DECEPTION of GOD'S NAME – Part Nine: MASORETES and MISTAKES in our BIBLES



BACK TO THE MASORETES:

Mas·o·rete

'masəˌrēt/
noun

plural noun: Masoretes

1. any of the Jewish scholars of the 6th–10th centuries AD who contributed to the establishment of a recognized text of the Hebrew Bible, and to the compilation of the Masorah.

The Middle Ages

The two rival authorities, ben Asher and ben Naphtali, practically brought the Masorah to a close. Very few additions were made by the later Masoretes, styled in the 13th and 14th centuries Nakdanim (introduction to punctuation), who revised the works of the copyists, added the vowels and accents (generally in fainter ink and with a finer pen) and frequently the Masorah. *Also, remember the Word of God did not have chapters and verses originally, those were added later.*

MASORAH



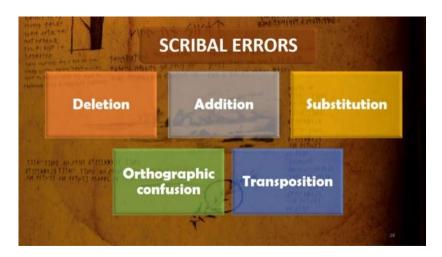
A page from the Aleppo Codex, showing the extensive marginal annotations.

By long tradition, a ritual <u>Sefer Torah</u> (Torah scroll) could contain only the <u>Hebrew consonantal text</u> – nothing added, nothing taken away. The Masoretic <u>codices</u> however, provide extensive additional material, called <u>masorah</u>, to show correct pronunciation and <u>cantillation</u> * **What does cantillation mean? Cantillation** is the ritual chanting of readings from the Hebrew Bible in synagogue services. The chants are written and notated in accordance with the special signs or marks printed in the Masoretic text of the Hebrew Bible (or Tanakh) to complement the letters and vowel points. Really?? God is not about chanting. So when you go back and begin to look at these things you can see ungodly people were touching and messing with scripture.*, protect against scribal errors, and annotate possible variants. The manuscripts thus include <u>vowel points</u>, <u>pronunciation marks</u> and <u>stress accents</u> in the text, short annotations in the side margins, and longer more extensive notes in the upper and lower margins and collected at the end of each book.

These notes were added because the Masoretes recognized the possibility of human error in copying the Hebrew Bible. The Masoretes were not working with the original Hebrew manuscripts of the Bible. Corruptions had already crept into the versions they copied.

FIXING OF THE TEXT

Some textual changes to guard against blasphemy and the like (though these changes may pre-date the Masoretes – see *Tikkune Soferim* below); the enumeration of letters, words, verses, etc., and the substitution of some words for others in public reading.



Scribal emendations -

The assumed emendations are of four general types:

Removal of unseemly expressions used in reference to God; e.g., the substitution of ("to bless") for ("to curse") in certain passages. * What on earth?? *

Safeguarding of the <u>Tetragrammaton</u>; e.g. substitution of "<u>Elohim</u>" or "<u>Adonai</u>" for "<u>YHWH</u>" in some passages.

Removal of application of the names of pagan gods, e.g. the change of the name "Ishbaal" to "<u>Ish-bosheth</u>." *Why would you change this name? Yes, this name carries the name of a pagan god within it, being named for that deity, but if that is what was written, why did they change it?*

Safeguarding the unity of divine worship at Jerusalem.

**What on earth does that mean? They were always in idolatry, very few times were they in unity of actually worshiping and honoring God. **

SCRIBAL ERRORS



HISTORY OF THE MASORAH

The history of the Masorah may be divided into three periods: (1) creative period, from its beginning to the introduction of vowel-signs; (2) reproductive period, from the introduction of vowel-signs to the printing of the Masorah (1525); (3) critical period, from 1525 to the present time.

The materials for the history of the first period are scattered remarks in Talmudic and Midrashic literature, in the post-Talmudical treatises *Masseket Sefer Torah* and *Masseket Soferim*, and in a Masoretic chain of tradition found in ben Asher's *Diķduķe ha-Ṭe'amim*, § 69 and elsewhere. **This doesn't sound good, these are mostly unsaved Jewish writings.**

This researcher said: It saddens me deeply that so many good Christians are turning away from the Greek (which EVERYONE spoke at Jesus' time in the entire Middle East because Alexander had forced it) to the Aramaic or pseudo-Hebrew/Jewish names for Jesus and for God. **There does not seem to be consistency here about what language was spoken.**

Aramaic

It is generally agreed by historians that Jesus and his disciples primarily spoke **Aramaic** (Jewish Palestinian**Aramaic**), the common language of Judea in the first century AD, most likely a **Galilean** dialect distinguishable from that of Jerusalem.

