



# THE TIME OF TRANSITION

- Deut. 31: The consecration ceremony of Joshua
- The hidden things of God are NOT KNOWABLE to us
- We must be careful not to build up speculative visions and doctrines about things which have NOT been fully revealed
- Because much of the Church decided that Israel was NOT returning to the Land, doctrines were not designed to account for the possibility
- The result has been that much of the Church has missed this amazing event!

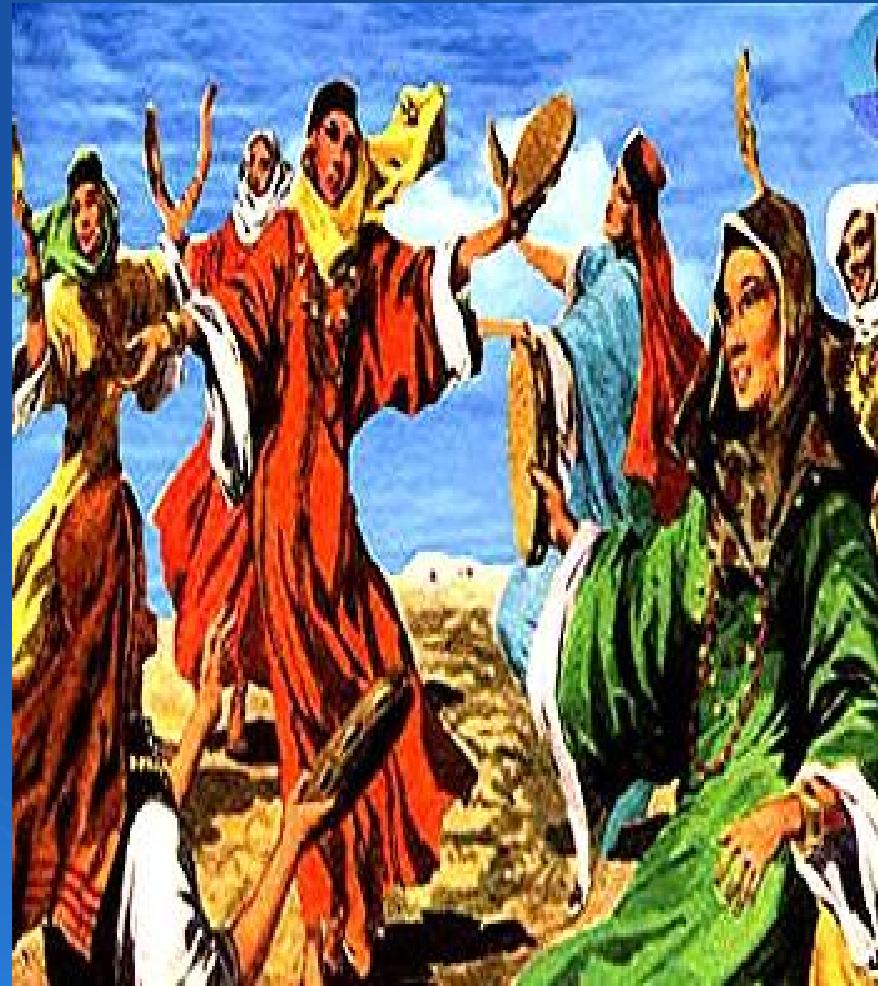
# DENIAL OF FULFILLED PROPHECY

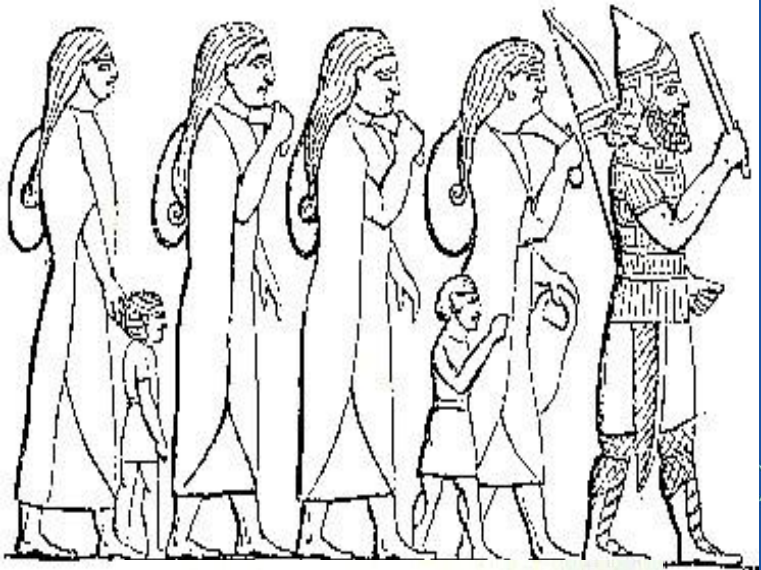
- Denial of some prophetic fulfillment can occur because the result may be that a few of our Church doctrines and faith pillars have to be amended
- The danger of denying prophecy is Moses' focus at the end of Deut. 31
- How did the two canons of the Bible (OT and NT) come into being?
