How Jesus Completes Biblical Judaism Season 1: How the Old and New Testaments Connect



Scripture

Matthew 4:3-10

And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD."

Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU...'"

7Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE TEST!'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"

Luke 24:44

Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

Acts 28:23

When they had set a day for Paul, they came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening.

Other Scriptures

- Mathew 1:1
- Matthew 3:16-17
- Matthew 4
- Luke 2:52
- Deuteronomy 11:19-20
- Matthew 13:52

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Main Points

- The New Testament begins by helping us see its pages through the lens of the Old Testament scriptures.
- It is important to understand the foundation and the root of the Hebrew scriptures through which the Messiah emerges.
- The Tanakh--Hebrew Bible consisting of the Torah, Prophets, and the Writings.
- Tanakh=Torah (teaching), Nevi'im (Prophets), Ketuvim (Writings).
- English New Testament is Brit Chadashah in Hebrew.
- Because Jesus relied on the Hebrew scriptures, we should look at them as foundational for our lives.
- Jesus combatted Satan's lies by quoting from the Torah.
- There is power in the Old Testament to break powers of darkness off our lives today!
- The Old and New Testaments flow together through "progressive revelation."
- We need to ask ourselves what prophetic meaning and relevance there is for us in the Hebrew scriptures.
- Jesus Himself studied the Hebrew scriptures.
- Jesus taught that the Old Testament reveals Him.
- We understand who Jesus is in a fuller way when we see Him being revealed in the Hebrew scriptures.

Discussion Questions

- 1. How do we know that the Old Testament has value for our lives today?
- 2. What was Jesus relationship with the Torah? His belief in and use of....?
- **3.** How will studying and knowing the Old Testament affect our understanding of Jesus?