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Note to Reader

This book has been assembled with the serious student of scriptural studies in mind. Its objective is to familiarize the reader, not only with the arguments, both pro and con, regarding the various systems and practices for the festivals and sacred days of Yahweh but also to provide detailed evidence demonstrating that knowledge of the exact systems and practices advocated by Scriptures are attainable. The text is also designed for use in discussing and teaching specific subjects dealing with the festivals and sacred days of Yahweh. To assist in this endeavor, the Contents not only lists the chapter headings, which express the broader issues examined, but the sub-topics as well. This format, when used in conjunction with the extended indexes, will provide quick and easy access to specific topics and items of evidence.

We have departed from some conventions to assist those not experienced with historical pursuits but desirous of seeking the truth in each matter. For example, we have included in our footnotes references to various dictionaries and concordances which make available definitions for ancient, foreign terms. These will provide quick verification for new students who often have no easy way of checking the accuracy of the author's translations. Along with a substantial bibliography, we list secondary sources as well in order to assist in authenticating various statements we have cited from ancient authors. Not everyone can get copies of rare documents and ancient historical texts or has access to libraries substantial enough to meet everyone's needs. Hopefully, those more adept in reading ancient languages and having a much wider range of sources at their disposal will excuse this extension of courtesy in the spirit of advancing knowledge. An extended list of abbreviations and their definitions is also provided in our Bibliography and Abbreviations section.

The reader should likewise be advised that throughout our text we have utilized all capital letters for certain passages to indicate that the emphasis is ours. This format alleviates the confusion caused when modern sources using italics for emphasis are quoted.