- Should one Testament be subservient to, or greater than, the other?



# THE PURPOSE FOR THE SONG OF MOSES

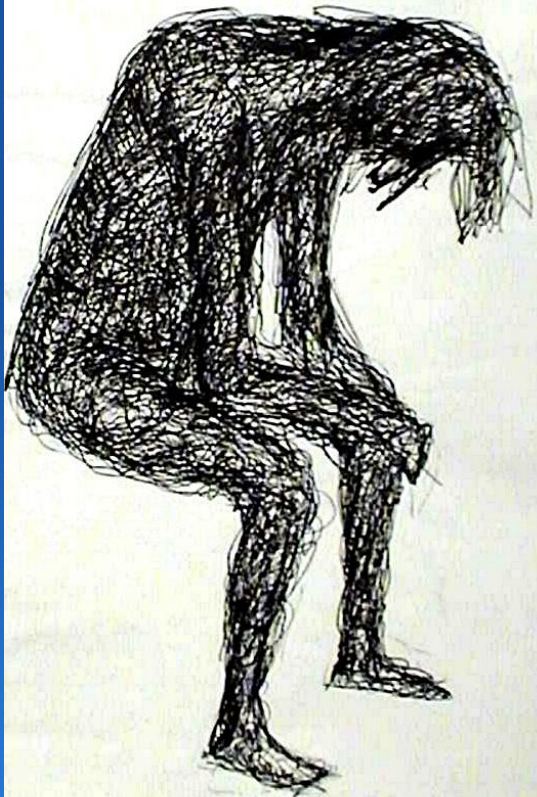
- Joshua was either a scribe or an eyewitness to Moses writing this song
- The song was to be written down
- Written teaching carries more weight than teachings transmitted orally
- The people are instructed to memorize the song
- A song is one of the best memory devices





# SONG IS SO ISRAEL WILL KNOW THAT IT WAS OF GOD

- Israel is to learn, have hope, and not give up when these coming calamities happen
- God's wrath can be used for positive discipline or for negative destruction
- If we accept His discipline we can return to the Lord and once again receive His shalom
- DENIAL that our situation has been caused by pulling away from God continues the despair and spiritual blindness



