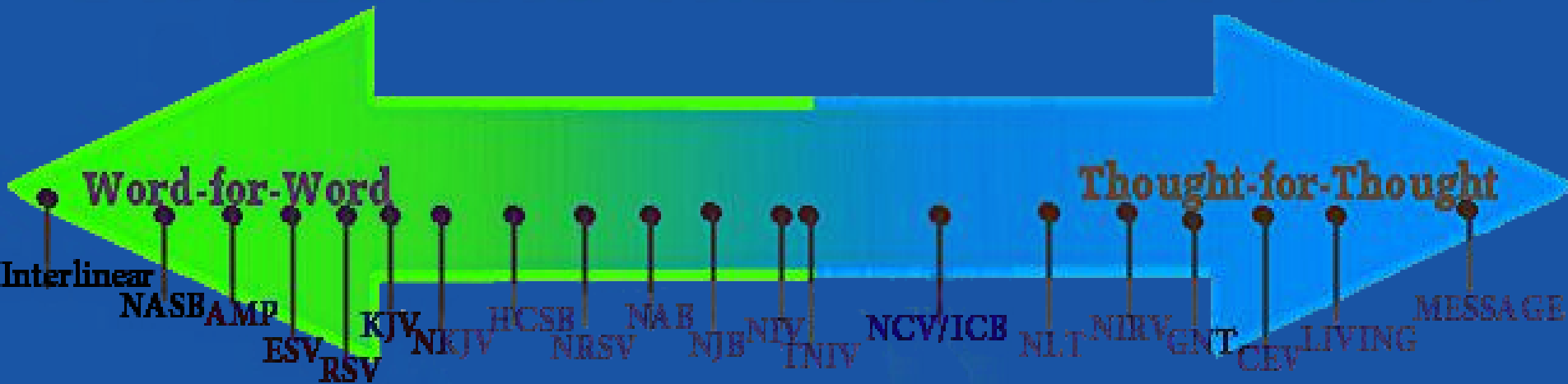
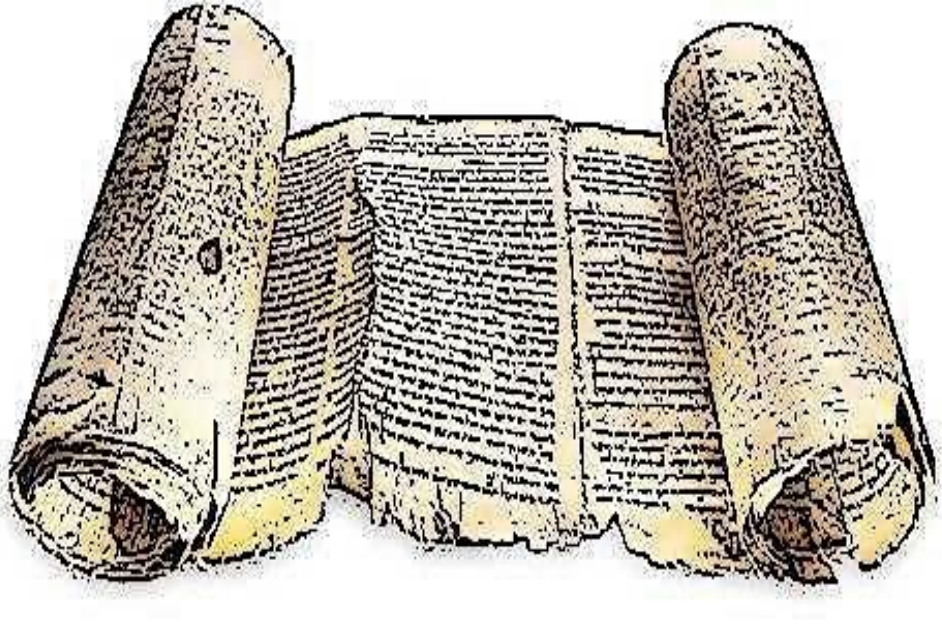


DISSECTING THE BOOK OF ACTS



- Seemingly innocent phrases have deeper meaning
- Hebrew thought written in Greek and transliterated into English can mask concepts and principles
- Luke was the author of both the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts
- Originally 1 work called the History of Christian Origins
- Between 70 A.D. and 140 A.D. Luke's work separated and the two volumes circulated individually
- Gospel of Luke generally accepted; Book of Acts less so

