

The Final Authority
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Moving into the NT

The people change from the OT to the NT but the process remains the same

The NT does not have future scripture

The doctrine of preservation must be trusted regarding the NT

During the lifetime of the men that wrote the NT their works were deemed scripture

II Peter 3:1-2 – Peter's books = OT prophets

1 ¶ This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

II Peter 3:15-16 – Peter compares Paul's epistles to "other scriptures"

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

Peter referenced "all his epistles" which meant he had access to them and also the people he is writing to.

I Tim 4:13-16 – In the context of the command Timothy must have a copy of the scriptures (NT)

13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

I Tim 5:17 – "word and doctrine"

17 ¶ Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

5:18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.

This is referenced in both the Old and The New Testament

- Deut 25:4, Luke 10:7

II Tim 2:15 – “the word of truth”

II Tim 4:2 – “Preach the Word”

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

II Tim 1:13 – “sound words”

13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

Acts 20:32 – “word of his grace”

32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Col 3:16 – “word of Christ”

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

NT scripture was being written, copied, collected, distributed, and studied

Eph 3:3-4 – What he had written, they already had

3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,
4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

I Thess 5:27 – One of Paul’s first writings

27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.

Gal 1:1-2 – “churches”

1 ¶ Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)

2 And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:

Col 4:16 – notice the locations in vs 15 as well

16 And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the epistle from Laodicea.

“the epistle from Laodicea”

It could have been a copy of another letter

It was most likely not part of the canon of Scripture

I Cor 5:9 – Before I Corinthians?

9 ¶ I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: