

Brief Glossary of words/terms spoken in The CHOSEN series

Abba *AB-uh (father)* **Adonai** (the Lord) **Imma** (“mom”) **Yosef** (Joseph) **Yeshua** (Jesus)

Challah-traditional braided bread for the Sabbath meal

Chanukah- dedication-- marks the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem, 2nd century BC

Decalogue-Greek designation for the Ten Commandments

Kiddush-prayer of blessing over the wine for the sanctification of the Sabbath

L’chaim-customary Jewish toast, meaning “to life”

Midrash Halacha-rabbinic interpretation of the Bible yielding legal or prescriptive teachings

Pharisees-second-Temple-period group of Jewish scholars advocating oral interpretation of the Torah, who are precursors to the rabbinic tradition

Rabbi-honorific title for Jewish sage originating during the early centuries of the common era

Rosh Hashanah-the Jewish New Year occurring in the fall

Purim-Jewish holiday recorded in Book of Esther re: the Jewish people saved from annihilation

Seder-Passover meal & retelling of Exodus from Egypt

Shabbat- the seventh day of the week dedicated to rest & the pursuit of holiness

Synagogue-where a Jewish assembly meets for religious worship & instruction

Talmud-compilation of rabbinic teaching (Mishnah=early from 200 BCE-200 CE; Gemara=from 3rd to 6th centuries)

Temple—sacred site of sacrifice & worship in Jerusalem (1st build by Solomon 10th century BCE, 2nd Temple (fifth century BCE, destroyed by the Romans in the year 70 CE (common era).

Torah –“teaching,” specifically refers to the 1st five books of the Bible=Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy

Abba Poemen said: *The nature of water is yielding and that of a stone is hard. Yet, if you hang a bottle filled with water above the stone so that the water drips drop by drop, it will wear a hole in the stone. In the same way, the word of God is tender and our heart is hard. So when people hear the word of God frequently, their hearts are opened to the fear of God.*

Joan Chitterster, OSB: The process is a simple one. Listen to the Word and become it in our own life, hear and now...This God goes with us everywhere, in every situation in life. **Meister Eckhart** makes it clear, “The seed of God is in us all. Pear trees grow into pear trees, nut seeds in nut trees and God-seed into God.”