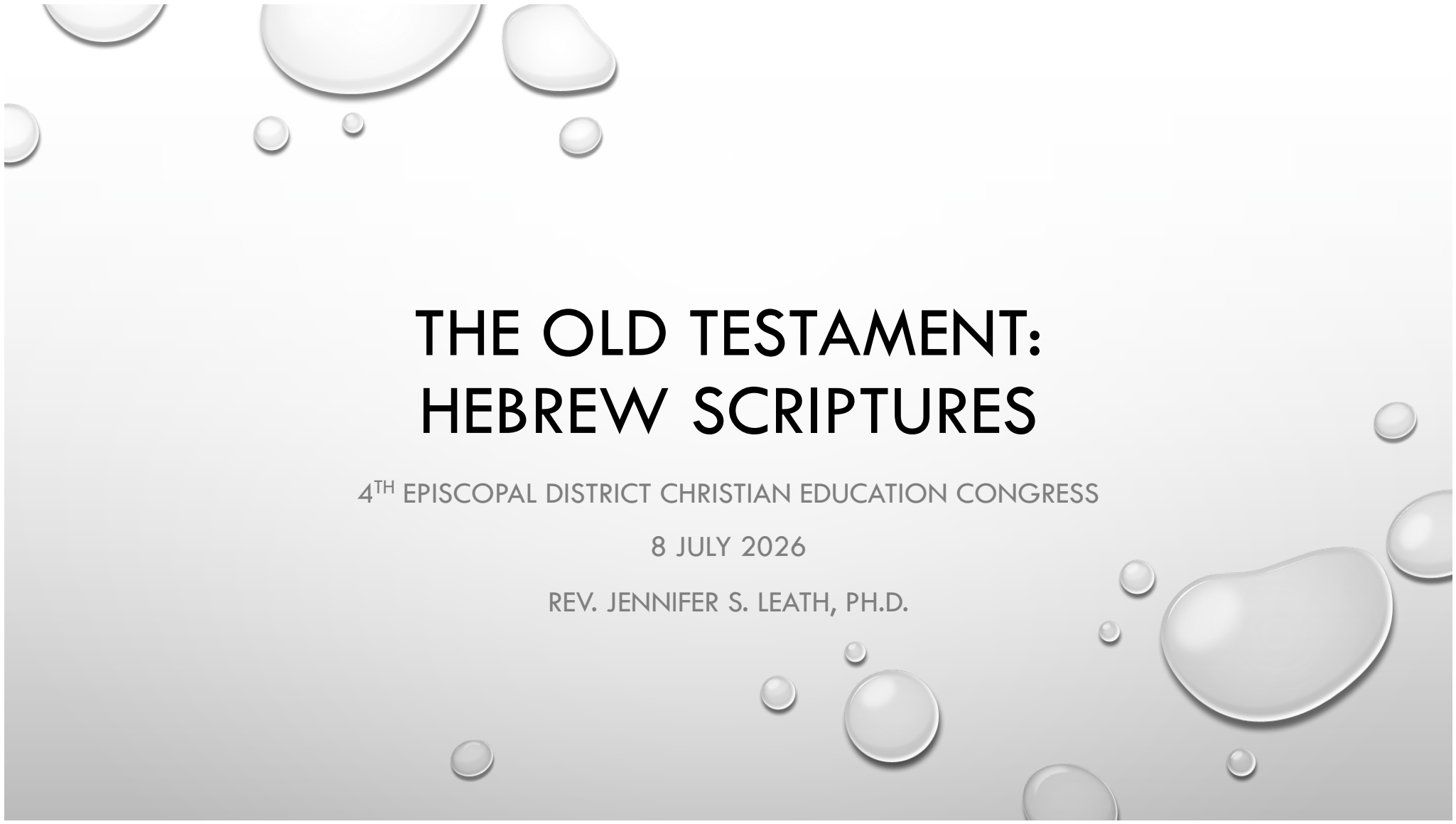


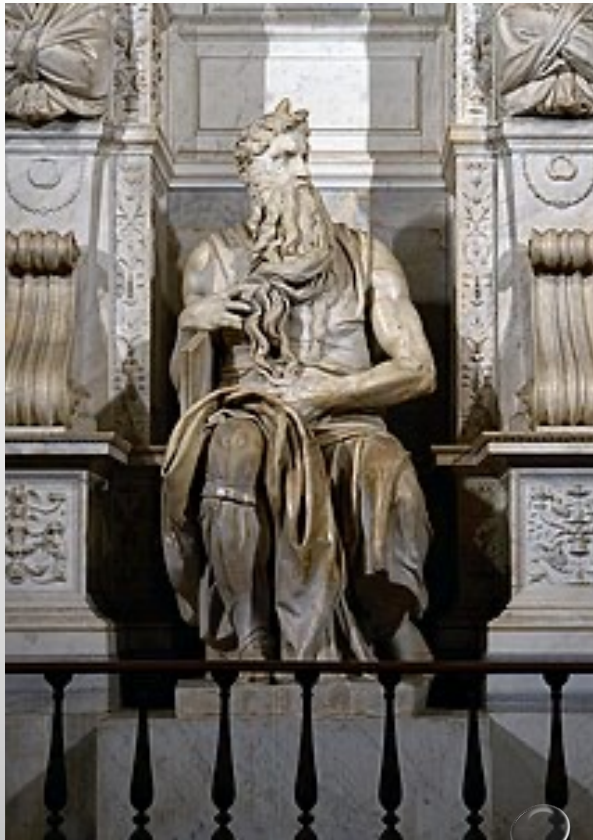
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THE OLD TESTAMENT: HEBREW SCRIPTURES

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES & AME DOCTRINE/DISCIPLINE

Article 2

Of the Word, or Son of God, Who Was Made Very Man The Son, who is the Word of the Father, the very and eternal God, of one substance with the Father, took man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin; so that two whole and perfect natures, that is to say, the God-head and manhood, were joined together in one person, never to be divided; whereof is one Christ, very God and very Man, who truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile his Father to us, and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for the actual sins of men.

Article 5

Of the Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for Salvation The Holy Scriptures containeth all things necessary to salvation; so that whatever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation. In the name of the Holy Scriptures, we do understand those canonical books of the Old and New Testament, of whose authority was never any doubt in the Church.

