

What is the Bible?

Having been raised in the religious system, I, at one time, believed the Bible to be the unadulterated word of the Creator. I believed that the Creator inspired men of old to write and those inspirations were preserved in the book we know as the Bible. Now that I have left the religious system, heeding Yahuwah's mandate to "*Come out of her my people,*" I understand that the Bible is not the inspired word of the Creator, Yahuwah. The Bible itself is a conglomerate of translated copies of historical and cultural interpretations of the Hebrew scripture. Let me explain.

During the life of Yahusha and his talmidim, the sources of their spiritual guidance and information came from the Torah and the Prophets – the five books of Mosheh and the Word of Aluahym as proclaimed by His prophets. The spiritual execution of Yahusha and his taught ones was based on these two sources. Following Yahusha's death and resurrection, those who witnessed of Yahusha documented the events of his life, death, and resurrection. After the spiritual resurrection of the House of Yahsharal, the mighty acts accomplished by the Ruach Qodesh through those who had been spiritually resurrected were also documented. Additionally, leaders in the Assembly of Yahuwah wrote letters to the assemblies, encouraging believers to continue in their belief and the witness of the Master of Yahusha. Furthermore, Yahuchanan documented the vision he received on the Island of Patmos. These documentations by Hebraic believers serve as the basis of the second testament. So in its most authentic state, the Scripture is only "inspired" as understood in its Hebraic context.

Those in the religious system view the "New Testament" as the foundation of their belief. Now granted, the religious system does not plainly acknowledge this fact in words, but by its blatant contempt of Torah execution, it is evident that the religious system (which includes Christianity) has chosen to govern itself by different criteria than those instituted by the Yahuwah. Does this not seem strange when the foundation of our belief should be the Torah – the instruction given by Yahuwah to all humanity? The foundation of Yahusha's belief was the Torah. The foundation of Kepha's, Yahuchanan's, Ya'aqob's, Shaul's and countless others' belief was the Torah. How can the religious system elect to discard the Torah; and, furthermore, elect to govern itself by a so called "new testament," which was interpreted by Greeks that undoubtedly were not enlightened by the Ruach Qodesh? You may say that the Bible does include the Torah. You are correct in that the Bible includes a translation of the Hebrew Torah. However, the religious system does not govern its belief based upon the Torah that is included in its Bible. Why is this? Perhaps because its Greek "new testament" leads those in the religious system to believe that the Torah is no longer applicable; and, without the Ruach Qodesh to enlighten their understanding they do not realize that this thinking is in error.

The "New Testament" is cited as originally having been written in Greek. Personally, I find this statement implausible. Would Yahuwah have revealed His plan for mankind in the language of a pagan people who were not His people? Does it make sense that the life of the Hebrew Mashiyach would have originally been documented in the Greek language? What about the letters written by Hebrew believers to the Hebrews in Yerushalayim and to those in the diaspora, proclaiming the glad tidings of the reign of Master Yahusha? Would they also have been originally penned in Greek? Such an assertion does not even make

logical sense. And yet, the “fathers” of Christianity would lead you to believe that this was Yahuwah’s intention.

Considering the fact that the belief system of the Greeks varied greatly from that of their Hebrew counterparts, would it be surprising to us that a Greek “New Testament” would portray Yahusha in light of Greek ideology versus Hebraic intent? Should we be alarmed by this realization? Yes, indeed we should! The Greeks were polytheistic in their religious thinking. They worshipped many mighty ones. When Yahusha’s servant ministry was initiated and he began to do the work of the Father, the Greeks were intrigued by the power and authority with which Yahusha operated. However, they did not understand the source of Yahusha’s power and authority – the Ruach Qodesh. Not understanding the source caused the Greeks to portray Yahusha in the only manner in which they understood and could explain – Greek theology and philosophy, neither of which is governed by the Ruach Qodesh.

From this interpretation of Yahusha – through the Greek mindset – we have the Greek “New Testament.” From this interpretation, some 5,600 manuscripts were copied. Am I concerned that the individuals copying from the Greek “New Testament” may have inadvertently and intentionally made errors? Yes, that does concern me. However, what is most disconcerting to me is a Greek interpretation of Yahuwah’s plan as executed through the Hebraic Mashiyach. By the time this Greek interpretation was translated into English we do not have the documented life of the Hebrew Mashiyach Yahusha. What we have is a misappropriated counterfeit. Not only is his name altered and his Hebraic heritage maligned, but his governance of belief by the Torah is marginalized.

So what is the believer to do? Do we totally discard the Bible as a means by which to understand Yahuwah’s plan for humanity? No, discarding the Bible is not the answer. However, we must face the reality of what the Bible is - a translated interpretation. The only way to understand the original intent of the Hebraic authors, as inspired by Yahuwah Himself in the Hebraic tongue, is to rely upon the Ruach Qodesh. The Ruach Qodesh is the Set-Apart Spirit of Yahuwah. As it is Yahuwah who inspired the original authors of the Hebrew scripture, we can be assured that His Spirit will give understanding to those who possess His Spirit as they read the translated interpretation. Brothers and sisters, we can no longer walk in ignorance or erroneous doctrines. I pray you allow the Set-Apart Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, to lead and guide you into all the truth.

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