

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

DECEPTION IN THE END TIMES

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PART 2: TAMPERING WITH THE OLD TESTAMENT

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IS BASED UPON THE BIBLE

I was born and raised in Sweden and graduated from college with a degree in mechanical engineering. When designing a machine, I was taught to define the unit of measurement that would be used to build it. This meant that I would use three different systems of measurement: Metric, British and American.

When doing calculations, I had to select a system of measurement which would be used to calculate the dimensions of the machine I was designing. A screw, bolt or nut all had to be from the same measurement system or they would not fit.

Since the Christian faith is based upon the Bible, it is important to define what constitutes the Bible and we will begin by looking at the Old Testament.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Bible consists of the Old and New Testament. The original language of the book of Genesis is not known since we don't know the language that was spoken before the flood. It was also the only language on earth until God created different languages at the tower of Babel. **Genesis 11:1-9**

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob spoke Chaldean, and when the twelve sons of Jacob moved to Egypt, they had to learn a new language. But since they did not intermingle with the Egyptians in time during their 430 years in Egypt they developed their own language, which became known as Hebrew.¹

Moses took the oral and written records of what we call the Book of Genesis and translated it into the Hebrew language along with four other books. These five books of Moses or the Pentateuch were written in Hebrew.

Book back then were not readily available like they are today but were handwritten on papyrus scrolls and rolled up on two sticks. To read the scrolls, the paper would slowly be rolled from one stick to the other. It was the job of the Scribes to continually make copies of the scrolls so that each synagogue would have their own set of the Old Testament. When Jesus attended a synagogue, the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. **Luke 4:15-21**

Young men were trained to read and write in Hebrew, and when they had mastered this skill, they would be commissioned to copy scrolls already in existence. They were instructed not to miss a word, jot or tittle, because the copy

¹ Jewish people living in Eastern Europe during the last 500 years spoke the language of the nation in which they lived but they also developed their own language called "Yiddish." It was not until the 20th century that the Jewish political leadership re-activated the old Hebrew language and made it the official language of the State of Israel in 1948. Yiddish is slowly dying out as the older East European people pass away.



they produced must be 100% perfect, so that before it was released to a synagogue, it was checked by other scribes for accuracy. This is how the Old Testament was preserved from the time of Moses until the time of Jesus, a period of some 1,500 years.

When Alexander the Great conquered the Middle East around 335 B.C. he brought with him the Greek language which became as important to the conquered nations as English is to the world today. If you wanted to do business, Greek was the language used by all the nations. By 285 B.C., Jewish businessmen were working in the different nations, and since most Jews living outside Israel spoke Greek as their primary language, the Old Testament was translated into Greek around 285 B.C and this translation became known as the Septuagint.

About 200 years before Christ, Hebrew had become a dead language as the Jews living in Palestine spoke Aramaic, which was a mixture of different languages. This was the language Jesus spoke when He walked on earth but the Old Testament was read in Hebrew at the synagogues.

PERVERTING THE WORD OF GOD

Since the common Jew in the 200 A.D. no longer spoke Hebrew and could not read the scrolls, the call for an easier to read version of the Old Testament was requested. The people wanted something in Aramaic and these translations became known as "Targums." Instead of word for word translation, the Targums were paraphrased or written as a short version of commentaries. The end result was that the Jewish people knew somewhat of what God had spoken, but it was so general that it had lost its power and was no longer the Word of God. It was just a watered down version of what God had spoken through the ages. **Matthew 5:13**

Furthermore, the rabbinical system had also developed two other writings: the Talmud and Kabbalah. Thus we can see how darkness set in on the Jewish people and they became like lost sheep when the foundation had been removed. **Matthew 13:1-23**

JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES

Jesus read the Old Testament from Hebrew scrolls and was dogmatic that not one jot or tittle should be removed from God's Word. **Matthew 5:17-19**

Jesus rejected the Talmudic writings that were known as "the tradition of the elders." **Matthew 15:1-9**

Jesus rejected the Talmudic-Kabbalistic system of the rabbis and did not mince words when He spoke out against it. **Matthew 23:1-15**

THE OLD TESTAMENT WAS JESUS' BIBLE

Most Christians living in the 21st century have been brainwashed when it comes to understanding the Word of God. This has been made possible because of the poor education of people in general.

The teaching on the future Messiah is firmly taught in the Old Testament. **Isaiah 53:1-10**

Jesus never abandoned the Ten Commandments given to Moses and the apostles preached from the teachings of Jesus which were based upon the Old Testament.

The New Testament did not exist on the Day of Pentecost. The preaching of the apostles, using the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus, became the New Testament. 2 Peter 1:14-21

Just like cars, trucks, motorcycles and airplanes all have frames which hold together the different parts of the vehicle, so is the Old Testament the frame, which is the foundation of the Christian faith. **Isaiah 55:6-13**

Just like cars, trucks, motorcycles and airplanes all have frames which hold together the different parts; the Old Testament is the foundation of the Christian faith. **Isaiah 55:6-13**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?