Aramaic (آرامية Arāmāyā, Syriac: آرامية, Arabic آرامية) is a Middle Eastern language or group of languages belonging to the Semitic subfamily of the Afroasiatic language family. More specifically, it is part of the Northwest Semitic group, which also includes the Canaanite languages such as Hebrew and Phoenician.

The so-called "Hebrew" is a mongrel language that developed during the captivities when the Israelites mixed their native Phoenician language with the Aramaic of their captors. The Hebrew language never even had an alphabet until the Herodian script was invented near the time of Christ, so the Old Testament could not have been written in it. The Aramaic languages were native to the Cain race which migrated into the Sumer region (Babylon) prior to Noah's descendants.

Our Bible NEVER promoted any such magic practices, nor is there any hint that God has some kind of sacred name which has a power in itself. All that nonsense is from the unsaved Jews, and they must be laughing to watch good Christians venerating their blasphemous "names." We have followed the arch-deceivers into their pit again!

As for the name of God, our Indo-European language tradition has an impressive and consistent history. In Sanskrit, the name was *dyus;* in Phoenician & ancient Briton it was *dias;* in Greek it was *theos* and *zeus;* in Latin it was *deus.* **This is not His name, but a generic term for Him.** The word *YHWH* never entered our Bible until nearly 1,000 AD when the Masoretic Text (MT) in Hebrew was completed and presented to the Roman Catholic church as the authentic original language and text of the Old Testament. The eastern half of Christendom at that time rejected the text as fraudulent and retained the Greek Septuagint of 285 BC, which they still use today.

Certainly, Jesus and his friends knew some Aramaic (He even spoke a phrase of it from the cross, *Eli, Eli, lamasabachthani*, where "El" was a generic name for God. But Greek was their first language because it had naturally evolved from the Phoenician language of their ancestors. Those who claim that Jesus' first language was Aramaic are simply wrong. Greek is the language of our people. *Not sure I agree with that but it is what most of the so called theologians are pushing at us.* Why do we have this mixture in our Bibles? Sometimes there is a latin word like gentile and lucifer. Then they chose to leave the Aramaic phrase in that Jesus

spoke from the cross. In the book of Revelation where John writes about the number of the beast, what was written there is recognizable as Aramaic. In my studies I see that Jesus spoke Hebrew and Aramaic but they claim He spoke Greek because He and the apostles supposedly quoted the Greek Septuagint. He spoke in Hebrew to Paul when he was on his way to Damascus. Acts 26:14.

Paul spoke Aramaic and Hebrew himself. In Acts 22:2 when the Jews were mad at Paul he spoke in the Hebrew language to them and they calmed down for a little bit. The NIV says he spoke Aramaic to them. 2 Kings 18:26 NIV says they asked their enemies to speak to them in Aramaic and not in Hebrew. KJV says they asked them to speak to them in the Syrian language and not in the language of the Jews.

The researcher continues: Lastly, the name YHWH is from the Afro-Asian language family, not from the Indo-European (Aryan) family which is the language lineage of Adam, Noah, Abraam, and Israel. I would welcome information from anyone that might suggest ANY circumstantial evidence in support of the sacred name YHWH as authentic for pre-captivities Israelites.

RESEARCH ON MASORETE VS SEPTUAGINT



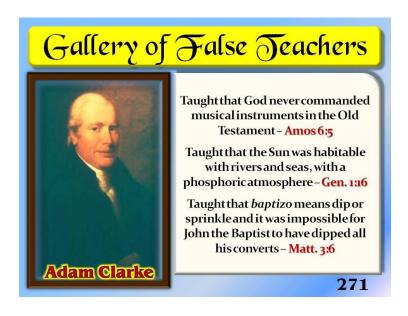
Adam Clarke, an 18th Century Protestant scholar (He was a Methodist), demonstrates that the vowel-point system is actually a running commentary

which was incorporated into the text itself.
In the General Preface of his biblical commentary published in 1810, Clarke writes:

"The Masorets were the most extensive Jewish commentators which that nation could ever boast. The system of punctuation, probably invented by them, is a continual gloss on the Law and the Prophets; their vowel points, and prosaic and metrical accents, &c., give every word to which they are affixed a peculiar kind of meaning, which in their simple state, multitudes of them can by no means bear. The vowel points alone add whole conjugations to the language. This system is one of the most artificial, particular, and extensive comments ever written on the Word of God; for there is not one word in the Bible that is not the subject of a particular gloss through its influence."

