

Apostolic Hermeneutics

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Scriptural Textual Transmission

- The Old Testament was completed by about 400 B.C. and the New Testament by about A.D. 100. Since the original manuscripts have long since been lost, how can we be sure that the Bible we have today accurately preserves the original text? To answer this question we must investigate the transmission process.

Scriptural Textual Transmission

We can identify at least three reasons why God chose the medium of writing to transmit His Word to us.

- (1) **Precision** The written word is more precise, more objective, and less subject to distortion or misunderstanding than any other ancient form of communication.
- (2) **Propagation** The written word, especially the printed page, has been the most effective means of mass communication throughout history.
- (3) **Preservation** The written word has been the surest means of storing information and preserving our intellectual heritage. Other methods depend upon subjective human memory.

Jesus Christ endorsed Old Testament

- Luke 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, **that all things must be fulfilled**, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.
- (45) Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

Old Testament

- **The Torah**
- is the first 5 books (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy) of the Tanakh. “Torah” means “law” or “instruction” in Hebrew, and accordingly, the Torah documents the laws given to Moses on Mt Sinai by G-d, for the Jewish people.

Old Testament

- **The Tanakh**

is the “Hebrew Bible” or “[Masoretic \(Hebrew\) Old Testament](#)” (only with a slight variation in [the order of books](#)).

The word “TaNaKh” is a Hebrew acronym which describes how the book’s content is split into three categories:

- *Ta* = Torah = Law
- *Na* = Nevi’im = Prophets
- *Kh* = Ketuvim = Writing
- Whilst the Torah is the law that governs the lives of the Jews, the Nevi’im and Ketuvim were written so the reader could better understand the nature of G-d.

Torah – the Law of Moses

- **The Mishnah (Oral Tradition)**

is the Torah Sheba'al Peh, meaning “Oral Torah”.

Exodus 24:12 says that God told Moses “I will give you the stone tablets with the teachings *and* commandments”. Mainstream Judaism interprets this to mean that God gave Moses commandments that were not written in the Torah, but rather spoken to him and passed down through the generations by spoken word (ie Exodus 12:2 doesn't clarify which calendar to use, etc). In the 2nd Century CE, [Yehudah HaNasi](#) wrote these laws down in a book called The Mishnah.

Torah – the Law of Moses

- **The Talmud**
- Traditional Judaism as a religion is based not only upon the Hebrew Bible (Tanakh) but upon the Jewish rabbinic tradition, and the foundation of the Jewish rabbinic tradition is the Talmud - although actually there are two Talmuds (the Jerusalem and the Babylonian), and both are commentaries upon the Mishnah, a short legal work based upon the Bible that is the foundation of the Jewish tradition from a legal point of view. The Jerusalem Talmud is a product of the Yeshivot (study academies) in the land of Israel (from about 100 BCE to about 500-600 CE); and the Babylonian Talmud is a product of the Yeshivot in the land of Babylonia (also from about 100 BCE to about 500-600 CE).
- [Jeffrey Radon](#), master's Jewish Philosophy, Bar Illan University

Torah – the Law of Moses

- **The Talmud**
- “I want to add an important point relating to the holiness of the Torah (the 5 Books of Moses) and the Hebrew Bible within the Jewish tradition - especially given that we as traditional Jews live not according to the Torah and Bible but according to the Torah and Bible as understood by the rabbinic tradition. The Torah (the 5 Books of Moses as a legal constitution of the Jewish people) and the Bible are holy not because they are **the last word** (infallible) but because they are **the first word** of traditional Judaism (subject to interpretation). ”
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Application of Scripture

- Luke 24:45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,
- 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:
- 47 And that **repentance and remission of sins** should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.
- 48 And ye are witnesses of these things.
- 49 And, behold, I send the **promise of my Father** upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, **until ye be endued with power from on high**.

Application of Scripture

- **The Kingdom of God introduced**
- **Luke 3:3** And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;
- 4 As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
- 5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways *shall be* made smooth;

Application of Scripture

- **The Kingdom of God introduced**
- **Luke 3:7** Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
- 8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.
- 9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Tradition is DANGEROUS

- Matthew 15:1 Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,
- 2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.
- 3 But he answered and said unto them, **Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?**

Tradition is DANGEROUS

- Matthew 15:7-9 *Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, (8) This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me. (9) But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the **commandments of men.***
- Mark 7:9 *And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.*
- Mark 7:13 **Making the word of God of none effect** through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Jews wearied the LORD

- **Malachi 2:17** Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied *him*? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil *is* good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where *is* the God of judgment?
- **Isaiah 1:26** And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.
- **Isaiah 1:27** Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.

Return to the Scriptures

- The difference between the Occult and the Move of GOD?
 - -Apostolic Authority
- When David witness the breach of Uzza (1 Chronicles 13) and that God killed him, where did David go to find the answers?
- He went back to the Scriptures, and not in a sense of justification, but in a sense of urgency and need of direction.

Return to the Scriptures

- **Exodus 25:14-15** And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them. (15) The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.
- **Numbers 7:9** But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none: because the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them *was that they should bear upon their shoulders.*
- Then David noticed the Ark BLESSED the house of Obededom! How? Because of OBEDIENCE to the Scriptures.

Return to the Scriptures

- Nehemiah 8:2 And Ezra the priest **brought the law before the congregation** both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month.
- 3 And he read therein before the street that *was* before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; **and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.**

Return to the Scriptures

- **Nehemiah 8:5-6** And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up: (6) And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, **Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands:** and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground.

Return to the Scriptures

- **Nehemiah 8:7** Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people *stood* in their place.
- 8 So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

Stay faithful to the book of the Law

- **Joshua 1:7-8** Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. (8) **This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein:** for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Conclusion

- **The Jews moved away from the Law by accepting Rabbinic Traditions and developed a political religious system**
- **Jesus was not accepting of the Talmudic Traditions but rebuked them**
- **Jesus was crucified by the Sanhedrin Council (Talmudic Officials)**
- **The Jews stopped the tabernacle and temple worship and moved into a tradition that didn't match the original Mosaic Law**
- **Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God, and the AX was laid to the tree. The New Testament is built on the original Scripture not on Rabbinic Tradition (The Torah and Tanakh not the Talmud)**

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