Simon Bar Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in Heaven."

Yeshua has a <u>triple</u> anointing. He is <u>Prophet</u>, <u>Priest</u> and <u>King</u>. He is a Prophet like Moses (Deuteronomy 18:18) who spoke God's word when He walked on this earth. He is our great High Priest who reconciles man to God, and ever lives to make intercession for us. (Hebrews 7 & 8) The one they crucified as "King of the Jews" is the same King spoken of in Psalm 45:6-8:

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions. All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad."

This same King is coming back soon as King of kings and Lord of lords. There will be a royal wedding and He will establish His everlasting kingdom on earth – from Jerusalem.

Anointing and New Covenant Believers

Believers in Yeshua can walk in the anointing of prophet, priest and king since we are all of these in Yeshua. We're referring to the new nature that God has given us that walks in the Spirit. God does not anoint the old flesh nature.

Some of us are "prophets" according to Ephesians 4:11. The Apostle Paul tells us in I Corinthians 14 that we should desire to prophesy for he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. (1 Corinthians

14:1,3) All God's children can hear His voice (John 10:27) and declare what He is saying!

Believers are a royal priesthood according to 1 Peter 2:9:

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His Own special people, That you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

This is the call originally given to the Jewish people which they are once more taking up as they come to Yeshua. (See Ex. 19:6)

Believers have been anointed as "kings" as well. We read in Revelation 1:6 that Yeshua has made us "kings" and "priests" to His God and Father.

The Anointing that Teaches

There is a promise about anointing in the New Covenant that has meant a lot to us since we received the Messiah in 1973. The Holy Spirit gave us the following verse as a promise at that time, and He has been faithful to keep His Word:

"...You have an anointing from the Holy One... The same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it had taught you, you will abide in Him." I John 2:20, 27

The anointing of God's Holy Spirit will be your teacher! The Ruach Ha Kodesh leads us into all truth. There's no reason for a believer to complain about not being fed. God, Himself through His anointing will teach you if you ask and believe!

Anointing with Oil Today

As we pray for the sick, we can follow the biblical pattern of anointing with oil. The same applies to the discipline of fasting. Following are some scripture references for your further study:

Prayer for the Sick:

Psalm 23:5 Mark 6:12-13 James 5:14-15 <u>Fasting:</u> Matt. 6:17-18

Anointing with oil as a means of consecrating or setting apart to God is also appropriate for other dedication ceremonies: house, baby, weddings, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, new business, etc.

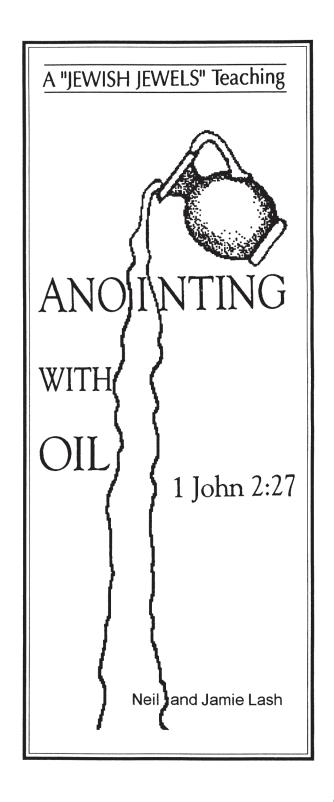
We read in Isaiah 10:27 that "...the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil." This verse is speaking of victory over the forces of evil through the anointing and power of the Ruach Ha Kodesh. Anointing will oil, coupled with prayer, is an effective tool of spiritual warfare.

God wants to anoint His people with His Holy spirit. Are you ready to receive His anointing? Take some oil (we have a special anointing oil scented with frankinsense and myrrh available through Jewish Jewels,) place a small amount on your forehead and claim God's promise of Psalm 92:10: "I have been anointed with fresh oil." Another promise from the New Covenant is found in 2Cor.1:21-22. Receive this wonderful truth by faith today:

"Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

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Anointing with Oil

To Set Apart

Anointing with oil is an ancient Biblical practice which continues today in the lives of Messianic Jews and Bible believing Christians throughout the world. "To anoint" is to rub on oil in a ceremony of making sacred or consecrating to high office (Webster's New World Dictionary). To consecrate is to "set apart." The essence of anointing is holiness and separation unto God. The oil used is symbolic of the Ruach Ha Kodesh, or the Holy Spirit.

