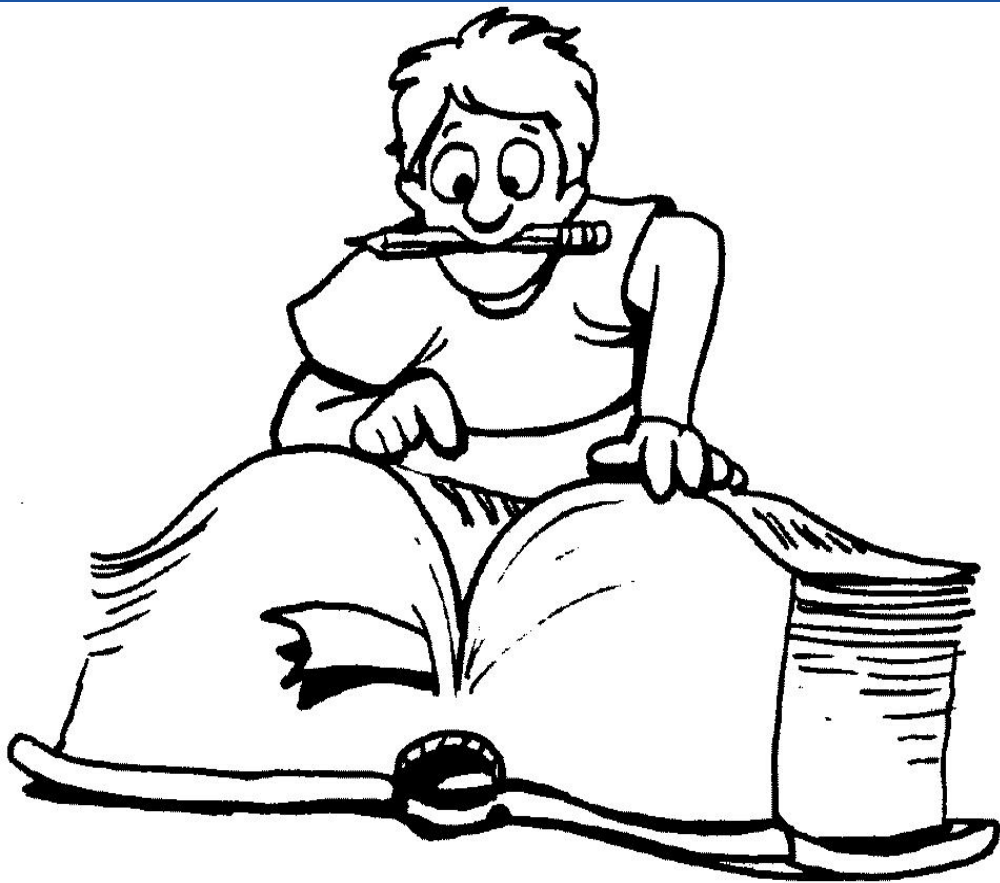


HOW DO WE PRIORITIZE SCRIPTURE?



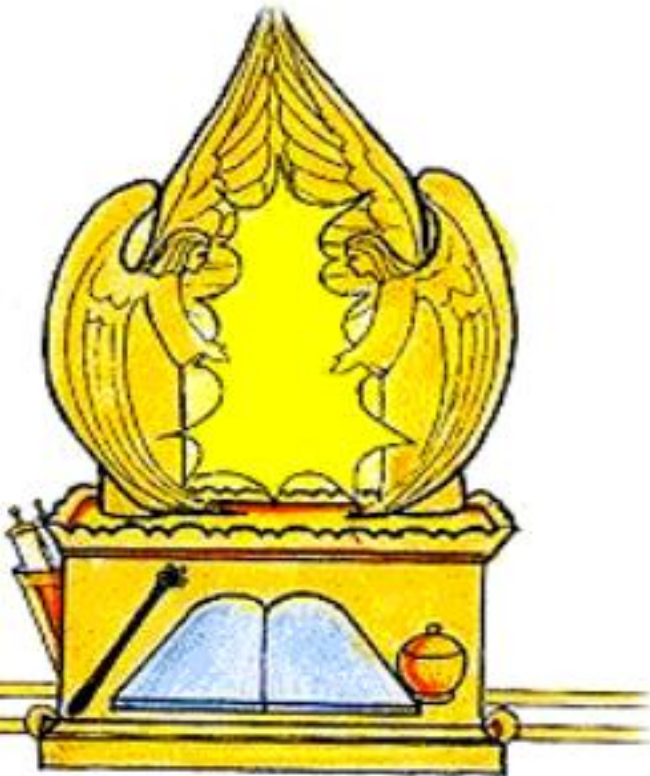
- Normal to have to weigh one of God's principles against another in many circumstances
- Corrie Ten-Boom had to weigh one sin (lying) against another (not preserving life)
- Modern church makes the first priority the NT and disregards the Old
- Catholic Encyclopedia: "... a clear-cut canon of the NT has no foundation in history....."