MID 2ND CENTURY STILL NO NEW TESTAMENT

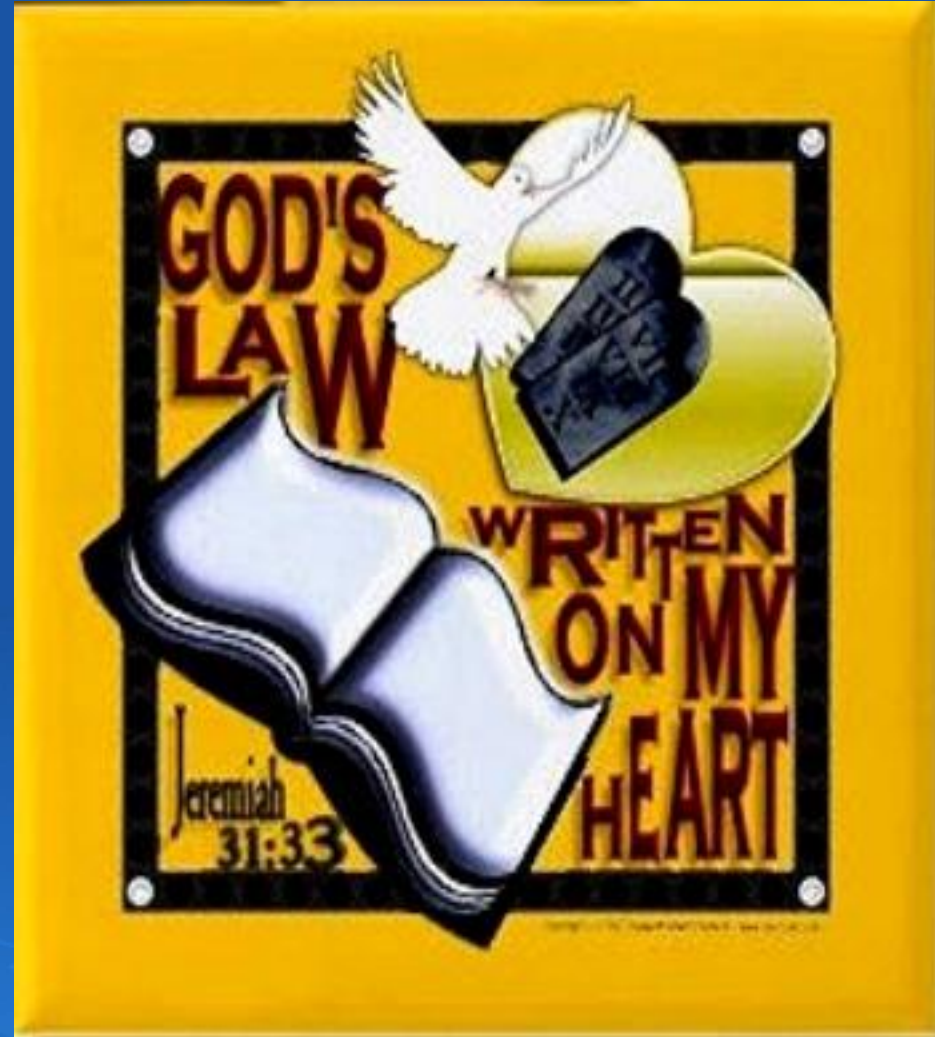


- Letters and Gospels only seen as instructional, but not as Holy Scripture
- Marcion 144 A.D. proposed a Christian Bible: Luke and Paul only
- 200 A.D. Councils met to discuss a New Testament
- 200 -220 A.D. NT created



ACTS FELL OUT OF FAVOR

- Chrysostom 400 A.D says Acts largely unknown
- Many facts of what Jesus did after resurrection are in Acts
- First meet Paul in Acts
- Converts from militant persecutor to follower of Yeshua
- Continuing dedication as a Jew and Torah follower
- Jer.31:30 -32



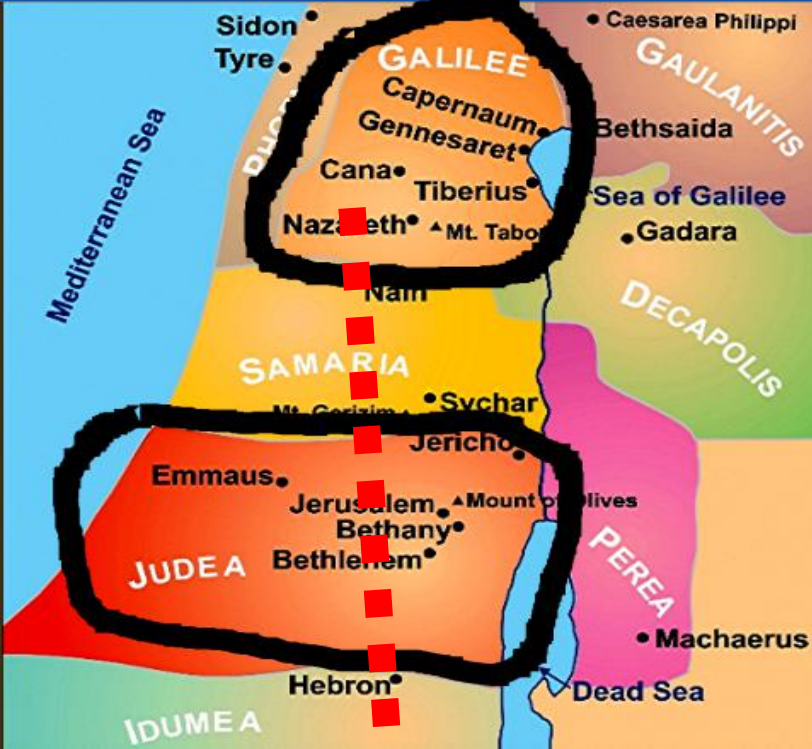
HOW WOULD TORAH BE WRITTEN ONTO OUR HEARTS?