I agree with this statement as a few weeks ago we looked at the letter shin and how ridiculous the treatment of that one letter has been.

The problem is that I am not finding true Christian opinion without there being issues with the people.





Another early scholar who investigated this matter was Louis Cappel, who wrote during the early 17th century. An article in the 1948 edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica includes the following information regarding his research of the Masoretic Text:

"As a Hebrew scholar, he concluded that the vowel points and accents were not an original part of Hebrew, but were inserted by the Masorete Jews of Tiberias, not earlier then the 5th Century AD, and that the primitive Hebrew characters are Aramaic and were substituted for the more ancient at the time of the captivity. . . The various readings in the Old Testament Text and the differences between the ancient versions and the Masoretic Text convinced him that the integrity of the Hebrew text as held by Protestants, was untenable."

This passage in the New Testament	depends on this passage from the Septuagint (LXX) version of the Old Testament	to show that God had prophecied this	but the Masoretic Text (MT) reads quite differently
"when He [Jesus] comes into the world, He says, ' a body you have prepared for me' we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ" (Hebrews 10:4-10)	"Sacrifice and offering You did not will; But a body You prepared for me" (Psalm 39:7, Orthodox Study Bible)	The Incarnation	"You desired neither sacrifice nor meal offering; You dug ears for me" (Psalm 40:7, Complete Jewish Bible)
" Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (Matthew 1:21-23)	"behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14, Orthodox Study Bible)	The Virgin Birth	"behold, the young woman is with child, and she shall bear a son, and she shall call his name Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14, Complete Jewish Bible)
"And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him." (Hebrews 1:6)	"Rejoice, ye heavens, with him, and let all the angels of God worship him" (Deuteronomy 32:43, Brenton's LXX)	The Deity of Christ	The MT of Deuteronomy 32:43 says nothing about angels worshiping the Messiah. (KJV, Jewish Bible, etc.)
Jesus said He fulfilled the OT prophecy to "proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind" (Luke 4:18)	The OT prophecied that Messiah would "preach liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind" (Isaiah 61:1, Orthodox Study Bible)	Jesus Healing the Blind	The MT of Isalah 61:1 says nothing about the blind having their sight restored. (KJV, Jewish Bible, etc.)
Numerous NT passages mention Christ's hands and feet being pierced by crucifixion.	"They pierced my hands and my feet" (Psalm 21:17, Orthodox Study Bible)	The Crucifixion	"like a lion, my hands and my feet" (Psalm 22:17, Complete Jewish Bible)
"and in his name shall the Gentiles trust." (Matt. 12:21)	"and in his name shall the Gentiles trust." (Isaiah 42:4, Brenton's LXX)	Gentiles Trusting in Jesus' Name	"and the isles shall wait for his law." (Isaiah 42:4, KJV)

These are not random, inconsequential differences between the texts. Rather, these appear to be places where the Masoretes (or their forebears) had a varied selection of texts to consider, and their decisions were influenced by anti-Christian bias. Simply by choosing one Hebrew text over another, they were able to subvert the Incarnation, the virgin birth, the deity of Christ, His healing of the blind, His crucifixion, and His salvation of the Gentiles. The Jewish scribes were able to edit Jesus out of many important passages, simply by rejecting one Hebrew text, and selecting (or editing) another text instead.

Thus, the Masoretic Text has *not* perfectly preserved the original Hebrew text of Scripture. The Masoretes received corrupted texts to begin with, they used an alphabet which was radically different from the original Hebrew, they added countless vowel points which did not exist in the original, they excluded several books from the Old Testament scriptures, and they included a number of significant changes to prophecy and doctrine.

On one hand you have people who are not saved translating scripture. Supposedly the Septuagint was translated by a team of 70 people who had no Christian affiliation. So what do we do? Those that hate Jesus will skew it to their benefit and beliefs. If Christian men were translating it, they may put their own opinions in or the beliefs of their particular sect of Christianity. The new translations such as NIV clearly have men who were not saved translating them and they were purposely tampering with it against Jesus Christ. I'm speaking of Westcott and Hort. It is a total mess.