The Names of the Canonical Books are: Genesis; Exodus; Leviticus; Numbers; Deuteronomy; Joshua; Judges; Ruth; The First Book of Samuel; The Second Book of Samuel; The First Book of Kings; The Second Book of Kings; The First Book of Chronicles; The Second Book of Chronicles; The Book of Ezra; The Book of Nehemiah; The Book of Esther; The Book of Job; The Psalms; The Proverbs; Ecclesiastes, or the Preacher; Cantica, or Songs of Solomon; Four Prophets, the Greater and Lamentations; Twelve Prophets, Lesser

All the Books of the New Testament, as they are commonly received, we do receive and account canonical.

Article 6

Of the Old Testament The Old Testament is not contrary to the New; for both in the Old and the New Testament, everlasting life is offered to mankind by Christ, who is the only Mediator between God and man, being both God and man. Wherefore, they are not to be heard, who feign that the old fathers did look only for transitory promises. Although the law given from God by Moses, as touching ceremonies and rites, doth not bind Christians, nor ought the civil precepts thereof of necessity be received in any commonwealth; yet notwithstanding, no Christian whatsoever is free from the obedience of the Commandments, which are called moral.

BOOKS IN THE HEBREW BIBLE

1. GENESIS. (999-550 BCE)
2. EXODUS (699-350 BCE)
3. LEVITICUS (650-450 BCE)
4. NUMBERS (650-399 BCE)
5. DEUTERONOMY (850-600 BCE)
6. JOSHUA (622-539 BCE)
7. JUDGES (699-299 BCE)
8. RUTH (800 OR 500 BCE)
9. THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL (715-500 BCE)
10. THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL
11. THE FIRST BOOK OF KINGS (699-500 BCE)
12. THE SECOND BOOK OF KINGS
13. THE FIRST BOOK OF CHRONICLES (399-332 BCE)
14. THE SECOND BOOK OF CHRONICLES
15. THE BOOK OF EZRA (499-300 BCE)
16. THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH (458-300 BCE)
17. THE BOOK OF ESTHER (486-150 BCE)
18. THE BOOK OF JOB (550-500 BCE)
19. THE PSALMS (650-500 BCE)
20. THE PROVERBS (525-375 BCE)
21. ECCLESIASTES, OR THE PREACHER (450-150 BCE)
22. CANTICA, OR SONGS OF SOLOMON (950-50 BCE)
23. ISAIAH (799-600); (550-500 BCE); (550-425 BCE)
24. JEREMIAH (599-500 BCE)
25. LAMENTATIONS (586-550 BCE)
26. EZEKIEL (593-571 BCE)
27. DANIEL (539-150 BCE)
28. HOSEA
29. JOEL
30. AMOS
31. OBADIAH
32. JONAH
33. MICAH
34. NAHUM
35. HABAKKUK
36. ZEPHANIAH
37. HAGGAI
38. ZECHARIAH
39. MALACHI

BOOKS IN THE HEBREW BIBLE BY GENRE

	Pentateuch	Historical Narrative	Poetic & Wisdom Books	4 Major Prophets	12 Minor Prophets
1	Genesis	Joshua	Job	Isaiah	Hosea
2	Exodus	Judges	Psalms	Jeremiah	Micah
3	Leviticus	Ruth	Proverbs	Lamentations (Attributed to Jeremiah)	Amos
4	Numbers	I Samuel	Ecclesiastes	Ezekiel	Obadiah
5	Deuteronomy	II Samuel	Song of Solomon / Song of Songs	Daniel	Jonah
6		I Kings			Micah
7		II Kings			Nahum
8		I Chronicles			Habakkuk
9		II Chronicles			Zephaniah
10		Ezra			Haggai
11		Nehemiah			Zechariah
12		Esther			Malachi

APOCRYPHAL/DEUTEROCANONICAL TEXTS

Roman Catholic

- TOBIT
- JUDITH
- WISDOM
- SIRACH (ECCLESIASTICUS)
- BARUCH
- 1 AND 2 MACCABEES (HISTORICAL ACCOUNT)
- IT ALSO INCLUDES SPECIFIC EXTENDED PASSAGES IN THE BOOKS OF ESTHER AND DANIEL (I.E., *PRAYER OF AZARIAH* AND *BEL AND THE DRAGON*)

Genesis	Judith*	Daniel
Exodus	Esther (with the Additions*)	Prayer of Azariah and the Song of the Three Jews*
Leviticus	1 Maccabees*	Susanna*
Numbers	2 Maccabees*	Bel and the Dragon*
Deuteronomy	Job	Hosea
Joshua	Psalms	Joel
Judges	Proverbs	Amos
Ruth	Ecclesiastes	Obadiah
1 Samuel	Song of Songs	Jonah
2 Samuel	Wisdom of Solomon*	Micah
1 Kings	Sirach*	Nahum
2 Kings	Isaiah	Habakkuk
1 Chronicles	Jeremiah	Zephaniah
2 Chronicles	Lamentations	Haggai
Ezra	Baruch*	Zechariah
Nehemiah	Letter of Jeremiah*	Malachi
Tobit*	Ezekiel	

Greek Orthodox

Genesis	Judith	Nahum
Exodus	Esther (with the Additions)	Habakkuk
Leviticus	1 Maccabees	Zephaniah
Numbers	2 Maccabees	Haggai
Deuteronomy	3 Maccabees*	Zechariah
Joshua	Psalms (with Psalm 151*)	Malachi
Judges	Job	Isaiah
Ruth	Proverbs	Jeremiah
1 Kingdoms	Ecclesiastes	Baruch
2 Kingdoms	Song of Songs	Lamentations
3 Kingdoms	Wisdom of Solomon	Letter of Jeremiah
4 Kingdoms	Sirach	Ezekiel
1 Chronicles	Hosea	Daniel
2 Chronicles	Amos	Prayer of Azariah and the Song of the Three Jews
1 Esdras*	Micah	Susanna
2 Esdras	Joel	Bel and the Dragon
Nehemiah	Obadiah	4 Maccabees* (in appendix)
Tobit	Jonah	Prayer of Manasseh* (in appendix)



The Law

Law (Pentateuch)
 Genesis
 Exodus
 Leviticus
 Numbers
 Deuteronomy

The Prophets

Former Prophets
 Joshua
 Judges
 Samuel (1 & 2)
 Kings (1 & 2)

Latter Prophets

Isaiah
 Jeremiah
 Ezekiel
 The Twelve

Hosea
 Joel
 Amos
 Obadiah
 Jonah
 Micah
 Nahum
 Habakkuk
 Zephaniah
 Haggai
 Zechariah
 Malachi

The Writings

Poetry
 Psalms
 Proverbs
 Job

Five Rolls

Song of Songs
 Ruth
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History

Daniel
 Ezra-Nehemiah
 Chronicles (1 & 2)