- Ezekiel 36:26 – 28
- “What the Father promised” was happening soon, in Jerusalem
- Acts 1:6 Would Yeshua bring self-rule to Israel?
- Answer: Not now, later
- Only Father knows when
- Yeshua meant for disciples to take their eyes off the future and focus on NOW



A CHANGE IN MARCHING ORDERS

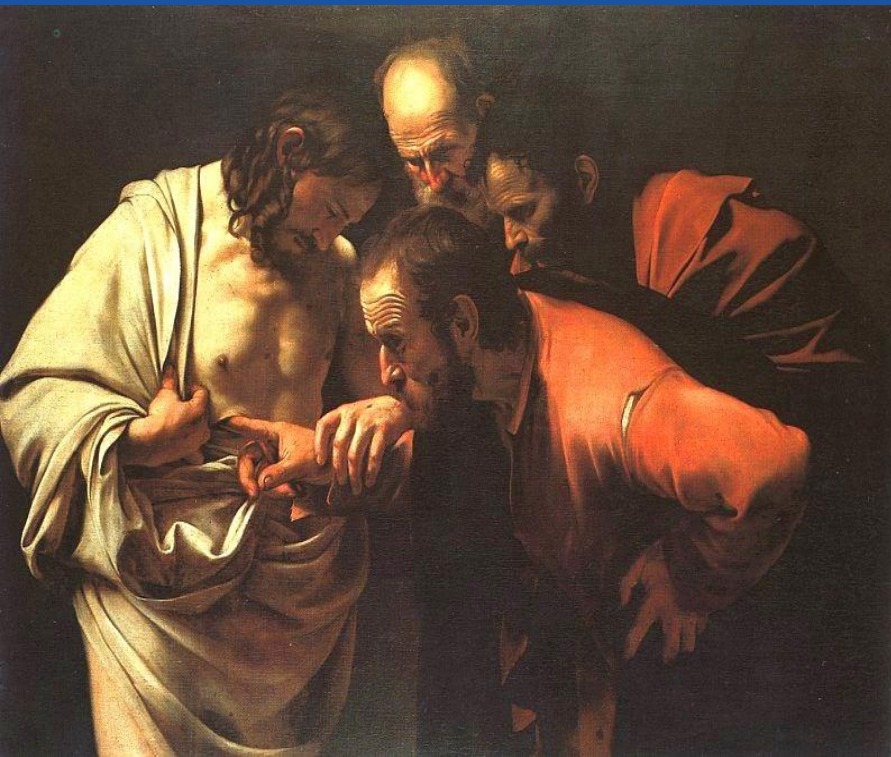
- At first Yeshua said to go ONLY to Judea and Samaria, and NOT anywhere else
- Matt.10:5 – 6
- Now, go to the world !
- Disciples no doubt thought Christ meant to the Jewish Diaspora



THE ASCENSION



- 11 disciples at this point
- Ascended “into clouds”
- Two angels appear and say: “You, Galileans!!”
- Luke 24:33 – 44
- Yeshua goes to great length to prove He is not a ghost, spirit or an apparition
- Shows disciples his wounds, and also eats with some of them
- Augustine 400 A.D., Bishop of Hippo says Christ was in full body and flesh



