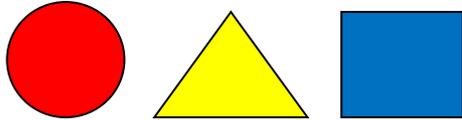


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## REVIEW

- Things that are **different** are **NOT** the **same**.



- God has a **BOOK** and God wanted men to have a **BOOK** to know Him and what He desires and requires of us.
- God spoke and men wrote down what He **SAID** as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.
- God promised to preserve His **WORDS** – His book.
- God cannot **LIE**. Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18
- That means that on the planet right now there must be a book from God that contains **EXACTLY** what God said. 2 Kings 22:8; 2 Chronicles 34:15
- If such a book existed (and it does), it would have to be the final **AUTHORITY** on all matters – it would be authorized by the **King of kings**.

## WEEK 2. THE FINAL AUTHORITY

1. **EVERY** word matters! Proverbs 30:5; Luke 4:4 (How can every word be pure if different?)

Consider this very practical question...

Which has **more authority** – 1 **perfect** Book or **many** books that do not say the same thing?



Every Word  
Matters!

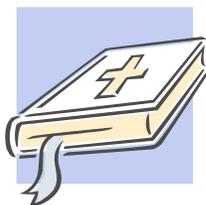
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Different Words  
mean different things

2. How **BIG** is your God? If God can do anything He wants, why would He want **many**?

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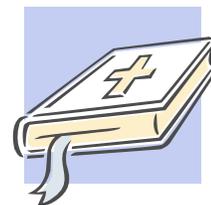


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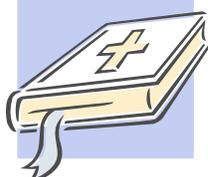


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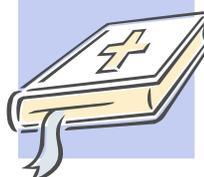
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## 3. THE **AUTHORITY and POWER** OF THE **NAME** OF GOD (“thy name”=131 times...Jewish Scribes)

**2 Samuel 7:26** - And let **thy name** be **magnified for ever**, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.

**1 Chronicles 17:24** - Let it even be established, that **thy name** may be **magnified for ever**, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel: and let the house of David thy servant be established before thee.

**Nehemiah 1:11** - **O LORD**, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to **fear thy name**: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.

**Psalms 8:1** - O LORD, our Lord, **how excellent** is **thy name** in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

**Psalms 25:11** - For **thy name**'s sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; **for it is great**.

**Psalms 135:13** - **Thy name**, O LORD, **endureth for ever**; and thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations.

**Jeremiah 10:6** - Forasmuch as there is none like unto thee, **O LORD**; thou art great, and **thy name** is **great in might**.

**Matthew 6:9** - After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, **Hallowed** be **thy name**.

## 4. THE **AUTHORITY and POWER** OF THE **NAME** OF JESUS

**Luke 10:17** - And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, **even the devils are subject unto us through thy name**.

**Acts 2:38** - Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you **in the name of Jesus** Christ **for the remission of sins**, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

**Acts 3:6** - Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: **In the name of Jesus** Christ of Nazareth **rise up and walk**.

**Philippians 2:10** - That at **the name of Jesus** every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

## 5. THE **AUTHORITY and POWER** OF THE **WORD** OF GOD – JESUS CHRIST

**Psalms 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**.

### KEY POINT FOR TODAY:

God wanted His **ONE Book** to be **THE final authority in ALL matters...so...**

He gave us His authorization to put the *written Word* of God **ABOVE even His name!!**

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## ILLUSTRATION – the Jewish scribes...

### 1. Study Matt 5:18 and Luke 16:17. What does the word or term "jot" or "tittle" mean? What significance does this have on your understanding of the Bible?

These Hebrew words used by Christ were in reference to the only written texts of the time. In this case, the Jewish reference to "Law" referred to the Pentateuch, which was the first 5 books of the Old Testament. A *Jot* was the smallest letter of the Hebrew alphabet (yodh). A *Tittle* was the smallest stroke or projection on the Hebrew letter (think of the dot in the letter "i"). Thus Christ was very clear that the Hebrew Law, not only down to the letter, but also to the smallest stroke was going to be fulfilled and not fail.

### 2. Study Deut 4:1-2, Deut 12:32, and Prov 30:5-6. What does this reveal about Jewish scribal customs?

Jewish scribes were held in high esteem because of the seriousness of copying God's Word. Jewish tradition demanded a precise method of preparing themselves, preparing the materials, and the copying process; failure to adhere to God's standard of copying without error had serious consequences. The copying of any error was considered a sin. In recognition of this, a process was developed and codified in the Hebrew Talmud. The following is just a sample of the regulations.

- \* There was a specific way to prepare and dedicate the manuscript material so that it would be pure to receive God's Word.
- \* There was special and dedicated black ink for copying Scripture.
- \* Each word was read alone and aloud from an authentic copy before it was written.
- \* When the word GOD was encountered, the scribe's pen had to be wiped clean. When YHWY was encountered, the scribe had to wash his body before he could write it.
- \* Each letter and word had a certain distance from each other and could not touch.
- \* Each letter and word was counted.
- \* Each column of text could only permit 48-60 lines.
- \* Each page could only permit a certain number of letters and words.
- \* Each page was rigorously checked (in addition to counting, finding the beginning, mid-point, and ending letter, etc.)
- \* Any mistake on a page, the page was condemned.
- \* 3 mistakes on one page condemned the whole manuscript.

Many of the Jewish regulations were designed to catch copying errors at the level of the scribe; safeguards were put into place to catch errors that may have been missed by the scribe and erroneously authenticated. According to Jewish tradition:

"Before his death, Moses wrote 13 Torah Scrolls. Twelve of these were distributed to each of the 12 Tribes. The 13th was placed in the Ark of the Covenant (with the Tablets). If anyone would come and attempt to rewrite or falsify the Torah, the one in the Ark would "testify" against him. (likewise, if he had access to the scroll in the Ark and tried to falsify it, the distributed copies would "testify" against him.)" Midrash (Devarim Rabba 9:4).

Source: [http://www.helpmewithbiblestudy.org/3e/2i/i\\_a\\_closer\\_look\\_into\\_JewishF.htm](http://www.helpmewithbiblestudy.org/3e/2i/i_a_closer_look_into_JewishF.htm)

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## TIME TO THINK

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### Luke 4:4

<u>KJV</u>	And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.
<u>NIV</u>	Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'"
<u>NASB</u>	And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'
<u>RSV</u>	And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'"
<u>NKJV</u>	But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'" <b>Footnotes:</b> * NU-Text omits <i>but by every word of God</i> .

### Isaiah 14:12

<u>KJV</u>	How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!
<u>NIV</u>	How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!
<u>NASB</u>	"How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!
<u>RSV</u>	"How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star, son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low!

### Revelation 22:16

<u>KJV</u>	I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.
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