NO NEW TESTAMENT CANON UNTIL 367 A.D.

THE
APOCRYPHA
TRANSLATED OUT OF THE ORIGINAL TONGUES



- O.T. (Tanakh) was the ONLY Christian Bible for 2 centuries after Christ's crucifixion
- The first books to be added to the gentile Christian bible were the Apocrypha
- Eastern and Western Church adopted two different sets of books for their Bibles
- Foundation of Torah is the 10 Commandments
- Foundation of the New Testament is the Old



DEUTERONOMY 32: SHIRAT HA'AZINU

- The Song of Moses
- Psalm, prophetic, poetic
- Is used in Jewish liturgy
- Nowhere in it are the covenants of Abraham or Moses mentioned
- The tone is as a father dealing with a rebellious son that he loves dearly
- Premise: **God** has created Israel and has treated them as a firstborn son
- **Israel** has a moral obligation to respond with loyalty and obedience



HEAVENS AND EARTH AS WITNESSES



- NOT Heaven
- Speaks of hope that the son will regard the words of the father as rain falling on good soil, not on rocky soil
- The song is written in the NAME OF GOD
- Name = *shem* = reputation, attributes
- In Western Culture a name is no more than identification

GOD'S QUALITIES ARE AS A ROCK

- *Tsur* = mountain cliff
- Yeshua as Our Rock comes from the Torah concept of God, it is not invented in the New Testament
- *Tsur* refers to a high place, rooted firmly in the earth, immovable
- *Shaddai* = mountain
- *El Shaddai* = God of the Mountain
- *Tsur* and *Shaddai* very close in relationship



THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

- Perfection, justice, faithfulness, truth
- These 4 attributes = LOVE!!
- We are expected in obedience to show “love” back to Him by displaying perfection, justice, faithfulness, and truth
- **HIS** perfection, **HIS** justice, **HIS** faithfulness, **HIS** truthnot our own version
- If we do NOT exhibit these things towards Him, the result is what happens in vs. 5



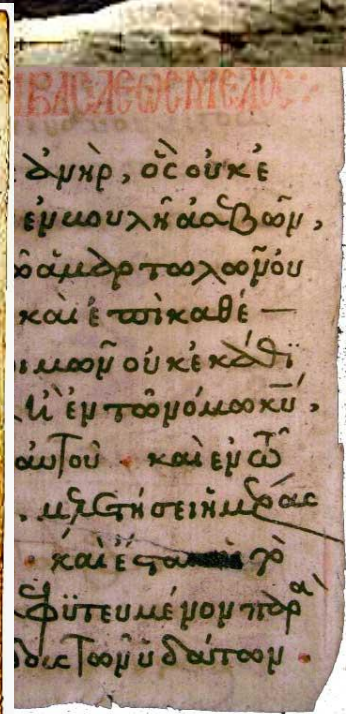
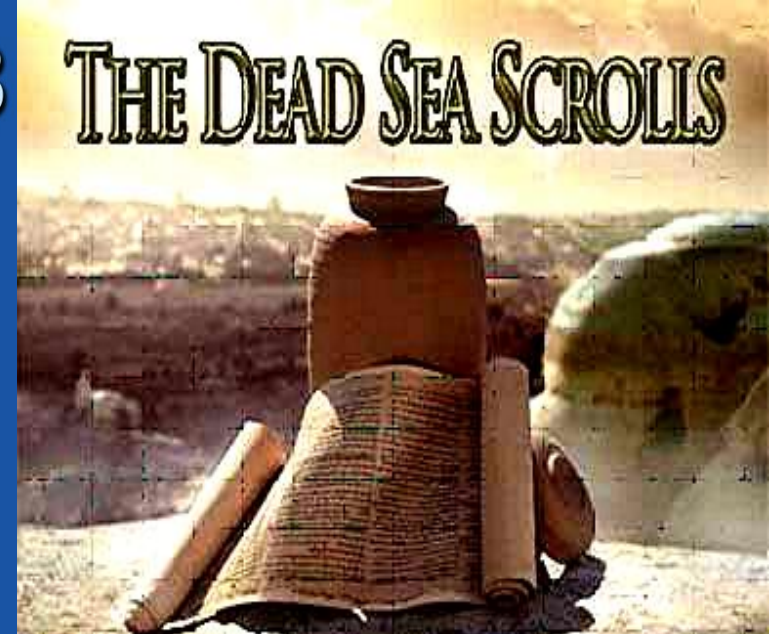
YHWH IS ISRAEL'S CREATOR



- Vs. 6, Israel is accused of being dull and witless
- Vs. 7 is a history of God's blessings upon Israel
- Elders were story-tellers and keepers of Israel's traditions and history
- Genesis says that the many nations were formed by YHWH after the Great Flood, resulting from the Tower of Babel