TANAKH



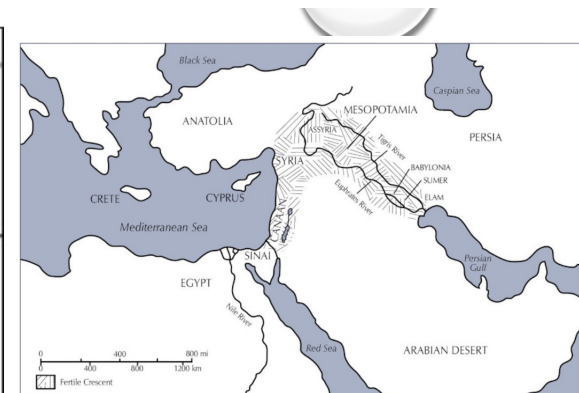
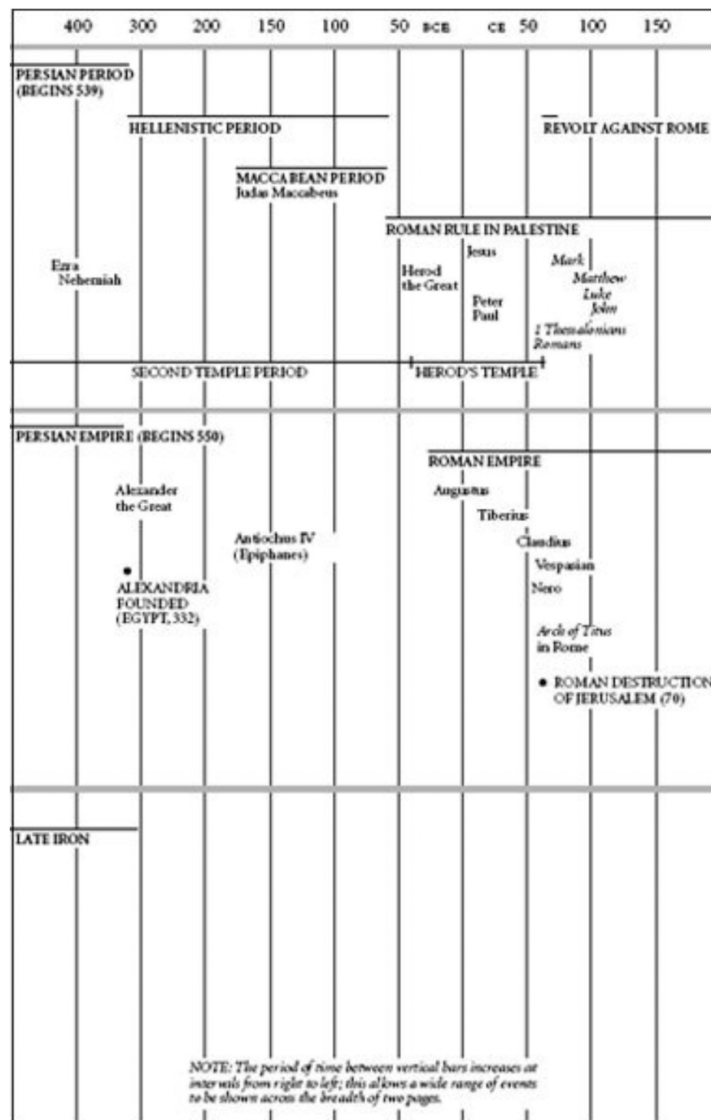
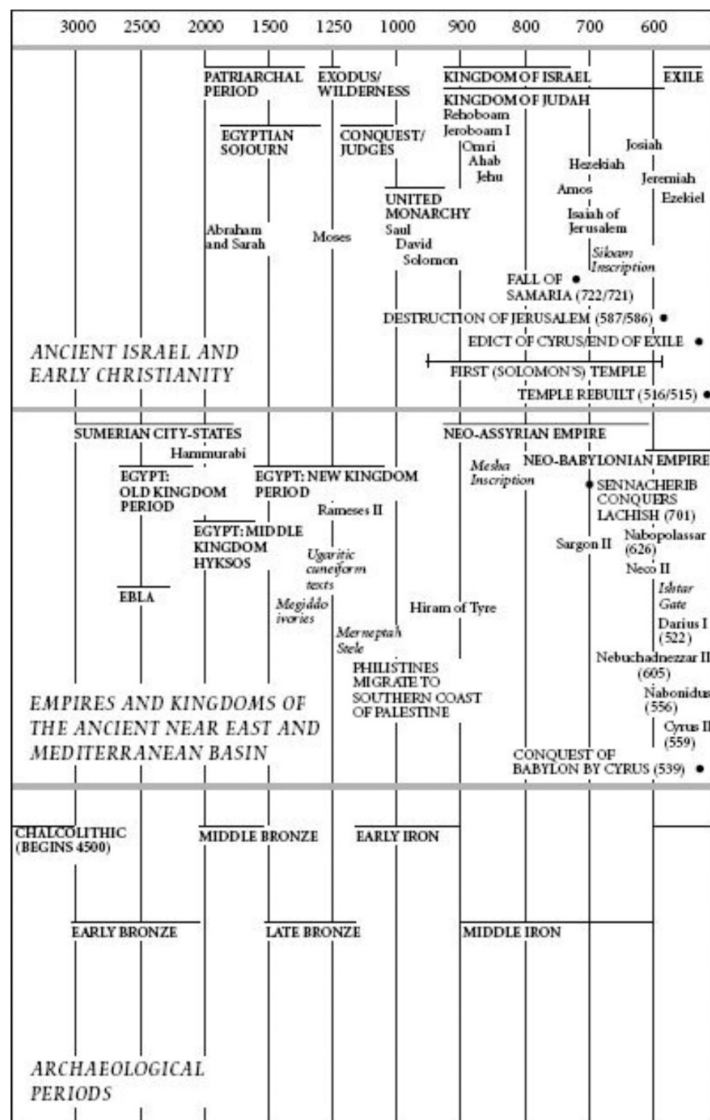
THE QURAN & THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

- THE QURAN WAS REVEALED TO PROPHET MUHAMMAD, BUT TELLS OVERLAPPING STORIES OF ABRAHAM, MOSES, NOAH, AND OTHERS.
- ISLAM TEACHES THAT THE *TAWRAT* (TORAH SENT TO MOSES) AND THE *INJIL* (GOSPEL SENT TO JESUS) WERE ALSO GOD-SENT REVELATIONS BUT WERE ALTERED OVER TIME; CONSEQUENTLY, THE QURAN PERFECTS THE TRADITION.

