

Week 2 Scripture Course Notes

NT Canon Handout

Intro:

Review:

1. Origins of the NT Canon

- a. Matt 10:20; Mark 3:14-15
- b. 2 Cor 3:6-14
- c. 1 Timothy 5:18 (Deut 25:4 and Luke 10:7), 2 Peter 3:2, 16; 2 Timothy 3:16
- d. Eph 3:20

2. Artifacts of the NT Canon

- a. Comparing NT manuscripts with classical literature

3. Messiness of the NT Canon

- a. Does the existence of disagreement prove the NT is not from God?

Discussion Questions:

1. Reflect on this quotation from Harry Gamble. Do you agree or disagree? - “Christianity did not begin as a scriptural religion. The faith of the earliest Christians was evoked by and focused on a person, Jesus of Nazareth, and he was apprehended not in written texts but in the preaching about him as the crucified and risen Messiah, and in the charismatic life of the Christian community. The immediacy of Christian experience and the fervor of its eschatological hopes made even the composition of Christian writings, and there is no intimation at all that the early church entertained the idea of Christian scriptures, much less a collection of them. Therefore, the NT as we think of it was utterly remote from the minds of the first generations of Christian believers”¹
2. In what ways might Jewish people in New Testament times have viewed the Old Testament story as incomplete? What evidence do you see of this in the Old Testament? What evidence do you see in the New Testament?
3. Have you ever encountered Christians who struggled with the notion that dissent over, rather than universal and immediate agreement with, the canon of Scripture was a historical fact? How might you help someone understand that diverse views in the early church regarding the canon should be expected?

¹ Harry Gamble, *The New Testament Canon: Its Making and Meaning*, pg 57.

Hebrew Bible**TaNaK**

[Masoretic Text or MT]

THE LAW**[TORAH]**

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

THE PROPHETS**[NEVIIM]**

Joshua
Judges
Samuel
Kings
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Ezekiel

(The Book of the
Twelve)

Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

THE WRITINGS**[KETUVIM]**

Psalms
Proverbs
Job
Song of Songs
Ruth
Lamentations
Ecclesiastes
Esther
Daniel
Ezra
Nehemiah
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles

[See Luke 24:44]

Greek Septuagint

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy
Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles
[Prayer of Manasseh]
1 Esdras
Ezra
Nehemiah
Tobit
Judith
Esther (with insertions)
1 Maccabees
2 Maccabees
[3 Maccabees]
[4 Maccabees]
Job
Psalms
[Psalm no. 151] [Odes]
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Songs
Wisdom of Solomon
Ecclesiasticus
(Psalms of Solomon)
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Baruch
Epistle of Jeremiah
Ezekiel
Daniel (with insertions)
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
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Malachi
[The Scriptures Jesus and the 12
Apostles used]

Latin Vulgate**Old Testament**

[Catholic]

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King James**Old Testament**

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APOCRYPHA [D&C 91]
1 Esdras
2 Esdras
Tobit
Judith
Additions to Esther
Wisdom of Solomon
Ecclesiasticus
Baruch
Epistle of Jeremiah
Song of the Three Children
Story of Susanna
Bel and the Dragon
Prayer of Manasseh
1 Maccabees
2 Maccabees