Sacred Anointing Oil

In Exodus 30:23-33 we read that the Lord instructed Moses to prepare a holy anointing oil for anointing the tabernacle and all its contents and to anoint Aaron and his sons.

"Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrrh...of sweet cinnamon ...of sweet calamus...of cassia...of olive oil"...and thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment.

The olive oil that was used was the purest oil, from the first pressing of the olives. The best oil was used for the service of God.

Other Uses for Oil

There were many uses for oil ("shemen") in Bible times. First of all, there was the household use, for cooking and lighting. Naomi instructed Ruth in the cosmetic use of oil (Ruth 3:3), and oil for purification is mentioned in Esther 2:12. King David anointed himself with oil for invigoration (2 Samuel 12:20) after fasting. Anointing with oil before burial was a common practice in Bible times (John 12:1-8), as was the use of oil in healing (Luke 10:34, Parable of the Good Samaritan).

Oil played a very important part in Middle Eastern hospitality. Anointing with oil was an act of courtesy and hospitality toward a guest. An awesome example of this in Psalm 23:5 depicts David as the honored guest of the Lord, having his head anointed. We read in the New Covenant, in Luke 7:46, that the Lord accuses Simon of a lack of hospitality in neglecting to anoint the head of the one whom he had invited to eat with him.

Sacred Anointing in Bible Times

There were three groups that were anointed with oil in Bible times: PEOPLE, PLACES and THINGS.

PEOPLE: After God gave Moses the directions for making the holy anointing oil He said:

"... Anoint Aaron and his sons, and sanctify them that they may minister to Me as priests." (Ex. 30:30)

PLACES: The first anointing with oil in the Holy Scriptures is the <u>place</u> where Jacob dreamed of a ladder from earth to heaven and the angels of God ascending and descending on it. Jacob had an awesome experience with the God of His Fathers that night and he called the place where he slept "the house of God" (Gen. 28:17):

"Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. And he called the name of that place Bethel." (Gen. 28:18-19)

THINGS: The Lord also told Moses to anoint the vessels in the tabernacle for use in God's service. These are called "keli kodesh" in Hebrew, holy vessels, or holy jewels (Exodus 30:26-29).

Three Groups of People Anointed

There were three categories of people who were officially anointed with oil in the Holy Scriptures: Prophets, Priests and Kings. We see in I Kings 19:16 that God told Elijah to anoint Elisha as prophet in his place. In Leviticus 8:30 we read that Moses anointed Aaron and his sons as priests. Psalm 133:1-3 describes this anointing:

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, life forevermore."

In I Samuel 16:12-13 we read about Samuel anointing David as King of Israel:

"So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good looking. And the Lord said, 'Arise, anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah."

See also I Samuel 9:27-10:1; I Kings 1:39, and I Kings 19:16 for other anointings.

In all these examples of anointing, the oil used was a symbol of the Ruach Ha Kodesh. God's Spirit is the One who makes people holy, because He is the <u>Holy</u> Spirit.

Anointing: Without and Within

The way in which people were anointed with the Holy Spirit in the Old Covenant Scriptures is different from the anointing in the Brit Ha Dasha (New Covenant). In the Old Covenant, the Holy Spirit did not live in God's people. He came upon individuals and anointed them at certain times to do a certain task. For example, the Ruach Ha Kodesh came upon the Prophet Elijah one day and he outran Ahab's chariot across the plains of Jezreel. He couldn't run like that all the time — only when he was anointed. Just a few days later, Elijah was running from queen Jezebel in his own strength, and fell down exhausted under a tree.

Today, the Holy Spirit lives inside of believers. He comes to indwell us when we confess Yeshua (Jesus) as Lord and believe that God has raised him from the dead. This is the miracle of the new birth. God anoints His own nature as it dwells in mankind.

Messiah: The Anointed One

Believers are "anointed" because "The Anointed One" dwells in their heart. The word in Hebrew for anoint is "Mashach". The word for Anointed One is "MASHIACH." "Mashiach" in English is the word "Messiah." Yeshua or Jesus is the Anointed One of God. The word from the Greek for the same term is "Christ," and for many, "Christ" has become the Messiah's last name, i.e. Jesus Christ. This couldn't be further from the truth. Christ, or really, Messiah (The Anointed One) is his <u>Title</u>, not His last name!

The Holy Spirit is the only one who can reveal to a person that Jesus is indeed the Mashiach. Yeshua asked Simon a Jewish fisherman who he thought Yeshua was. He answered: "You are the Anointed One, the Mashiach, the Son of the living God." Yeshua said to him: "Blessed are you,