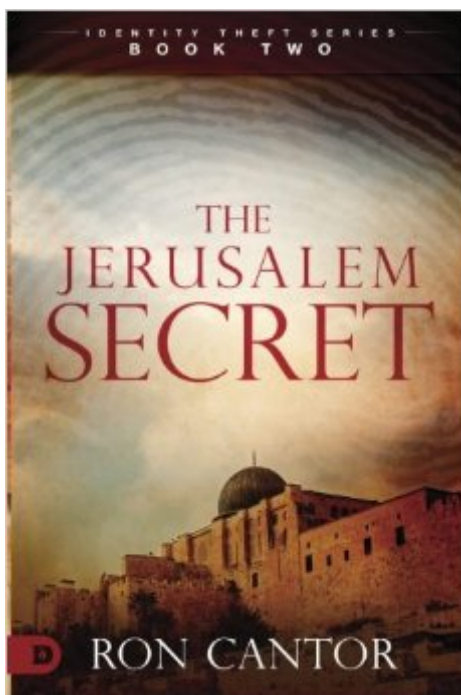


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Synopsis

The Anticipated Sequel to Identity Theft Continues the Suspense & Intrigue! Moments after David Lebowitz is finally convinced that Yeshua is the Jewish Messiah, he is thrust into a soul-wrenching family tragedy. In deep anguish, he cries out to Heaven. His prayer is answered in a most unexpected and unusual way. An angel named Ariel transports David back into his celestial classroom where history-shaping events unfold right in front of him. Through supernatural time travel, David comes face-to-face with first-century pioneers such as Apostles James and Paul, along with early disciples of Yeshua, like Priscilla and Aquila. Before his eyes, a world-changingâ and at times, shockingâ history is being written. While David cannot change the past, he is able to unlearn horrific myths about Yeshua and the Jewish peopleâ only to return to earth for the test of his life! Experience history like never before and catch a glimpse of life for the first congregation of Jesus-followers in Jerusalem. You will also discover how the diabolical snares of antisemitism and replacement theology sought to sabotage God's work in their midst. See God's unfolding plan to bring the Jewish people to salvation and release Yeshua's Power in the Earth!

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Customer Reviews

“I don't need to believe God has a plan like this when I'm on the earth” not just up here with Ariel, David confides regarding the angel in Ron Cantor's novel, The Jerusalem Secret.~ What ~Second in the Identity Theft series, this three-hundred-four page

paperback targets those who are interested in the history of Judaism as it applies to Jesus, the Bible, and Christianity today. Containing a slang word several times, the topics of abuse, crucifixion, and death may not be appropriate for immature readers. With the New International Version of the Holy Bible used, also included are quotes from the NKJV, KJV, and CJB versions. Endnotes and the author's biography complete the book. Having the backdrop of current day time-traveling to Biblical times after Jesus was crucified, the story continues from the prior book when almost thirty-year-old David Lebowitz has become a Messianic Jew, struggling to tell his family of his new faith. When his father is in a coma, David time-travels with the help of angelic Ariel to the New Testament era, having in-depth discussions with Jesus's disciples, the Apostle Paul, Aquila, Priscilla, Nathan, and others. As he learns how the first followers of Christ were Jews, he is unsure how he can become a modern-day evangelist to his Jewish family until God arranges all to work out for the glory of His good.

~ Why ~Written in first person, this compilation of fantasy traveling to the past and having conversations with angels and those who have died long ago with Jewish historical facts and famous characters is full of detailed historical and Biblical information. Interesting subjects I found were regarding the four stages of Jews in Rome, replacement theology, wearing crosses, Palestine, the Branch in the Old Testament, and Nazarenes. A plethora of Bible verses from both the Old and New Testaments are written out as well as Hebrew and Greek word discussions.

~ Why Not ~Those who do not have a personal relationship with Christ may not like the focus on the Almighty through the eyes of a Messianic Jew. Others may feel the storyline gets lost in the heaviness of the theology documented throughout as well as the jumping around of the scenes.