# WITH PROSPERITY COMES COMPLACENCY

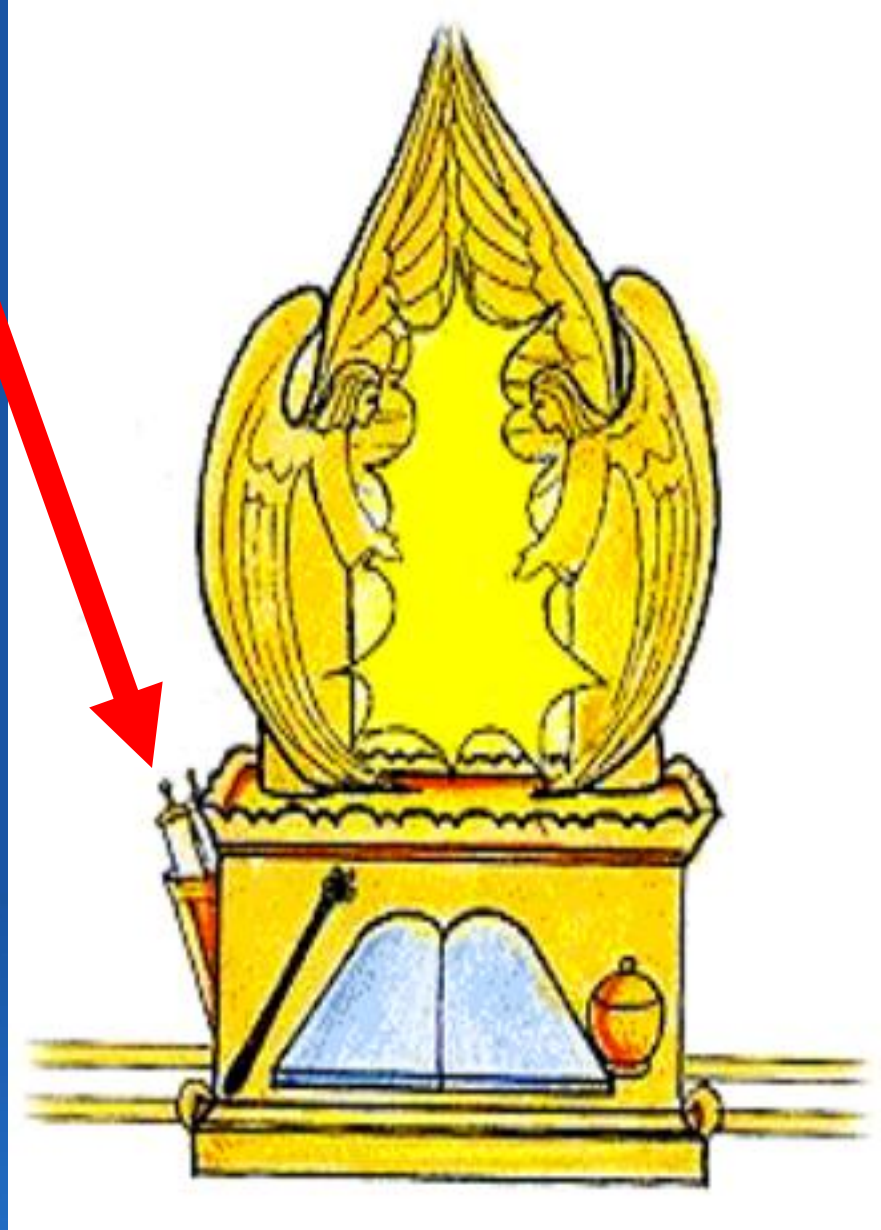
- Vs. 20 says terms of the song apply AFTER Israel enters the Land of Rest
- Israel will thank the false gods for their many blessings
- The more we think our blessings are our own doing, the more we reduce the role of God in our lives
- Today prosperity is seen as the prime measure of success of a Church



Health, Wealth,  
prosperity

# TORAH PLACED BESIDE THE ARK

- Demonstrated that the Torah was built on the principles of the Ark's contents
- 10 Dabar (10 Words) are the basis for all the Commands of God
- Moses says that after he dies the people will **CERTAINLY** fall away!



