moses. **SELF-EFFORT** to obey the Law, as evidence of our love for God is emphasized; whereas, true Christianity focuses on **DEATH TO SELF** and realizes that only Jesus Christ living in us can glorify God. (See Galatians 2:20 below.)

*“I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet **not I, but Christ** liveth in me...” (Galatians 2:20)*

\* Worship On The Sabbath - Almost all “HRM” mandate **Sabbath worship**, and some even go so far as to say that those who worship on Sunday have (or will have) received the “**Mark of the Beast**”.

\* NT Was Written In Hebrew - While there is no archeological evidence to presume that the New Testament was originally written in Hebrew, the “HRM” often makes such claims. This allows them to invalidate parts of the Bible that they don’t like by simply saying that the original Hebrew (which no one has seen) reads differently.

All evidence indicates that the NT was written in Greek. About 27% of the NT was written by a Gentile (Luke wrote the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts.)

There are of course many other dangerous doctrines and beliefs of the various “HRM” adherents, but these should suffice as examples.

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### Observations Of “HRM” Adherents:

\* Devout, Dedicated, and Sincere - Most of those who adhere to the “HRM” are highly dedicated people. They are committed to their interpretations of the Bible and are very sincere.

\* Deceived - Sadly, deception is rampant in the “HRM”. Mingled in with the many truths and half-truths that are taught are deceptive lies. As noted previously, clear teachings and statements from the Bible are simply rejected in deference to pre-conceived beliefs and opinions.

\* Arrogant - Often those with an “HRM” slant present themselves in a pride-filled manner. It is as though they are “deep” into spiritual truth, and if you

challenge their doctrines, they will frequently look down their noses at you. Sometimes they will accuse you of following the doctrines of men (or denominations) rather than the Scriptures.

\* Immovable - Most often, no amount of Biblical evidence will persuade them to reconsider their opinions. Direct quotes from the Bible will normally be changed to fit their theories.

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### Problems With The “HRM”

\* Short Sighted - This movement alleges that Judaism (Hebraism) is the root of Christianity, and as such must be adhered to.

Reality - God had a plan for His people **long before** there were any Jews. The Jewish people are descended from Jacob (renamed Israel). But God’s plans included; Adam, Enoch, Melchisedec, Abraham, and others, each of these people were not Jews! All of them hold a special place in God’s plans.

Adam and Eve heard the first prophecy of the Messiah.

*“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”*  
(Genesis 3:15)

Enoch was so close with God, that he did not die... God just took him!

*“And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.” (Genesis 5:24)*

Melchisedec was the High Priest and Jesus’ Priestly ministry was patterned after Melchisedec.