



Scriptures

What were the *scriptures* referred to in the letters of the New Testament (NT)? These *scriptures* were the Old Testament writings, **the Tanakh**, it is this text, which is authoritative for Rabbinic Judaism and is known as the Masoretic Text (MT), and is divided into 24 books, while the same Tanakh in the Protestant Bible is divided into 39 books.

The Torah ("Instruction", "Teaching" or "Law") has a range of meanings and is generally referring to the first five books (*Pentateuch*) of the 24/39 books of the Tanakh.

When Paul was instructing Timothy in his letter about the perilous times that would come in the last days and evil men and seducers would get worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived, Paul took Timothy back to the Tanakh and Torah and specifically the Torah which is where we find the wisdom and truth to bring us to salvation in Yahusha the Messiah. It is in the Torah we learn the rules to live by; it is in the Torah we get understanding of the work of the Messiah.

2 Timothy 3:15 And that **from a child you have known the holy scriptures, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in the Messiah Yahusha.**

16 **All scripture** is given by inspiration of YHWH, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 **That the man of YHWH may be perfect,** thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

The *letters* written to the assemblies by Paul, Peter, James, Jude, John and the *letters* written to individuals by Paul and the Acts of the apostles written by Luke were just that, '*letters*' with teachings about the Messiah and how the assemblies should conduct themselves. These *letters* were full of warnings of the lawlessness and deception that would be coming in these last days.

These letters, especially written by Paul, give us the understanding that Yahusha the Messiah fulfilled the Law of Moses (Book of the Law) that was placed on the outside of the Ark. However if one simply reads only the NT they can never get the understanding of how Yahusha's life, death and resurrection fulfilled the requirements of the Tanakh and the temple service.

The four *Gospels* and the historical record (Acts) and the letters were never to replace nor were they to be a replacement for the *Scriptures*. In the whole of the NT we have



twenty-one verses that reference the *Scriptures* and thirty-one verses referencing the *Scripture* that is fifty-two verses that reference back to the Tanakh!

In the Tanakh, you have the Law, History and Prophets. The NT writings speak to all three of these, however these NT writings DO NOT abrogate nor do they change the Torah as the Tanakh cannot be changed, the way of salvation has not and cannot be changed. The way of *salvation* has not changed since the fall of Adam in the garden. It has been the same from then until today and that *redemption* was in the Son of YHWH, The Lamb of YAH, Yahusha the Messiah.

There are two writings that are NEVER to be changed and there is a very severe curse upon one that changes any of these two writings, these are the Torah (Moses) and the book of Revelation. Be very fearful if you attempt to change or abrogate either one of these.

Deuteronomy 4:1 Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which YHWH Elohim of your fathers gives you.

2 You shall not add unto the word which I command you, **neither shall you diminish ought from it**, that you may keep the commandments of YHWH your Elohim which I command you.

Revelation 22:18 For I testify unto every man that hears the words of the prophecy of this book, **If any man shall add unto these things**, YHWH shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, YHWH shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

This is why Paul says one that is circumcised for the law's sake is a debtor to DO the whole law, speaking of the Book of the Law, the Law of Moses, nothing can be added nor diminished (take away) from that law.

Galatians 5:3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

A very important point to remember is that we have two separate *Laws* given in Exodus. One was spoken by YHWH the Elohaym and written by His finger two times on tables of



stone, and the other was written by Moses as dictated by YHWH as YHWH spoke to Moses, just like men speak face to face, it was a verbal conversation.

The 10 Commandments

Exodus 20:1 **Elohim spoke all these words, saying,**

Exodus 20:2 **I am YHWH your Elohim,** which have brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Exodus 20:3 You shall have no other gods before me.

Deuteronomy 10:4 And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, **the ten commandments, which YHWH spoke unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire** in the day of the assembly: and YHWH gave them unto me.

Deuteronomy 10:5 And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and **put the tables in the ark which I had made;** and there they be, as YHWH commanded me.

1 Kings 8:9 **There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb,** when YHWH made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.

The Law of Moses/Book of the Law

Exodus 33:11 And **YHWH spoke unto Moses face to face,** as a man speaks unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

Deuteronomy 31:24 And it came to pass, when **Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book,** until they were finished,

Deuteronomy 31:25 That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of YHWH, saying,

Deuteronomy 31:26 **Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of YHWH your Elohim,** that it may be there for a witness against you.

Yahusha said not one jot or tittle could pass from the law; it could not and cannot be changed.

Matthew 5:17 Think not that **I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets:** I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Matthew 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, **one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.**

We are still awaiting the fulfillment of all things.



Conclusion:

These *Scriptures* referred to in the NT are the Tanakh, they have not and cannot change and it is these that will make one wise unto salvation. If we do not defer to these *scriptures* then we WILL miss the mark as the NT letters only reference the *scriptures* in part and not in the whole. The error Christians are making today is only looking at the NT and even worse they are only looking at the NT through the eyes of evil, deceiving men that sought to change the Law of YHWH to prove they had power and authority here on earth.

If only men would fear YHWH more than their elders and doctrine.

Fear YHWH, keep and guard His commandments and save your souls!