AS CHRISTIANS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE QURAN PERFECTS THE HEBREW OR NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE AND ACKNOWLEDGE WHERE THERE ARE SHARED/COMMON FOUNDATIONS OF FAITHS.

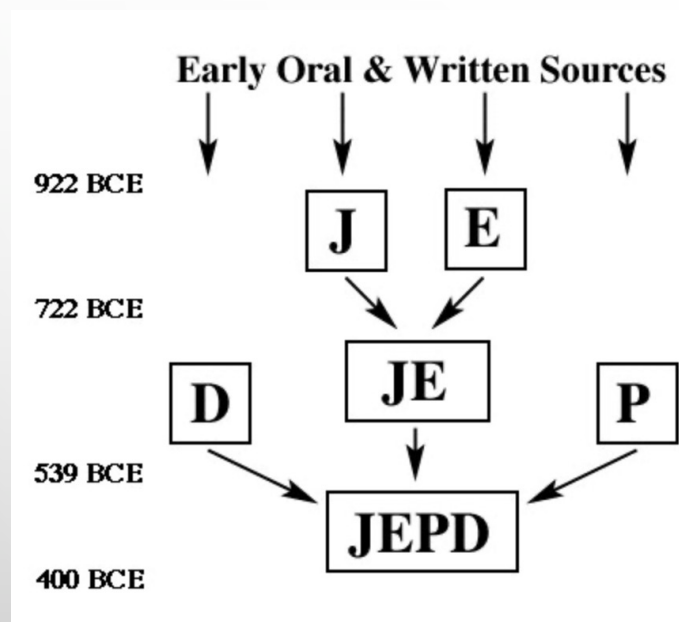
TIMELINE OF THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

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Iron Age 1200–539 BCE	
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Iron Age III	586–539 BCE
Persian Period 539–330 BCE	
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Roman Period 37 BCE–324 CE	

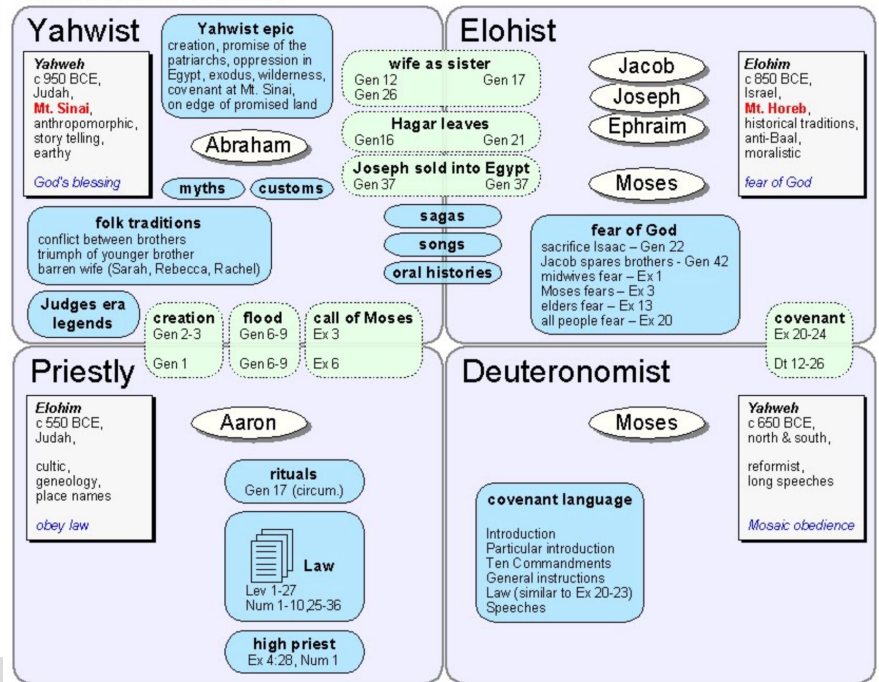


APPROACHING MONOTHEISM

- JEDP
- NAMES OF GOD
 - YHWH (“LORD”)
 - JEHOVAH
 - ELOHIM
- ASHERAH . . .
 - AND HER HUSBAND “EL”
 - AS IN “EL SHADDAI”

