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What is the True Scriptures? Pt1

What is Scripture? As proven from Shaul's own words!

“All scripture *is* given by inspiration of Elohim, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness....” (2nd Timothy 3:16)

- All Scripture? But what is Scripture and the all of it?
- Inspiration of Elohim? Elohim breathed?
- Doctrine
- Reproof
- Correction
- Instruction in righteousness

When was 2nd Timothy written?

Most scholars believe it was written about AD 66-67 during Shaul's final Roman imprisonment. It was a letter written to Timothy just prior to Shaul's execution.

- **All Scripture?**

If 2nd Timothy was written in the mid to the latter part of the first century as was so of all of Shaul's writings and his writings were the first of what would eventually become the New Testament.

All researchers agree, his letters came out prior to all other NT books or epistles. Just because the NT lists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John does not mean they were written first.

For Shaul to use then the phrase “all Scripture,” he could not have been referring to his letters, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, Jude, Revelation, James, Peter, etc. for none of these had been written yet.

The only Scriptures that were available to Shaul was what Christianity erroneously call “the old testament,” more correctly rendered as the Hebrew Scriptures with the acronym of Tanakh meaning; Torah (instruction), Nevi'im (the prophets), and the Kethubim (the writings).

In verse 15 of 2nd Timothy 3 we read “.....from a child you have known the set apart scriptures...” Speaking to Timothy in this letter, Shaul assured him that from a little kid that he knew the set apart Scriptures. The only Scriptures that are set apart as Scripture and the only Scriptures that Timothy would have ever known of from a child would have been the Hebrew Scriptures, the Tanakh! He knew nothing of the NT books or epistles as they had not been written yet and even Shaul's writings were at that time just being written and even at that they were not being considered as scripture as they were just letters written to certain people or groups that Paul associated with.

We must conclude with even this scant information, let alone purely based upon (Deut. 12) the truth of Torah, wherein we are commanded not to add to or diminish from the words of Yahweh and thus at the close of the Hebrew Scriptures, the revelation of Yahweh's words were also then closed.

Nothing more to be added or taken away from what was or had been written. We cannot then take the NT and any changes, additions or take aways that it makes and proclaim as Scripture! Such is rebellion and disobedience to Torah.

- **Inspiration of Elohim? Elohim breathed?**

Here are clear statements where **Yahweh Himself** declares:

- The Torah is My word
- The commandments are My commandments
- The prophets speak My words
- The written covenant is written by Me
- The entire Tanakh is My testimony

These texts are:

- Exodus 24:12
- Deuteronomy 4:10–13
- Leviticus 26:46
- Deuteronomy 18:18
- Jeremiah 1:9
- Exodus 31:18
- Zechariah 7:12

These verses together form the Tanakh's own doctrine of inspiration of Yahweh saying:

- **He wrote** the Torah
- **His words** were heard at Sinai
- the prophets speak **His words**
- the written covenant is **His testimony**
- He puts **His words** in the prophet's mouth
- the Torah and the prophets were sent by **His Spirit**

This is the Tanakh's own foundation for what Sha'ul later summarizes as:

“All Scripture is Elohim-breathed.” in 2nd Timothy 3:16

Across the Tanakh, three themes repeat:

- **Yahweh's word originates with Him**, not with humans or the writings of men
- **His breath/spirit empowers and confirms** the prophetic message.
- **Prophets speak because Yahweh puts His words in their mouths.**

Shaul's statement in 2 Timothy 3:16 is essentially a summary of this long-standing Tanakh pattern. This is what the Tanakh already teaches about the nature of Yahweh's word and that word is the All Scripture Shaul was speaking of.

- **Doctrine**

(Proverbs 4:2) For I give you good doctrine, forsake you not my Torah.

Doctrine comes from the Hebrew word “leqach” which means our instruction or our learning. Torah is also recognized in its Hebrew meaning as instruction. Thus Torah and doctrine are forever linked. Our doctrine, our instruction, our learning comes from Torah. The only doctrine that we should adhere to is Torah and the only Scripture that we are to adhere to is Tanakh.

Shaul says that the ALL SCRIPTURE is to be our doctrine. The ALL SCRIPTURE is the Hebrew Scriptures with the acronym of Tanakh which includes Torah. This is where our doctrines are to come from, not from the Christian NT which Shaul admits is not Scripture by his very words. He never intended for his letters to ever be considered as Scripture. That may come as a shock to most who have been indoctrinated in Christianity, but we have just read it from Shaul's own writings.