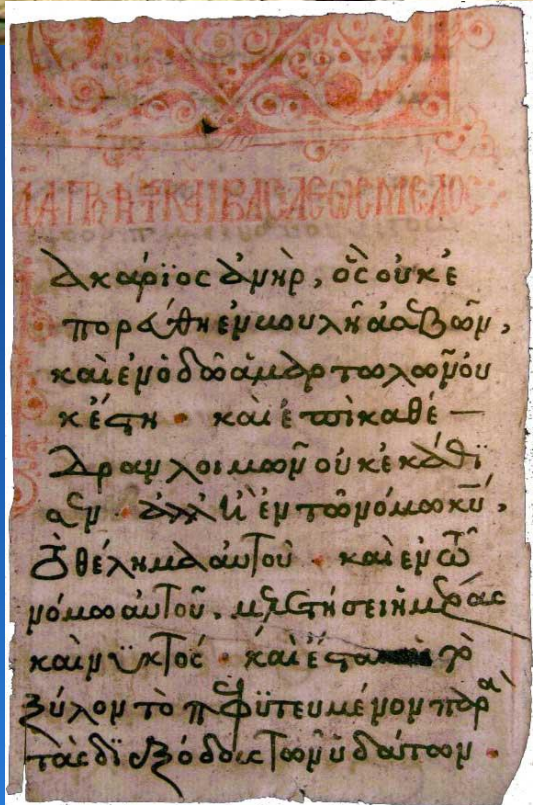
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# THE 2 CANONS OF THE BIBLE

- Old Testament canon and New Testament canon
- Are we to place various writings of the Bible in a hierarchy?
- Placing the Torah **BESIDE** the Ark demonstrates a clear hierarchy of merit and a solid connection
- Modern Church says that the Tanakh (OT) is anywhere from **FAULTY** to **WORTHLESS** to **ABOLISHED**
- And....New Testament is the only portion of Bible that is for Christians
- Canon = the authorized collection of books

# THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS



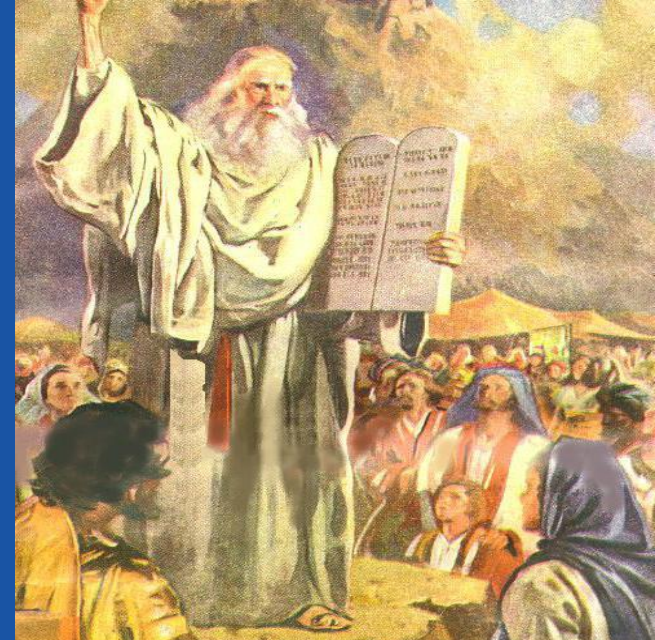
# OLD TESTAMENT CANON

- Common Christian position is that OT was not finalized until 90 A.D. NOT TRUE!!
- Rabbis at Jamnia only dealt with Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon
- Discovery of Dead Sea Scrolls show the canon was set at least 100 B.C.
- Septuagint created in 250 B.C.



# COMPARING THE CANONS

- The NT ABSOLUTELY is divine and the Word of God
- OT is “self-canonizing”
- Torah CLAIMS to be God’s Word
- Prophets CLAIMS to be God’s messages
- Books of New Testament do NOT claim to be God’s word
- NT is the story of the fulfillment of the OT prophecies about a coming Messiah



# THE GOSPELS



- The Gospels tell the story of the life of Yeshua
- Synoptic Gospels are Matthew, Mark, Luke
- Epistles = church letters
- Epistles were commentary on the OT and explanation of theological results of the advent of Jesus
- Authors of Synoptic Gospels are ANONYMOUS
- Written 20 years or more AFTER the time of Christ
- Jews wrote the Gospels!