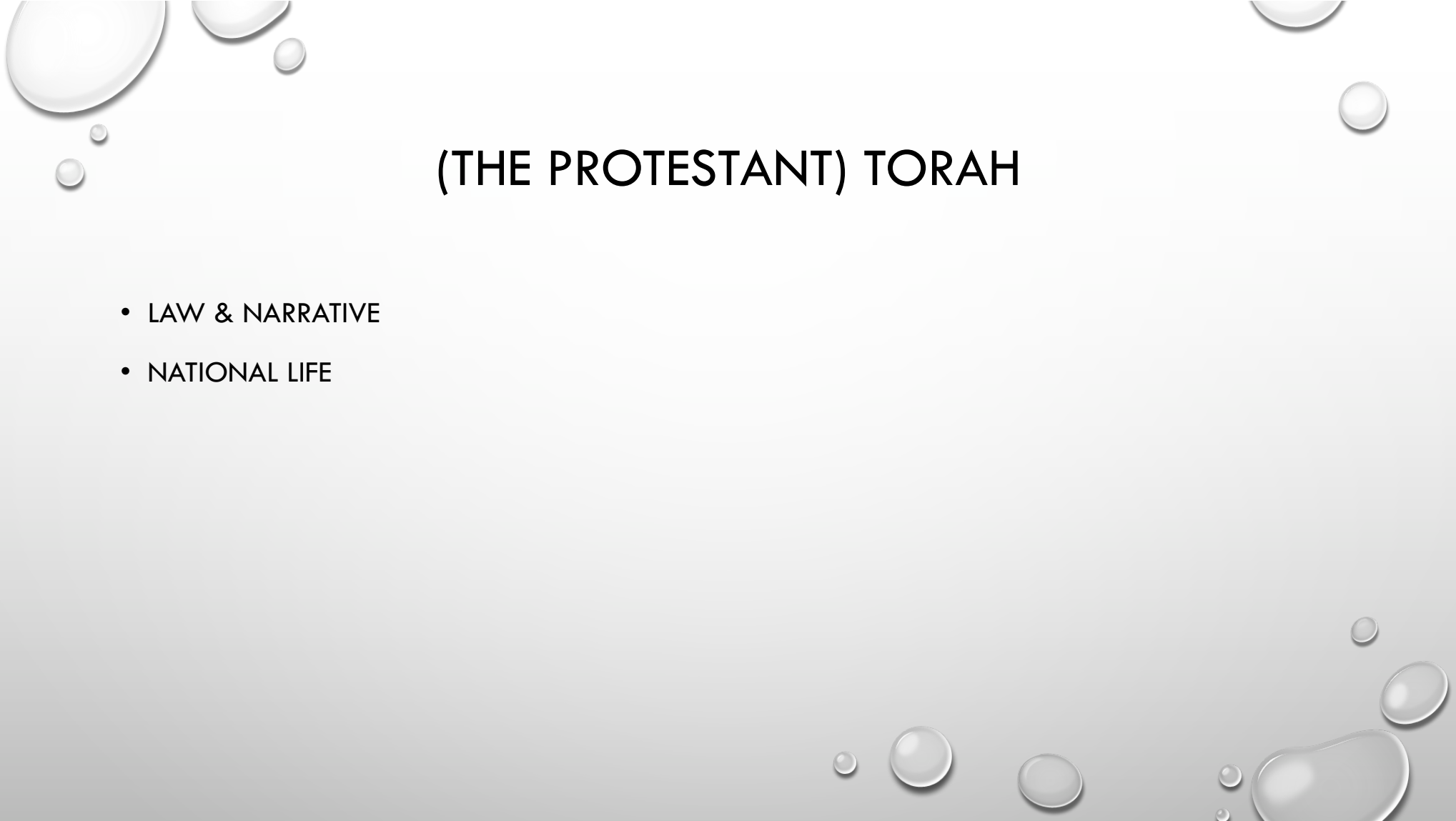


Four sources of the Pentateuch



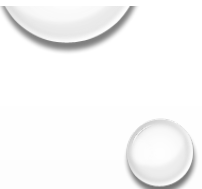
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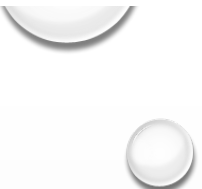
(THE PROTESTANT) TORAH

- LAW & NARRATIVE
- NATIONAL LIFE



POETRY & WISDOM LITERATURE

- PHILOSOPHICAL
 - THEOLOGICAL
 - INSPIRATIONAL
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THE MAJOR PROPHETS

- PUBLIC SPEECH TO CHANGE HEARTS AND MINDS
 - CALL NARRATIVES
 - WOES
 - MESSENGERS
 - VISIONS
 - SIGN ACTS
 - SUPERSSCRIPTION
 - ORACLES AGAINST FOREIGN NATIONS
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GENESIS



"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1.1

"So she named the LORD who spoke to her, "You are El-roi," for she said, "Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?"" Genesis 16.13

EXODUS

"AFTERWARD MOSES AND AARON WENT TO PHARAOH AND SAID, 'THUS SAYS THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL: LET MY PEOPLE GO, SO THAT THEY MAY CELEBRATE A FESTIVAL TO ME IN THE WILDERNESS.'" EXODUS 5.1





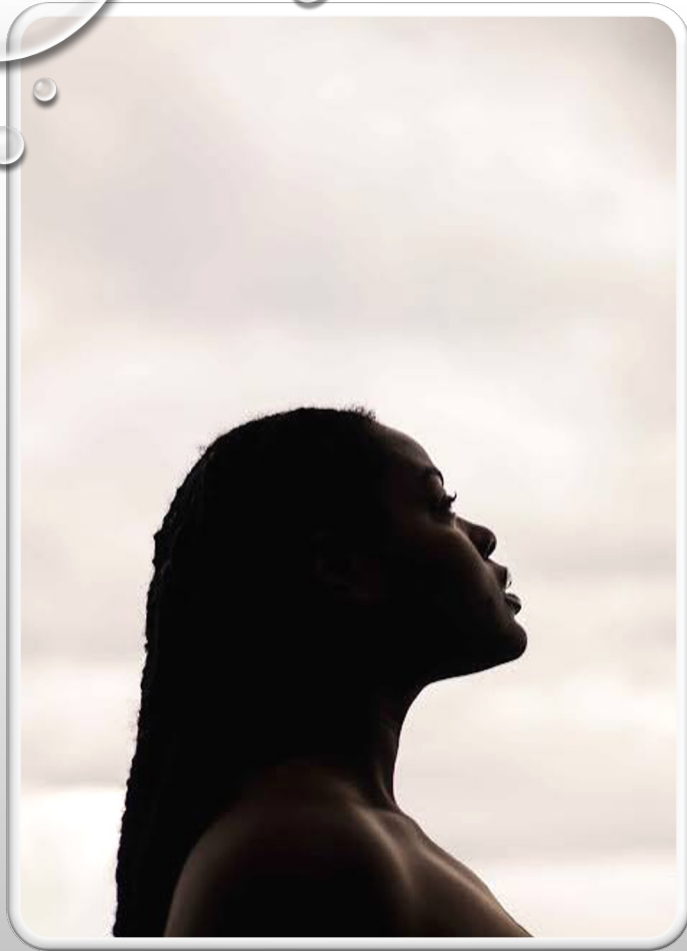
LEVITICUS

"YOU SHALL NOT TAKE
VENGEANCE OR BEAR A
GRUDGE AGAINST ANY OF
YOUR PEOPLE, BUT YOU SHALL
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS
YOURSELF: I AM THE LORD."
LEVITICUS 19.18

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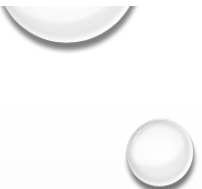
“²² THE LORD SPOKE TO MOSES, SAYING, ²³ “SPEAK TO AARON AND HIS SONS, SAYING: THUS YOU SHALL BLESS THE ISRAELITES: YOU SHALL SAY TO THEM: ²⁴ THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU; ²⁵ THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU. ²⁶ THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE.”
NUMBERS 6.22-26





DEUTERONOMY

“HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD IS OUR GOD, THE LORD ALONE. YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT.” (DEUTERONOMY 6.4-5)



JOSHUA

NOW IF YOU ARE UNWILLING TO SERVE THE LORD, CHOOSE THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE, WHETHER THE GODS YOUR ANCESTORS SERVED IN THE REGION BEYOND THE. (JOSHUA 24.15)





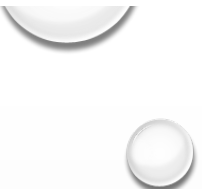
JUDGES

“THE PEASANTRY PROSPERED IN ISRAEL; THEY GREW FAT ON PLUNDER, BECAUSE YOU AROSE, DEBORAH, AROSE AS A MOTHER IN ISRAEL.” (JUDGES 5.7)