- **Reproof/correction**

(Proverbs 6:23) For the commandment *is* a lamp; and the Torah *is* light; and reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life:

Here we see that the Torah commandments are a light unto the ways of Yahweh but it is tied directly to reproofs or corrections thru the instructions given unto us thru Torah and the witness of the entire Tanakh. As Shaul admitted that the ALL SCRIPTURE that he is speaking of is given for reproof and correction as we have just seen in our text from Proverbs as is seen throughout the Tanakh. The Torah instruction according to our verse “are the way of life.”

- **Instruction in righteousness**

(Deuteronomy 6:24–25) “And Yahweh commanded us to do all these statutes... for our good always...And it will be righteousness for us if we observe to do all this commandment.”

This is one of the clearest statements: Torah-keeping = righteousness for us, but only if we observe to do them.

(Psalms 119:172) “..... all thy commandments *are* righteousness”

Yahweh’s Torah has commandments and here we see that ALL the commandments ARE RIGHTEOUSNESS. ALL TORAH ARE RIGHTEOUSNESS.

The term “Torah” is an interesting term. When we look at it’s Hebrew meaning we find that it means:

- to point the way
- to instruct
- to guide like an archer directing an arrow/*as in hitting the bull’s eye of the target/interesting to note that **sin** is defined in Hebrew as missing the target*

Thus, Torah literally means “**the instruction being pointed out.**” It is not the same as the “law” in the Greek NT sense which is biased against Torah with the slant of the Christian religion. It is rather to be **directed toward righteousness**. In other words, Torah directs us toward the right way and by so walking in it we walk then in righteous living.

Torah as we see in its Hebraic meaning is to instruct. Just as Shaul said in his 2nd letter to Timothy that we opened with in this teaching as he said “ALL SCRIPTURE is for our instruction in righteousness.”

Since Torah is our instructions as we have seen and ALL the commandments of Yahweh are righteousness, then we can conclude then that Torah is our instruction in righteousness, the very words Shaul used in our original text.

Now this has all been said to affirm that the NT is not Scripture. Now we might find texts in the NT that align with Scripture, but that doesn't make it Scripture but that it is quoting from or affirming Scripture. All our doctrine, all our reproof and correction, all our instruction in righteousness must come only from the Hebrew Scriptures, the Tanakh and in and how they repeat, explain or interpret Torah. If we think the NT is Scripture or in some way has replaced or a continuation of the Tanakh, such is idolatry and disobedience to Torah. In so doing we would be adding to Torah which is strictly commanded against in Deuteronomy chapter 12.

Any text from the NT must be tested and proven by and thru the Hebrew Scriptures. If it contradicts, supersedes, replaces, adds to or takes away from the Hebrew Scriptures it must be rejected as erroneous at the least, but might very well be pure deception and fraudulent as false doctrine at the most.

(Romans 15:4) "...whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning...."

That term "learning" in that verse in the original Greek language it means: *instruction* (the function or the information): - doctrine, learning, teaching.

So whatsoever things that were written aforetime..... This letter to Romans was written in AD 55-57. There was no NT cannon at that time. There was no Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. Romans 15:4 could not be speaking of any of the writings in what Christianity calls the New Testament. The only things written aforetime, as in before when Shaul was writing this letter, was the Hebrew Scriptures, the Tanakh which includes the Torah.

- Shaul is openly admitting here in Romans 15:4 that it is the Hebrew Scriptures was written for our learning, for our instruction, teaching and doctrine. These are terms we have been looking at today and corresponds directly to 2nd Timothy 3:16. These terms and these texts are not being applied to the Christian New Testament writings. Shaul was not even applying these terms or these texts to his own writings!
- Shaul never expected that his writings, his letters that he had written to ever be considered by anyone as “Scripture!” It was his opinions, his commentary, his beliefs on these subjects, whether we would agree with him or not, that is not the point or debate I’m trying to make, but that in his own words he defines where to look, for our instructions and that is to the Hebrew Scriptures. What I’m trying to portray is that even within the writings of Christianity, we have little windows of the truth of Tanakh leaking thru allowing us to see the antinomianism that exists in the NT interpretation as the new religion was being overlayed.

As students of the set apart texts, it is of great importance when we look at Christianity’s NT, that we look at it thru the lens of the Tanakh, the Hebrew Scriptures. Unfortunately, Christians, Messianics and those of the Hebraic Roots far too often interpret the Hebrew texts by what they read in the NT. This repurposing of the Hebrew texts to fit NT theology is where the great Christian deception originates. We must get back to the Scriptures.

Any NT text must be proven on the basis of how it stands in the light of the Tanakh. If it survives the Tanakh test then you can accept it but if it fails it must be discarded as a later interpolation to promote a doctrine and narrative not in alignment with the Hebrew Scriptures the way of life. In Part two we will see the one whom Christians, Messianics, Hebraic roots believes to be Messiah and Savior says about this subject. What are the true Scriptures?

Part Two 