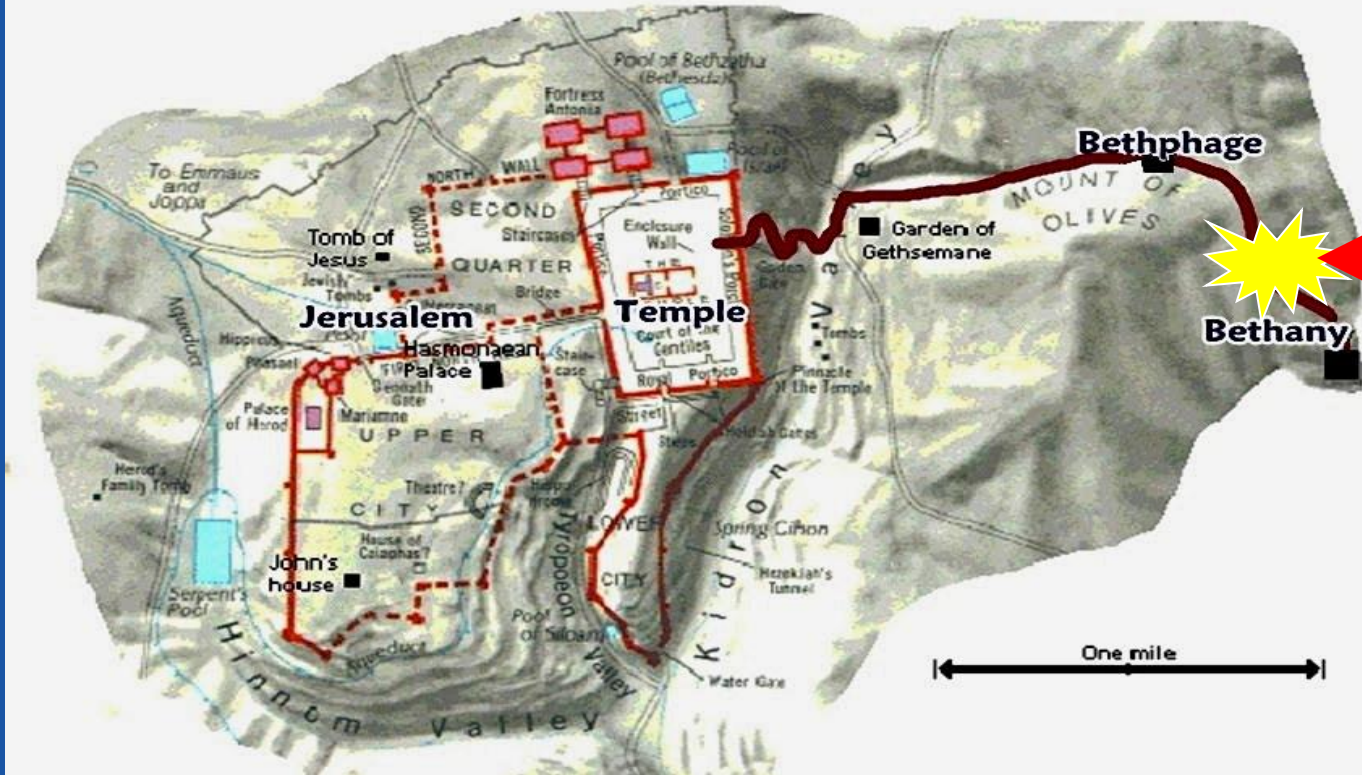
Second
Coming



ASCENSION



- Bible connects Christ with clouds
- Matt.24:25 – 30 ***“.....they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds.....”***
- Daniel 7:9 – 14 ***“.....I saw coming with the clouds...someone like the Son of Man. He approached the Ancient One....”***



BETHANY
Place of
ascension

- Acts 1:12 – 14 Disciples returned from Mt. of Olives
- Luke 24:50 – 53 Says He ascended near *Beit-Anyah*
- *Beit-Anyah* = Bethany located on eastern slope of the Mt. of Olives
- Some think He ascended in the Galilee
- Matt. 28:16 – 20 NOTHING said about His ascension

RETURN TO MT. OF OLIVES IS PROPHESED

- Zech. 14:1 – 7
- Passage also says that half of Jerusalem will be exiled, other half will remain occupied by Hebrews
- TODAY Jerusalem is Arab east Jerusalem & Jewish west Jerusalem
- USA & World insist Palestinians must get east Jerusalem as their capital
- This is coupled with Messiah's return!
- The stage is set



A SHABBAT-WALK TO THE UPPER ROOM

- In Jerusalem a Shabbat-walk was about 2/3rds mile
- Varied city to city
- Is this Upper Room the same as for the Last Supper? Maybe
- 2nd floors of homes rented out as B & B's
- Would have to have been large to fit the 120 people



YESHUA'S FAMILY WAS PRESENT



- List of names of 11 remaining disciples same as Gospel list
- **Ach** = brother
- **Adelphos** = brother
- Both mean brother in a general sense
- Matt. 13:55 refers to 4 of Yeshua's sibling brothers **Ya'acov, Shim'on, Yosef, Y'hudah**
- Women given respect and position alongside men
- No evidence the disciples separated the men from women in an informal setting
- Certainly did at Synagogue



PETER: THE ROCK OF THE BELIEVER'S COMMUNITY

- **Kefa** = rock
- Matt. 16:18
- 1 week between Christ's ascension and Shavuot (Pentecost)
- Did they know that "what the Father promised" would come at Shavuot? No evidence of that
- Peter decides it's time to restore the disciples to 12 (to replace Judas)
- He quotes Psalms 69 and 109 to say that what happened to Judas was prophesied through David

