



STUDY GUIDE

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Ancient Traditions in the Hebrew Scriptures

A 4-part Study
Taught by Noreen Jacks

Session 3: Mezuzah – Divine Blessing on
Every Home

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d. Reminders _____

e. Final blessing _____

3. What is the spiritual meaning of Exodus 25:5-6? _____

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is a metaphorical meaning of the mezuzah? _____

2. Do you agree with Dr. Jacks that Christians should not place a mezuzah on the doorpost to their home? Explain your answer. _____

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3. Can you say the blessing of the Mezuzah in Hebrew? How would you translate this blessing into English?

*Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu
Melekh ha-olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav
V'tzivanu likboa mezuzah.*

4. What is the relationship between God's gift of the Holy Spirit to Christian believers and the Law that God gave to Israel? How would you explain this relationship to another person? _____

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Digging Deeper

1. Crossing the entrance to a home in ancient Israel was considered a sacred act. In fact, tradition promoted a “threshold covenant” that was an agreement between the owner of the house and the one who entered. The Hebrew word סף (*saf*) can be used in 2 ways, and one of the two meanings is a threshold or sill that signifies an opening to a dwelling. Consider the following verses in their context. How does each reflect a threshold covenant?

a. Judges 19:27 _____

b. 1 Kings 14:17 _____

c. Psalm 84:10 _____