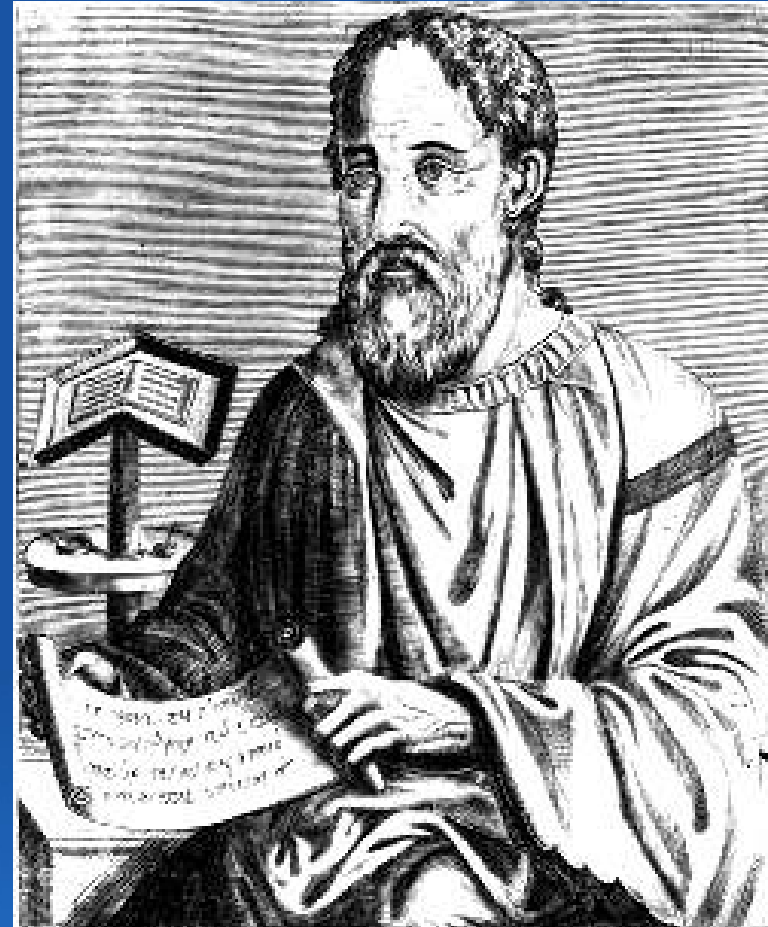
# END OF 1<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

- Gospels and letters of Paul were circulating but NOT as Scripture
- NOT considered to be divinely inspired
- NOT even considered to be of a merit equal to the Apocrypha
- The Apostolic Fathers ONLY used the OT (Tanakh) as their Christian Bible



# START OF 2<sup>ND</sup> CENTURY

- Some Roman Empire churches began reading Gospels and Epistles during church services
- Marcion 144 A.D.
- Gentile shipping magnate
- Wrote book “Antithesis”
- Attempted to create his own gentile Christian Bible
- OT to be abolished for Christians
- A “new testament” to be created as a “Christian Bible” to consist only of Luke and a few of Paul’s epistles
- No known church adopted this idea, and they denounced Marcion



