

# Why Torah?

*Restoring the Torah to Disciples of Jesus*

- Today, the reading, studying, preaching of the Bible is overwhelmingly from the *New Testament* scriptures
- It's almost as if the "Old Testament" doesn't need to exist
- The OT is a strange planet, strange people, strange God

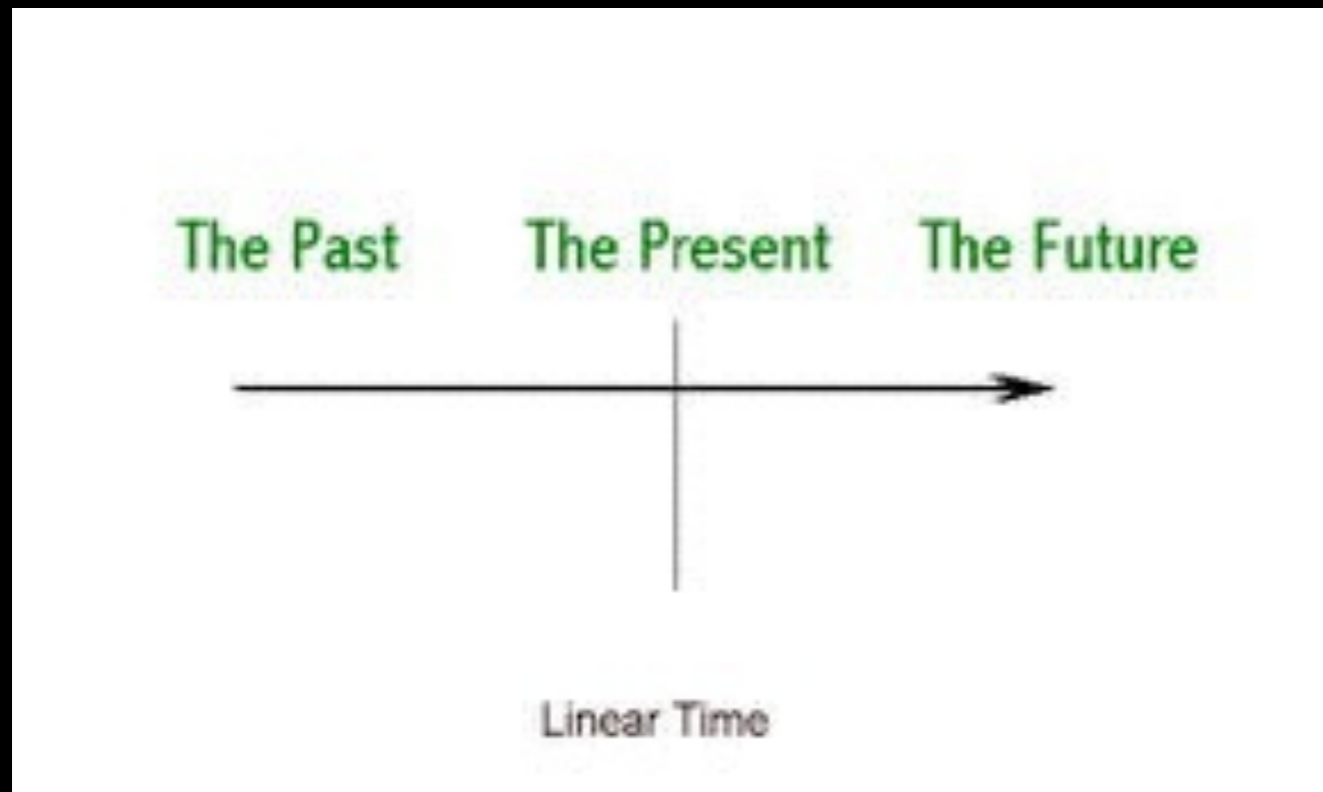


- Early believers, the OT was their bible
- Jesus studied it growing up, read it publicly, taught his disciples from it
- He used the OT to teach them who God was, who He was, who they were and what life should look like
- It was a jewish bible and they were a nazarene sect of judaism. Even gentiles knew that they were not converting to a new religion, but a very old one.