~ Who ~As the congregational leader of Tiferet Yeshua in Tel Aviv, the author travels the world, teaching the Jewish roots of the New Covenant. He and his family live in Israel.

~ Wish ~While the writer noted how the Church (Christianity) had replaced the remnant in Old Testament verses in the original King James Version, it is no longer listed in chapter headings of both of my KJVs. I agree that Christians have wrongfully abused the Jews throughout history, but we are a grafted branch into His kingdom and are covered by His redemption and grace due His dying on the cross for our sins.

~ Want ~If you are looking for a series about Jewish history of past and present, this one that embraces Jesus as the true Messiah is educational and interesting as it shows God's overall plan for Jews and Israel. It is ideal for a Jewish person transitioning to understanding Christ is the Messiah. Thanks to Destiny Image, the author, and the Book Club Network for this book to read and review.

The Jerusalem Secret opens where Identity Theft left off. David

Lebowitz, a young and successful journalist has progressed from skeptic to seeker, becoming a believer that Yeshua is the promised Messiah. Just as the implications of what it means to be a follower of Yeshua are becoming clear, David gets the news that his father has been taken to the hospital and is in critical condition. As David sits by his father's bedside, grasping his hand he begins a prayer "In the name of Yeshua" he suddenly finds he has been transported into the heavenly realm; standing in a large bright room in the presence of the angel Ariel, his angelic guide and companion, in earlier supernatural experiences. Ariel informs David that he has been summoned for a purpose; he is to take the message of Yeshua to the current generation of Jews and non-Jews to awaken Israel to errors prevalent in religious teaching and practice today. Ariel immediately begins a training program that takes David back into history-shaping events and the prophecies of Isaiah, Daniel, and other Old Testament prophets. David is then supernaturally taken back in time to Jerusalem and Rome to learn directly from the Apostles Paul, and James, and from other early disciples, of the culture, religious, and political environment of the day and the implications this had on the writing of the scriptures in the original Jewish context to better understand the questions raised and issues being addressed. Although Cantor is using the medium of fiction as a platform, his research into the background sources are thorough and well documented in his chapter endnotes. I have been personally challenged recently to be more intentional about verbally sharing of the Gospel message. While reading the book I have had several open doors for dialog on the Jerusalem secret and message of Yeshua. "The Jerusalem Secret" must reading for all those seeking clarification and a better understanding of the mission and message of Christian Messianic Judaism.

I loved the first book, Identity Theft, I share it with everyone. So when Ron's 2nd book, Jerusalem Secret, came out, I pre ordered it. It is as amazingly a great a read as Identity Theft, and it isn't often the 2nd book is as good as the first. But it is. Jerusalem Secret goes into even more detail, that holds you captive in the first place. So much history, that the Church does not know about its roots during the Apostles time, and especially what was going on in Jerusalem after Jesus ascended and the building of the Church got under way. It is not a book about being Jewish or being gentile. It is about being a follower of Jesus Christ and what it means. Especially the heartbreaking stigma of being Jewish and believing in Jesus as the promised Messiah, Son of God. Ron pulls no punches and gives a perspective that makes you realize how blessed we are to be able to openly identify with Jesus. And Jerusalem Secret is a book of hope. Hope for Jews and Gentiles as one in Jesus Christ. Not taking away from who we are, but completing us. The book does all of this and

more. Fascinating facts. The imagery that the writing brings to mind, makes you feel as though you are really there, in Jerusalem, or traveling through time and meeting people from 2,000 years ago, with the people that Ron brings out in his book. You read a word or two here and there in the Bible, so we tend to just skim over even the smallest info and focus on the "stars", the Apostles, but Ron really brings them alive in this book. Seeing these characters through David's eyes makes it all so real. The secondary characters are just like you would expect family to be like, Jewish or not. And I love how Ron ended this book, making you want to see where a secondary character goes. I highly recommend Jerusalem Secret, and make sure you read Identity Theft first. Cannot wait for the 3rd book to come out.

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