RUTH

BUT RUTH SAID, "DO NOT PRESS ME TO LEAVE YOU, TO TURN BACK FROM FOLLOWING YOU! WHERE YOU GO, I WILL GO; WHERE YOU LODGE, I WILL LODGE; YOUR PEOPLE SHALL BE MY PEOPLE AND YOUR GOD MY GOD. **17** WHERE YOU DIE, I WILL DIE, AND THERE WILL I BE BURIED. MAY THE LORD DO THUS TO ME, AND MORE AS WELL, IF EVEN DEATH PARTS ME FROM YOU!". (RUTH 1:16-17)

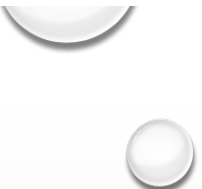




I SAMUEL

“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.’” (1 Samuel 16.7)





II SAMUEL

“I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.” (II Samuel 1.26)

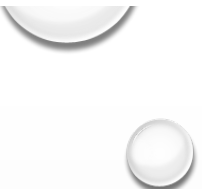


I KINGS

“God gave Solomon very great wisdom, discernment, and breadth of understanding as vast as the sand on the seashore, so that Solomon’s wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt.” (I Kings 4.29-30)

II KINGS

“As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.” (II Kings 2.11-12)



I CHRONICLES

“Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, “Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory and that your hand might be with me and that you would keep me from hurt and harm!” And God granted what he asked.” (I Chronicles 4.10)



II CHRONICLES



“When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain or command the locust to devour the land or send pestilence among my people, ¹⁴ if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (II Chronicles 7.13-14)

EZRA

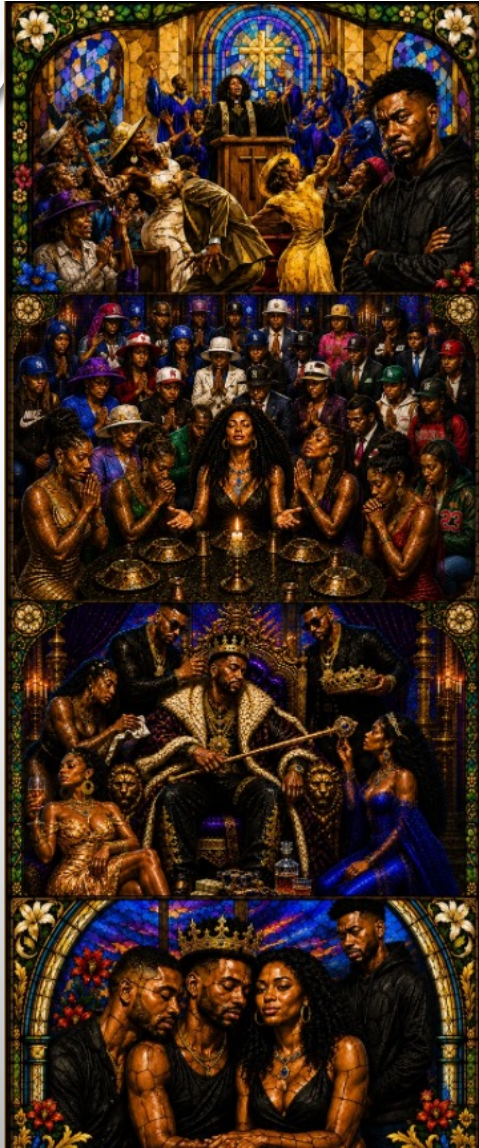
- “WHEN THE BUILDERS LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD, THE PRIESTS IN THEIR VESTMENTS WERE STATIONED TO PRAISE THE LORD WITH TRUMPETS, AND THE LEVITES, THE SONS OF ASAPH, WITH CYMBALS, ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTIONS OF KING DAVID OF ISRAEL; **11** AND THEY SANG RESPONSIVELY, PRAISING AND GIVING THANKS TO THE LORD,
 - ‘FOR HE IS GOOD, FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER TOWARD ISRAEL.’
- AND ALL THE PEOPLE RESPONDED WITH A GREAT SHOUT WHEN THEY PRAISED THE LORD BECAUSE THE FOUNDATION OF THE HOUSE OF THE LORD HAD BEEN LAID. **12** BUT MANY OF THE PRIESTS AND LEVITES AND HEADS OF FAMILIES, OLD PEOPLE WHO HAD SEEN THE FIRST HOUSE ON ITS FOUNDATIONS, WEPT WITH A LOUD VOICE WHEN THEY SAW THIS HOUSE, THOUGH MANY SHOUTED ALOUD FOR JOY, **13** SO THAT THE PEOPLE COULD NOT DISTINGUISH THE SOUND OF THE JOYFUL SHOUT FROM THE SOUND OF THE PEOPLE’S WEeping, FOR THE PEOPLE SHOUTED SO LOUDLY THAT THE SOUND WAS HEARD FAR AWAY.”
- (EZRA 3.10-13)



NEHEMIAH

"THEN HE SAID TO THEM, 'GO YOUR WAY, EAT THE FAT AND DRINK SWEET WINE AND SEND PORTIONS OF THEM TO THOSE FOR WHOM NOTHING IS PREPARED, FOR THIS DAY IS HOLY TO OUR LORD, AND DO NOT BE GRIEVED, FOR THE JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH.'" (NEHEMIAH 8.10)





ESTHER

“For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.” (Esther 4.14)

JOB

“I know that you can do all things and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.”
(Job 42.2)