# Defining Torah

- Western View

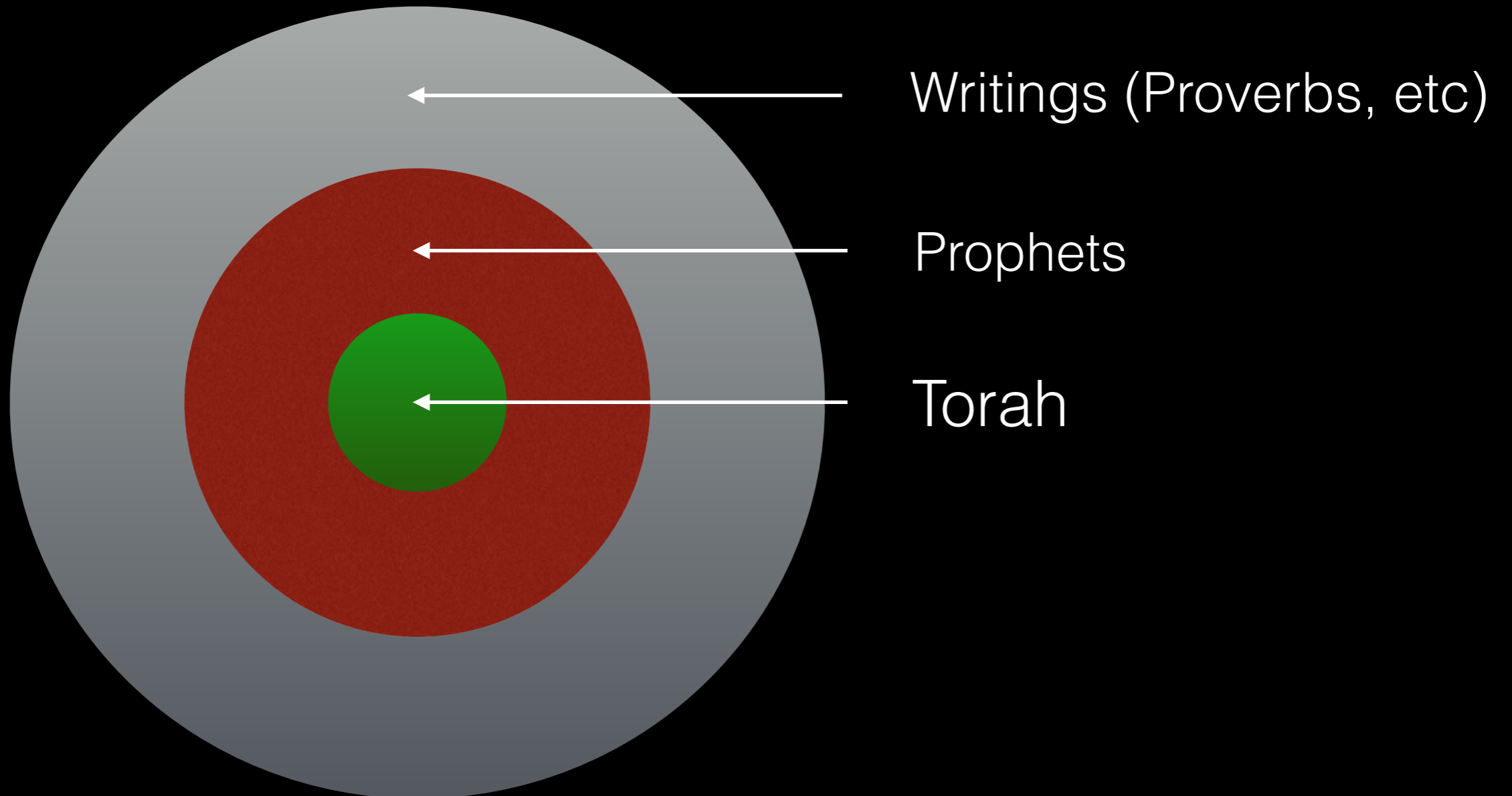


- Hebrew View



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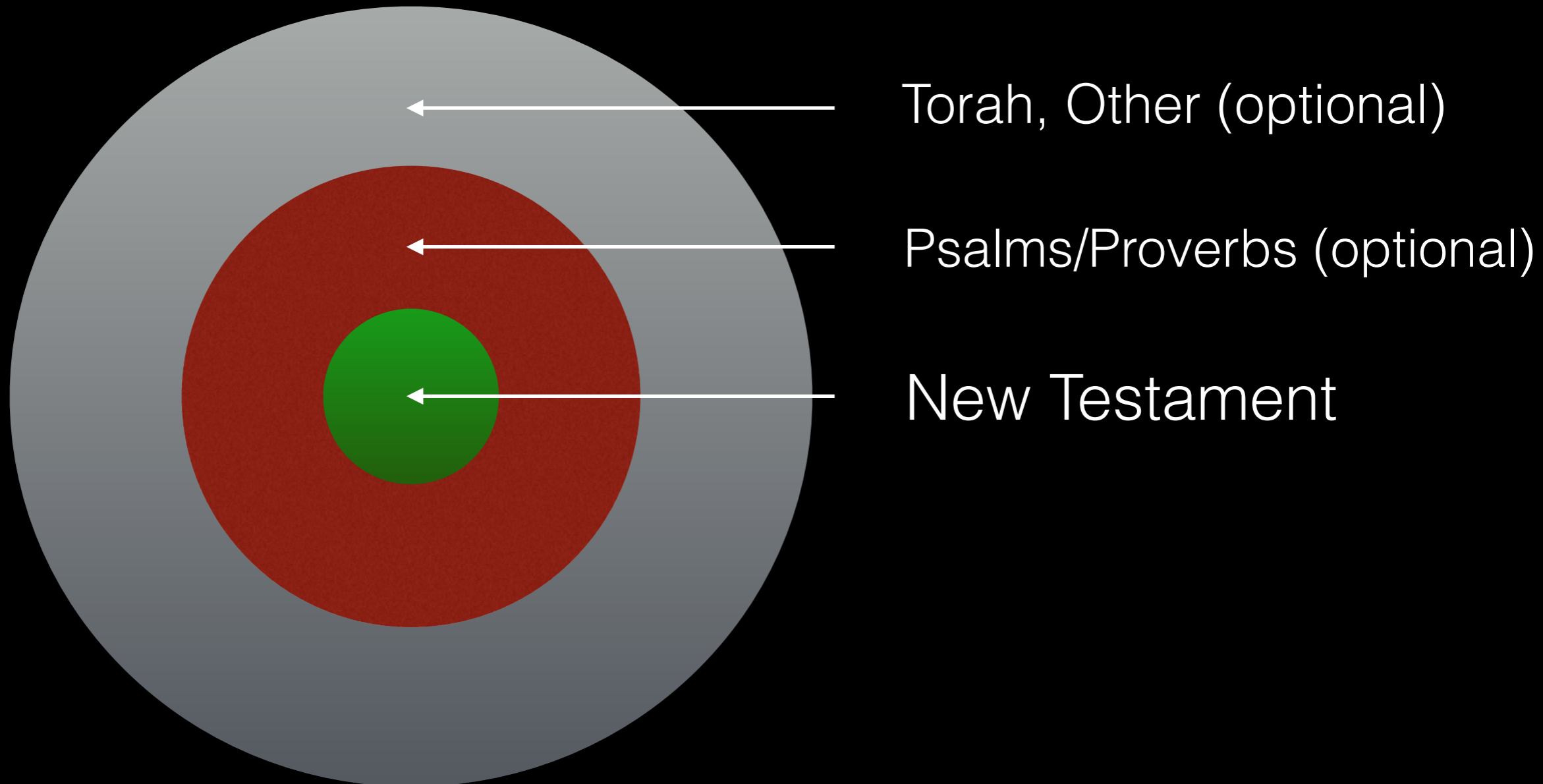
- Torah isn't just the start, it's the center.





# Defining Torah

- Typical evangelical View of the Bible



# Common Misperceptions

- Torah as 10 commandments or other commandments
- Torah vs Talmud.
- New covenant
- Judaizers
- Torah as “law”



# Muzzling the Ox

- 1 Tim 5: “For the Scripture says, “Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain...”
- Deut 25:4 - “Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain.”

“Let us therefore no longer keep the Sabbath after the Jewish manner, and rejoice in days of idleness... But let every one of you keep the Sabbath after a spiritual manner... not in relaxation of the body, admiring the workmanship of God, and eating things prepared the day before... or finding delight in dancing and clapping which have no sense in them.”

*–Ignatius*

# A Flourishing Society

- Family (Husband/Wife, Father/Mother, Son/Daughter)
- Mission (Be fruitful, multiply, subdue the earth and have dominion)
- Multi-generational Thinking
- Land - Value of ownership
- Agriculture - land stewardship
- Economics -Bridled Capitalism
- Food
- Music
- Debt-free-ness
- Good Government
- Justice
- Life Rhythms (weekly, monthly, yearly)
- Festivals
- Art
- Worship
- Community
- Work
- Poetry
- Romance
- House Construction
- Disease management
- Childbirth
- Protecting Others
- Orphans and Widows
- Addressing Poverty

# In Closing

- Action Items:
  - Preach Gospel of Kingdom vs Salvation
  - Embrace our roots and our jewish brothers
  - Dive in and rediscover the lost Torah and watch the Kingdom come.

# How to Interpret Torah

- PaRDeS
- Peshat (Simple)
- Remez (Deep)
- Drash (Comparitive)
- Sod (Mystery)