

The Forgotten Jesus Podcast

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Title - What is the Tanak?

Description - In this episode we will examine how the Hebrew Bible is organized and divided into different sections.

Talk about the Tanak.

Andrew: welcome to the podcast. Paul was one of the gospel writings, question about how were his writings accepted when he wasn't one of the apostles?

Pastor: We know in Acts 9, and Gal. 1, Paul is building the case that he says, I didn't learn this from anyone. He says I went away, for 3 years and he learned from Jesus. Gal: 1:13. He learned from Peter and Cephas. How many years did Jesus invest in the 12 disciples? 3 years.

Pastor—example of the dull axes. Paul, went away, he learned and then he came back.

Andrew: let's get into the Tanak. There are 39 books of the Hebrew Bible, they are ordered in a way called the Tanak. Torah, Nevim—prophets. Ketivim—the writings. The torah starts the bible, Genesis, Ex, Lev, Num, Deut, and are accepted as being written by Moses. How can Moses retroactively write Genesis? Moses also dies before the Torah exists. Scholars believe that obviously Moses had the information, we think in America that the further we progress in the future, the smarter we are. The further away we digress in sin, in everything that didn't exist in earlier generations, you think about this digression from the first couple to today. Sin makes you dumb. The reason Moses was about to write Genesis was because God dictated it to him on the mountain. He was on the mountain 40 days, he comes down and then goes back up. Someone could have edited or added the end of Deuteronomy.

Nevim—Prophets. what comes after Deuteronomy? Joshua. what comes after Joshua? Judges, Ruth, II Samuel.... after that we get into Psalms, Proverbs...

Ketavim—the writings. The writings start with the book of Psalms. what 4 books are in the writings and not the prophets, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Chronicles. The last line of Chronicles.... how the Hebrew Bible ends... II Chronicles 36:23 "Any of his people among you may go up, and may the Lord his God be with him." What does this remind you of in the NT. "all authority in heaven and earth has been given to me... therefore go make disciples of all the nations...." Build a ministry of people who are gathered together as the church, so that the people may have access to me.

This is another reason why we need to know the OT. As western American Christians, we don't know the OT.

Same God, same commission, trying to gather the same kind of people to worship Him. I think that is a great encouragement to us.

Tanak.... The Torah is first 5 books of the Bible. The #5 actually means the books of Moses—gematria.

Nevim. The prophets begins with Joshua,
Ketivim writings start with one book—Psalms.

Clue—the Jewish culture actually put more weight on certain scriptures, books and sections of the Bible. There are certain weightiness to scriptures, not more worthy, for more weighty. Out of the Tanak, which section is the weightiest of the 3? The Torah. out of the Torah, there is a section that is more weightier than that.... Deuteronomy. Deuteronomy 6:4 is the crowning jewel of the whole Hebrew Bible. (The Shema, the Hebrew word for Here.) Love the Lord with all your heart, you mind, soul..... How do I know that Deuteronomy is the most accepted, weightiest section of the Bible. When Jesus quotes the Bible, he quotes from 3 books. 3rd most quoted book by Jesus: He quotes from Psalms, 2nd most quoted book by Jesus, Isaiah. #1 most quoted book by Jesus is Deuteronomy. Deuteronomy is actually a summation of the Torah.

Homework assignment: place in scripture in the life of Jesus where Jesus actually is in an encounter where there is a quotation from Deut, Joshua and Psalms. Those 3 verses come together to show us something pretty unbelievable. It shows how God pulls together the whole Hebrew Bible in his son Jesus.

Next week, we are going to see why knowing about the Tanak and the order of the books is helpful.