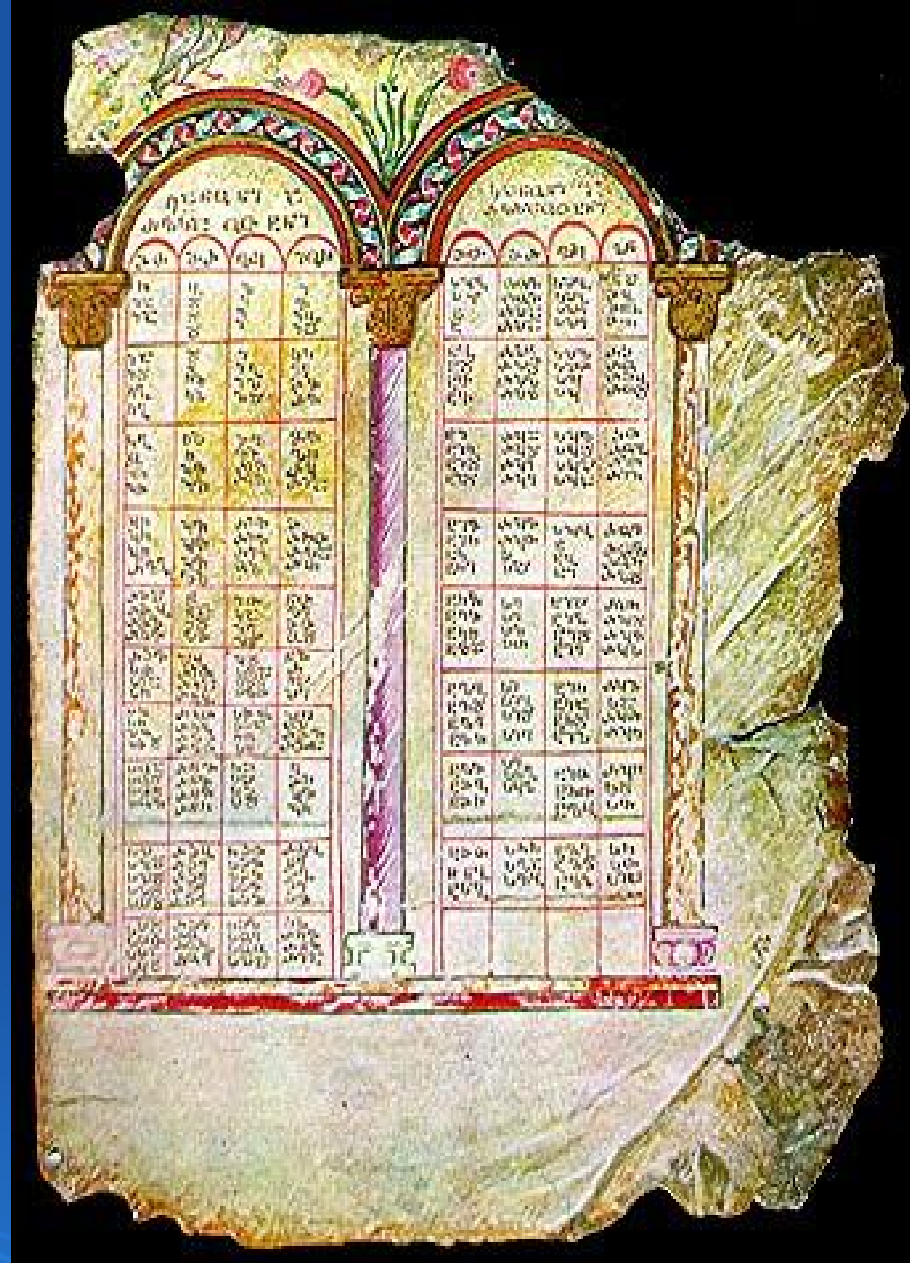
# EASTERN AND WESTERN CHURCH



- Roman Empire had two political power centers: Rome and Byzantium
- Church leaders gravitated there
- Two main branches of Christianity formed: The Western Church and the Eastern Church
- Western Church = Catholic and eventually the Protestants
- Eastern Church = Orthodox, Slavic, Coptic, others
- The two main Church branches do NOT fully agree on the Bible canon even today!

# 220 A.D. FIRST NT CANON

- Not until 367 A.D. did the Western Church agree on a NT canon
- Eastern Church adopted their own separate canon
- 1) Until about 220 A.D. the ONLY Christian Bible was the Hebrew Bible
- 2) The Apocrypha was ADDED to the Christian Bible BEFORE a NT was created
- 3) Finally a NT was created



# MARTIN LUTHER INSISTED APOCRYPHA BE REMOVED



- 1500's Luther claimed the Apocrypha was "too Jewish"
- Protestant Reformation removed Apocrypha entirely
- Geneva Bible gave Apocrypha a section of lesser inspiration
- New Testament writers did NOT refer to their own work as divine or as "Scripture"!!