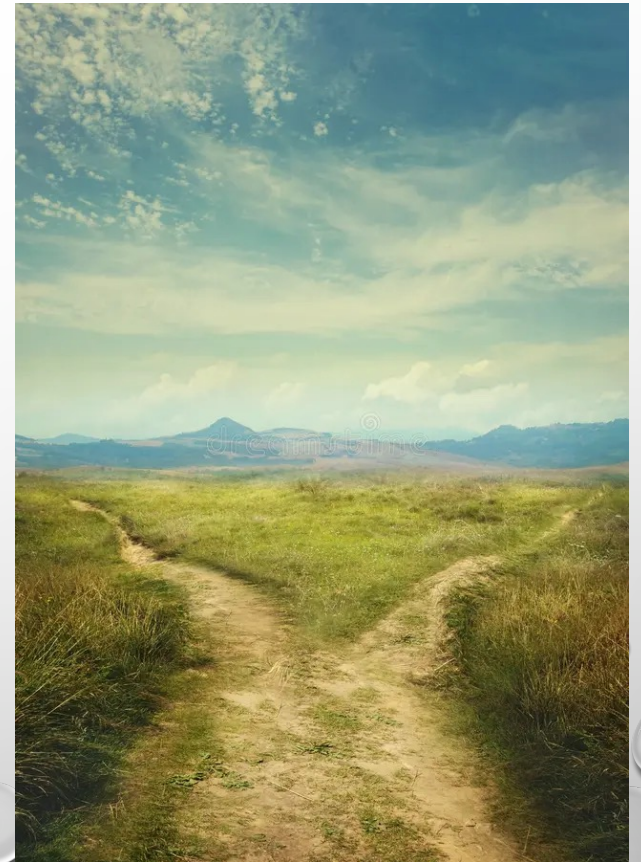


PSALMS

- HAPPY ARE THOSE
WHO DO NOT FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF THE WICKED
OR TAKE THE PATH THAT SINNERS TREAD
OR SIT IN THE SEAT OF SCOFFERS,
2 BUT THEIR DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW OF THE LORD,
AND ON HIS LAW THEY MEDITATE DAY AND NIGHT.
3 THEY ARE LIKE TREES
PLANTED BY STREAMS OF WATER,
WHICH YIELD THEIR FRUIT IN ITS SEASON,
AND THEIR LEAVES DO NOT WITHER.
IN ALL THAT THEY DO, THEY PROSPER.
- **4** THE WICKED ARE NOT SO
BUT ARE LIKE CHAFF THAT THE WIND DRIVES AWAY.
5 THEREFORE THE WICKED WILL NOT STAND IN THE
JUDGMENT
NOR SINNERS IN THE CONGREGATION OF THE
RIGHTEOUS,
6 FOR THE LORD WATCHES OVER THE WAY OF THE
RIGHTEOUS,
BUT THE WAY OF THE WICKED WILL PERISH. (PSALM 1)

PROVERBS

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3.5-6



SONG OF SOLOMON



I charge you, O daughters of
Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the
wild does: do not stir up or
awaken love until it is ready!
(Song of Songs 2.7)



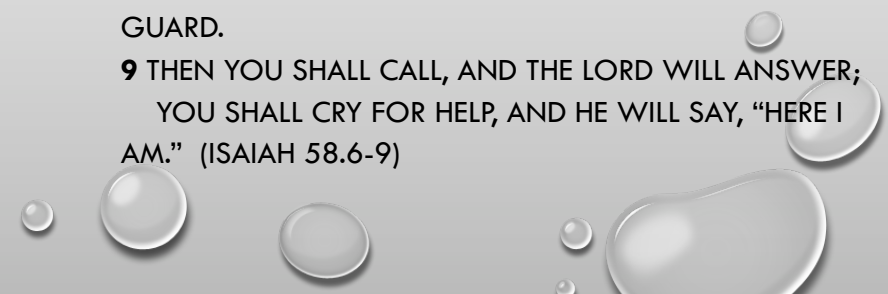
ISAIAH

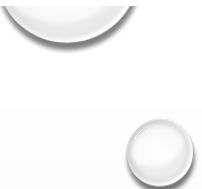
IS NOT THIS THE FAST THAT I CHOOSE:
TO LOOSE THE BONDS OF INJUSTICE,
TO UNDO THE STRAPS OF THE YOKE,
TO LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE,
AND TO BREAK EVERY YOKE?

7 IS IT NOT TO SHARE YOUR BREAD WITH THE HUNGRY
AND BRING THE HOMELESS POOR INTO YOUR HOUSE;
WHEN YOU SEE THE NAKED, TO COVER THEM
AND NOT TO HIDE YOURSELF FROM YOUR OWN KIN?

8 THEN YOUR LIGHT SHALL BREAK FORTH LIKE THE
DAWN,
AND YOUR HEALING SHALL SPRING UP QUICKLY;
YOUR VINDICATOR SHALL GO BEFORE YOU;
THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE YOUR REAR
GUARD.

9 THEN YOU SHALL CALL, AND THE LORD WILL ANSWER;
YOU SHALL CRY FOR HELP, AND HE WILL SAY, "HERE I
AM." (ISAIAH 58.6-9)





JEREMIAH

“For surely I know the plans I have
for you, says the LORD, plans for
your welfare and not for harm, to
give you a future with hope.”
(Jeremiah 29.11)



LAMENTATIONS

How lonely sits the city
that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become,
she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces
has become subject to forced labor.
(Lamentations 1.1)



EZEKIEL

“A NEW HEART I WILL GIVE
YOU, AND A NEW SPIRIT I
WILL PUT WITHIN YOU, AND I
WILL REMOVE FROM YOUR
BODY THE HEART OF STONE
AND GIVE YOU A HEART OF
FLESH.” (EZEKIEL 36.26)



DANIEL

“He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with him.” (Daniel 2.22)





HOSEA

“For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.”
(Hosea 6.6)

JOEL

“I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.”
(Joel 2.28)



AMOS

“BUT LET JUSTICE ROLL
DOWN LIKE WATER AND
RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE AN
EVER-FLOWING STREAM.”
(AMOS 5.24)



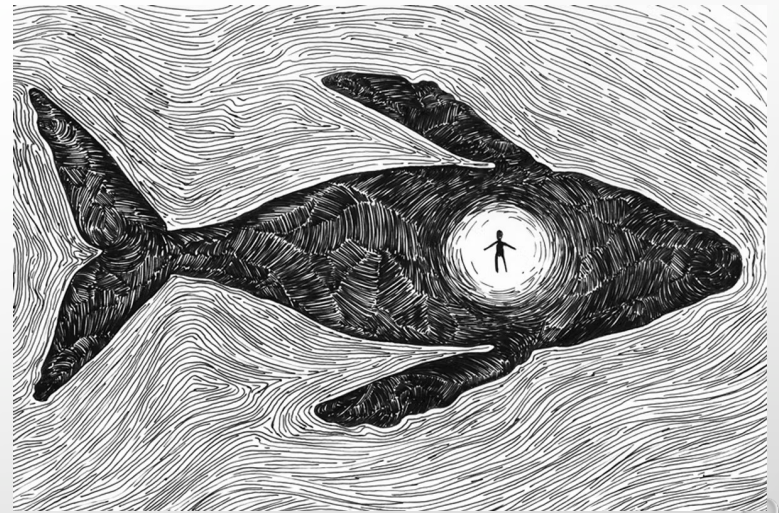
OBADIAH

Your proud heart has deceived you,
you who live in the clefts of the rock,
whose dwelling is in the heights.
You say in your heart,
“Who will bring me down to the ground?”
⁴ Though you soar aloft like the eagle,
though your nest is set among the stars,
from there I will bring you down,
says the Lord. (Obadiah 1.3-4)