It seems that there are more "scholars" that say the Septuagint was quoted by Jesus and the apostles.

A few things shared through comments on this research:

thetruthnotdoctrine says:

December 24, 2013 at 1:32 pm

'Gentile' is actually a Latin word stuck in the KJV by the translators, they, having copied it straight out of Jerome's Latin Vulgate translation. The word actually means someone who is not a Roman Citizen and has nothing to do with being non-Jewish at all.

Abraham Rempel says:

March 30, 2016 at 9:38 am

The Dead Sea scrolls are much older than the LXX. In fact, the Eusebius/Origen manuscripts show that New Testament passages were inserted into the LXX making it appear as if the NT is quoting the LXX. The Septuagint has many problems too, like the Masoretic text, and shouldn't have our unguided confidence as if it's absolutely authentic.

What is interesting is that "The Last Supper" when examined from a closer more knowledgeable outlook – as explained by Manly P. Hall, we can start to see that Da Vinci, who had access to the secret Vatican libraries and a 33rd degree mason, which is a word that originated from the root of "Masorah" the collection of information and comment on the text of the traditional Hebrew Bible by the "Masoretes". – (aka Masons literally "conveyors of tradition") hide some very important information in his works hidden in plain sight.

Please play from 42:14 to 46:02 still wanting to add to the Bible

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUhFDv7CNKc&list=PLnZ974mrg PFlCrhrMi 6VHdKi0DUHHJj-&index=15

She is not a supporter of the Septuagint.

THE APOCRYPHA IN THE SEPTUAGINT:

The apocrypha teaches things like the following:

Purgatory - 2 Maccabees 12:41-45

God hears the prayers of the dead – Baruch 3:4

The pre-existence of souls – Wisdom 8:19-20

Creation out of formless matter – Wisdom 11:17

6. There Is No Evidence The Apocrypha Was In Septuagint At The Time Of Christ

CLOSING

I will say that so many people that we have held up as intellectuals or experts in certain fields we are now learning were simply in the occult such as Einstein, Da Vinci, Tesla, Plato, Socrates etc. These men were not looking to the Lord God Almighty. Sadly, we are now learning that the copies and translations of our Bibles have passed through many hands of men that did not love and serve God with right hearts lifting Jesus up.

In all of this it is easy to get very shaken up and upset because it seems as God has not preserved His Word.

Pslam 138:2 – I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy name for Thy lovingkindness and for Thy truth: for Thou hast magnified Thy Word above all Thy name.

God has put His Word even above His name. We have to know that even though we don't have the original inspired Word of God that the patriarchs and apostles wrote through inspiration of God the Holy Spirit, God's Word will not fail. Even if there were no written records of God's Word, His Word will not fail. He spoke His Word out and spiritually nothing can tamper with His spoken Word.

Isaiah 55:10-11 - For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

John 17:17 - Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth.

Jesus prayed this for the disciples and it carries forward to us today because right after that He prayed for those that would hear their preaching and believe – that's us.

God told us there would be a famine of His Word in Amos 8:11 about 2750 years ago. We should not be surprised to see His Word truly being fulfilled, that is what prophecy is about. You have a prophecy from God and then you wait to see its fulfillment. We are seeing that fulfillment. The corruption of God's written Word has been an ongoing process to get us to where we are today. We should not let this shake us too much. We must remember that we can know God even without a copy of His Word just like Noah, Abraham and Moses. Let Him know you want to know Him and His truth no matter what men and this world have tried to do to keep you from it. Now is the time to seek Him fully. This should give you an urgency to know Him. He told us to study to show ourselves approved and the more we study the more we find out about what satan has been up to.

Did we expect God to strike down every person that thought to corrupt His Word? Did we think that to preserve His Word meant that He would supernaturally stop anyone who tried to alter it? We are in a time of mercy and grace and He has stayed His hand. He is not striking people down with lightning for their sin against Him. That is why people walk around saying if I'm lying, God strike me dead and nothing happens to even the vilest person.

Rev. 22:18 -19 - For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from*the things which are written in this book.

He speaks here and He spoke in Deut. 4:2 & Deut.12:32. about adding to and taking away from His Word, so He forewarned us that this would happen. If it were not possible He would not have bothered to warn and spell out the punishment.

When you see the movements and hate against Jesus Christ and all Christians, then you know you have found the TRUTH.

PRAYER

Masoretic Text – how our bibles came to be

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