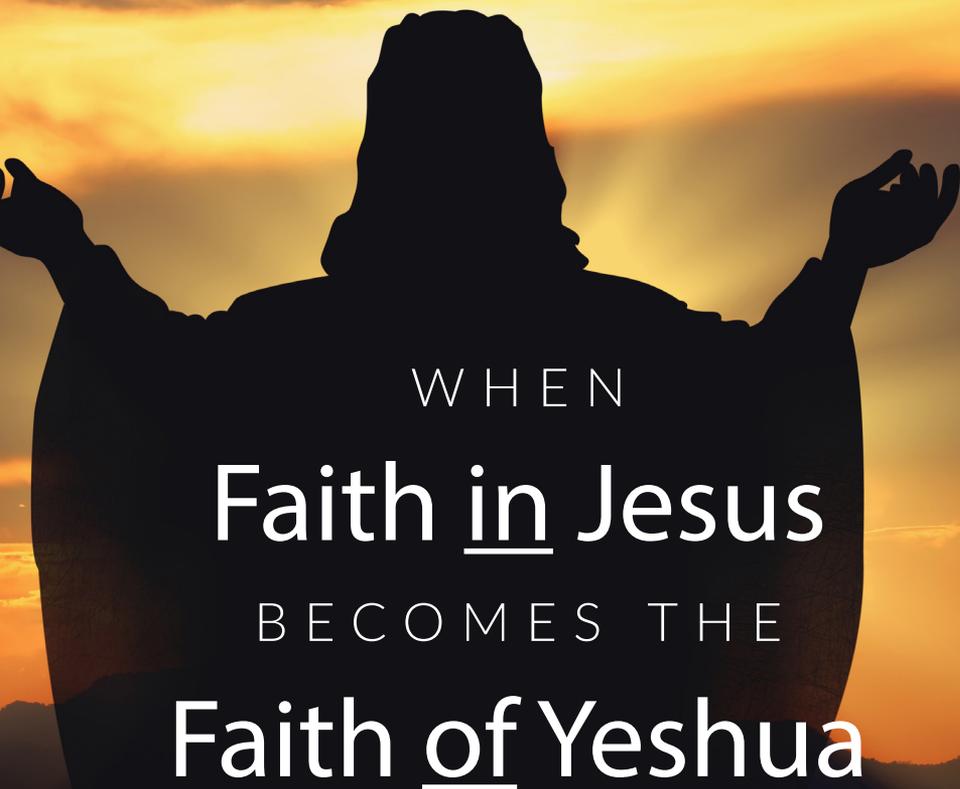




FIRST CENTURY  
**GENESIS**



WHEN

Faith in Jesus

BECOMES THE

Faith of Yeshua

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# OUR MESSAGE

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Have you ever thought about the time of Jesus, how He lived in Israel, spoke Aramaic and Hebrew, and had customs that seem so distant from us? Would most believers today even recognize the faith He practiced and perfected 2,000 years ago? Could it be that both Christianity and Judaism have diverged from the first century faith of Jesus? It is our desire to reintroduce you to Jesus the Messiah (Yeshua Ha Mashiach) through the historical context of the first century as we explore how He walked out His faith. It is our prayer that with this understanding you would build upon the foundation of your faith *in* Jesus, the gospel of salvation, and transform it into the faith *of* Jesus, the gospel of the kingdom.

# OUR MISSION

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First Century Genesis exists to create awareness of this timely and vital message to the people of God. Our mission is to awaken and encourage people to a deeper relationship with God and to connect them to resources, ministries and organizations that illuminate the person, life, and faith of Jesus in His first century context, thereby empowering them to be aligned with God's purposes in our time.



# OUR HOPE

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As you learn more about the Messiah in His first-century context, we are confident that the entire Bible and the words of Jesus will explode with new and profound meaning, and that your faith will increase. Our hope is that through a deeper understanding of Yeshua Ha Mashiach, Jesus the Messiah, your personal walk with God will be greatly enriched, your most important relationships will be strengthened, and your community of believers will be blessed.

# OUR APPROACH

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First Century Genesis is a project of the Nathaniel Foundation, a non-profit organization with over 20 years of experience identifying and supporting theologically balanced ministries that emphasize understanding Yeshua Ha Mashiach in the first century context. The following strategies are utilized to magnify this message and multiply the number of believers benefitting from these resources.

**VIDEOS & PODCASTS**  
**EDUCATIONAL WEBSITE**  
**SCHOLARS & MINISTRIES**  
**EDUCATIONAL CLASSES**

**SINGERS & MUSICIANS**  
**RELEVANT BOOKS & MUSIC**  
**SMALL GROUP CURRICULA**  
**TOURS TO ISRAEL**

# WHY FIRST CENTURY GENESIS

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The first century, the appointed time of the Messiah, was a new beginning, or genesis, and was a line of demarcation splitting time in two. Everything prior to the coming of Jesus as the suffering servant (Messiah Ben Joseph) was foreshadowing and preparation for the coming of the Messiah and the redemptive act, which the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob promised through His covenant. Everything since the time of Yeshua has been about the advancement of the Kingdom of God, enabled by this act of the Messiah, and preparation for His ultimate return to rule and reign as Judge and King (Messiah Ben David). Both Judaism (Genesis 1:1) and Christianity (John 1:1) affirm the Messianic hope and presence from the beginning, at the foundation of the world. A deep understanding of the Messiah in the context of the first century customs, idioms, and culture, and the prophetic fulfillment of the life of Jesus provides the foundational understanding for God's plan throughout history and for our future.



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