CHALLENGE OF VS. 8

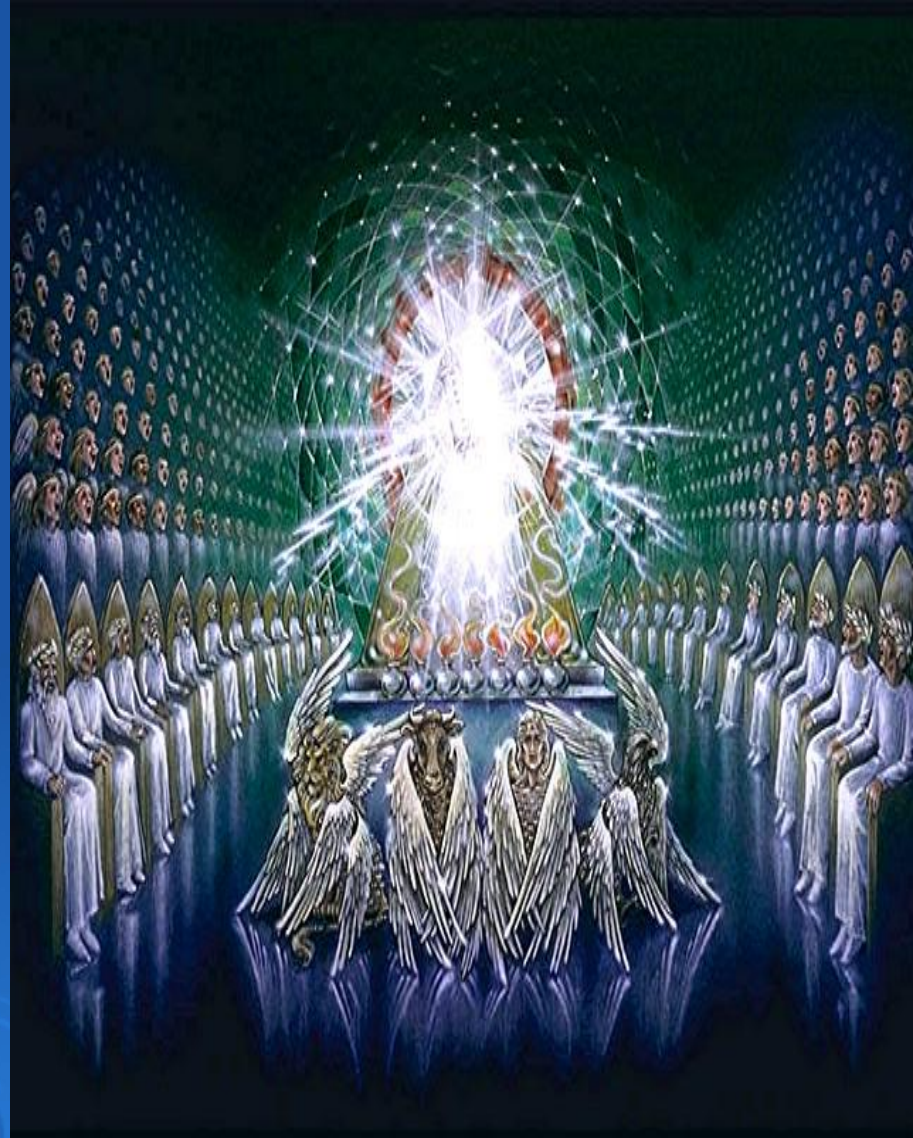
THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS



- Masoretic Text 10th cent. A.D.
- Dead Sea Scrolls 100 B.C.
- Septuagint 200 B.C.
- Most Bible versions say nations were created: “...*according to the sons of Israel...*”
- Implies that the number of nations equals 70, the number of Israelites who went down to Egypt
- **Problem:** nations divided and created by God hundreds of years before Abraham was born, let alone before Israel was created

“....equal to the number of divine beings....”

- ***Benei elohim*** = sons of Elohim, sons of God, divine beings
- This was the reading of vs.8 at the time of Christ and probably the original
- ***Elohim*** = God, or can mean “gods”
- What or who are these divine beings?
- Job 1 & 2 says these benei elohim had to regularly present themselves to God
- One of these beings was Satan, and he acted as man’s accuser



DANIEL AND THE PRINCE OF PERSIA



- Daniel 10
- Daniel's "prince" was held up by Prince of Persia
- Obviously are spiritual beings
- Rulers of nations
- There ARE divine spirit beings put in charge of nations by Yehoveh
- Fear was that misunderstanding would lead to assumption of "other gods" in existence
- Ancients believed in gods who controlled territory, but no power outside of nation's boundaries

THE LITTLE MAN

- YHWH set Israel apart for Himself
- God sustained Israel in the Wilderness
- **“Little man in God’s eye”** refers to the reflection in the eye’s pupil of what it is seeing





THE EAGLE IN TRAINING

- Vs. 11 uses an eagle teaching it's young to fly as a metaphor
- A.C. Bent watched as mother eagle dropped her young and let them fall, only to catch them before they hit the ground
- The Lord taught Israel by letting them attempt to fly on their own