JONAH

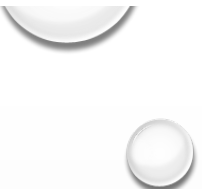
“But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you; what I have
vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs
to the LORD!” (Jonah 2.9)



MICAH



He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6.8)



NAHUM

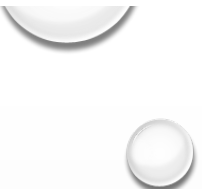
"The Lord is good, a stronghold in a day of trouble; he protects those who take refuge in him." (Nahum 1.7)



HABAKKUK

“Though the fig tree does not blossom
and no fruit is on the vines;
though the produce of the olive fails
and the fields yield no food;
though the flock is cut off from the fold
and there is no herd in the stalls,
¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord;
I will exult in the God of my salvation.”
(Habakkuk 3.17-18)

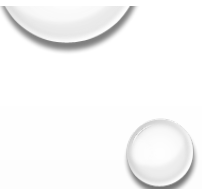




ZEPHANIAH

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. (Zephaniah 3.17)

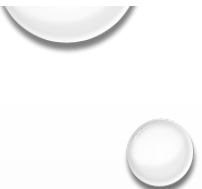




HAGGAI

“Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider how you have fared. ⁸Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored, says the Lord. ⁹You have looked for much, but it came to little, and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? says the Lord of hosts. Because my house lies in ruins, while all of you hurry off to your own houses.¹⁰Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce. ¹¹And I have called for a drought^[a] on the land and the hills, on the grain, the new wine, the oil, on what the soil produces, on humans and animals, and on all their labors.” (Haggai 1.7-11)

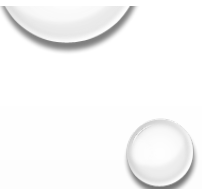




ZECHARIAH

He said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts. (Zechariah 4.6)





MALACHI

“⁸ Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, “How are we robbing you?” In your tithes and offerings! ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! ¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.” (Malachi 3.8-10)



EXILE, BELONGING & HOSPITALITY & THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

¹⁷ “You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow’s garment in pledge. ¹⁸ Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.

¹⁹ “When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. ²⁰ When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

²¹ “When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. ²² Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this. (Deuteronomy 24.17-22)

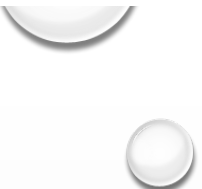


THEOLOGIES OF LIBERATION & THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

- LATIN AMERICAN LIBERATION THEOLOGY (BABEL; PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR))
 - BLACK LIBERATION THEOLOGY (EXODUS)
 - NATIVE AMERICAN LIBERATION THEOLOGY (CANAAN OVER LIBERATED ISRAELITES)
 - WOMANIST THEOLOGY (HAGAR)
 - PALESTINIAN LIBERATION THEOLOGY (CANAAN OVER LIBERATED ISRAELITES)
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SPIRITUAL “ARTIVISM” & THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES



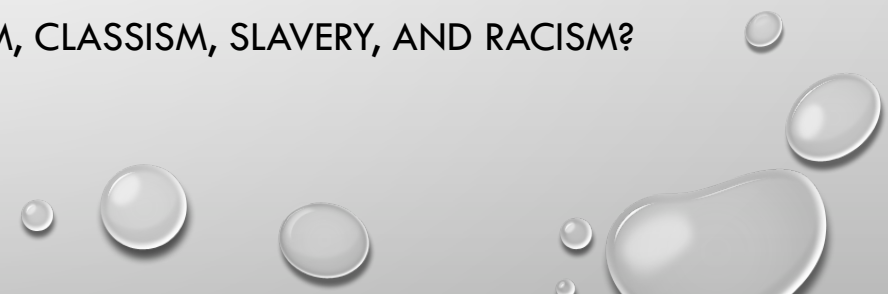


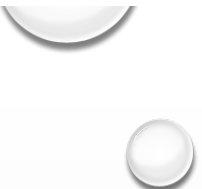
GENDER & SEXUALITY & THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

- EVOLVING & MIXED SEXUAL ETHIC
 - ONAN(ISM)
 - WIFE
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 - CONCUBINES
 - SEX WORKING WOMEN IN COMMUNITY
 - SEX WORKING WOMEN IN RELIGIOUS SPACE
 - DIVORCE
 - DIFFERENT STANDARDS FOR MEN AND WOMEN – WITH NATION-BUILDING CAUSE
 - DEBATES ON INTERMARRIAGE
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OVERARCHING THEMES & INTERPRETIVE CHALLENGES

- IN WHAT KIND OF G*D ARE WE INVESTED? ONE WHO ALWAYS SHOWS MERCY AND IS LOVE OR ONE RENOWNED FOR WRATH, JUDGEMENT, AND JEALOUSY?
 - HOW DO WE HANDLE THE COMPLEX PATH TO MONOTHEISM THROUGH POLYTHEISMS (E.G., ELOHIM – AND ALL THE “EL”S) & ASHERAH AS POTENTIAL EL AND/OR YHWH CONSORT?
 - HOW DO WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE CHRONOLOGICAL CHALLENGES?
 - HOW DO WE HANDLE THE PROMINENCE OF RETRIBUTIVE JUSTICE?
 - HOW DO WE HANDLE THE MISOGYNY, COLONIALISM, CLASSISM, SLAVERY, AND RACISM?
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TEXTS OF TERROR

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 - JUDGES 11 – DAUGHTER OF JEPHTHAH IS SACRIFICED AS VOWED
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 - PSALM 137.9 – DASHING THE CHILDREN'S HEADS (AND CHILD SACRIFICIAL TRADITIONS)
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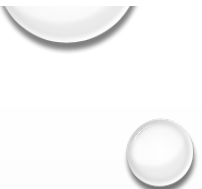
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QUIZ

1. WHAT IS THE SEPTUAGINT?
 2. HOW MANY BOOKS ARE THERE IN THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES WE ACCEPT IN OUR CANON?
 3. NAME THE 4 MAJOR PROPHETS
 4. NAME THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS
 5. QUOTE A VERSE FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES
 6. WHAT IS A SERAPHIM
 7. WHAT IS A NEPHILIM
 8. WHAT IS A SEXUAL PRACTICE PREVALENT IN THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES THAT IS DISCOURAGED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
 9. NAME AN EXAMPLE OF A LIBERATION THEOLOGY AND EXPLAIN HOW THAT THEOLOGY DRAWS ON THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES
 10. WHAT IS ONE HEBREW BIBLE TEXT OF TERROR AND HOW DO YOU RECONCILE IT WITH YOUR FAITH
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