

WHEN JESUS QUOTES

THE OLD TESTAMENT

THE "ORAL" LAW - TRADITION OF THE ELDERS

- ▶ Oral Law - ~1446BC Moses went up on Mt. Sinai and received the written Law (Torah). Jews say "oral commentary" was given to Moses along with written law at Mt. Sinai - how written law to be applied

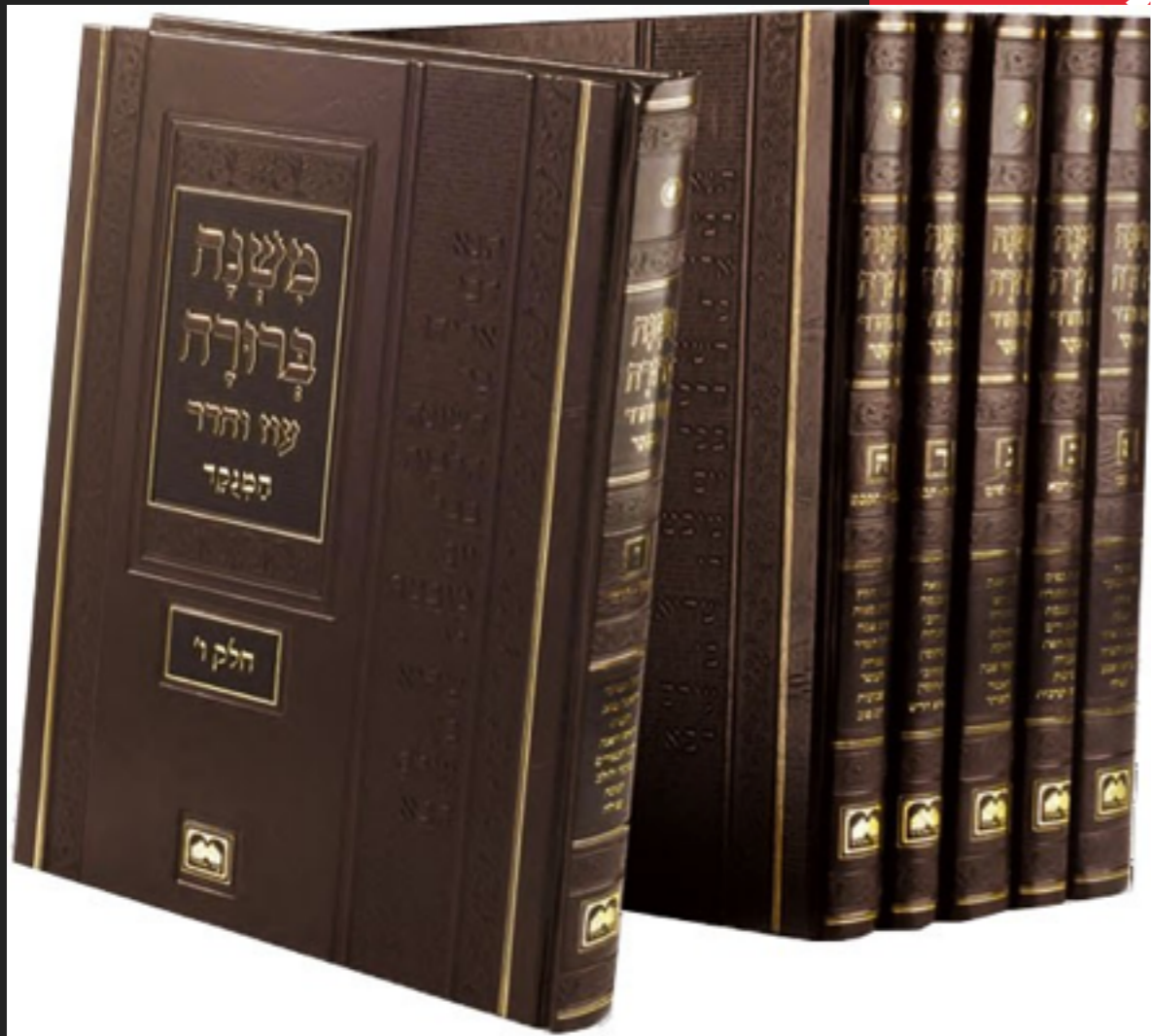
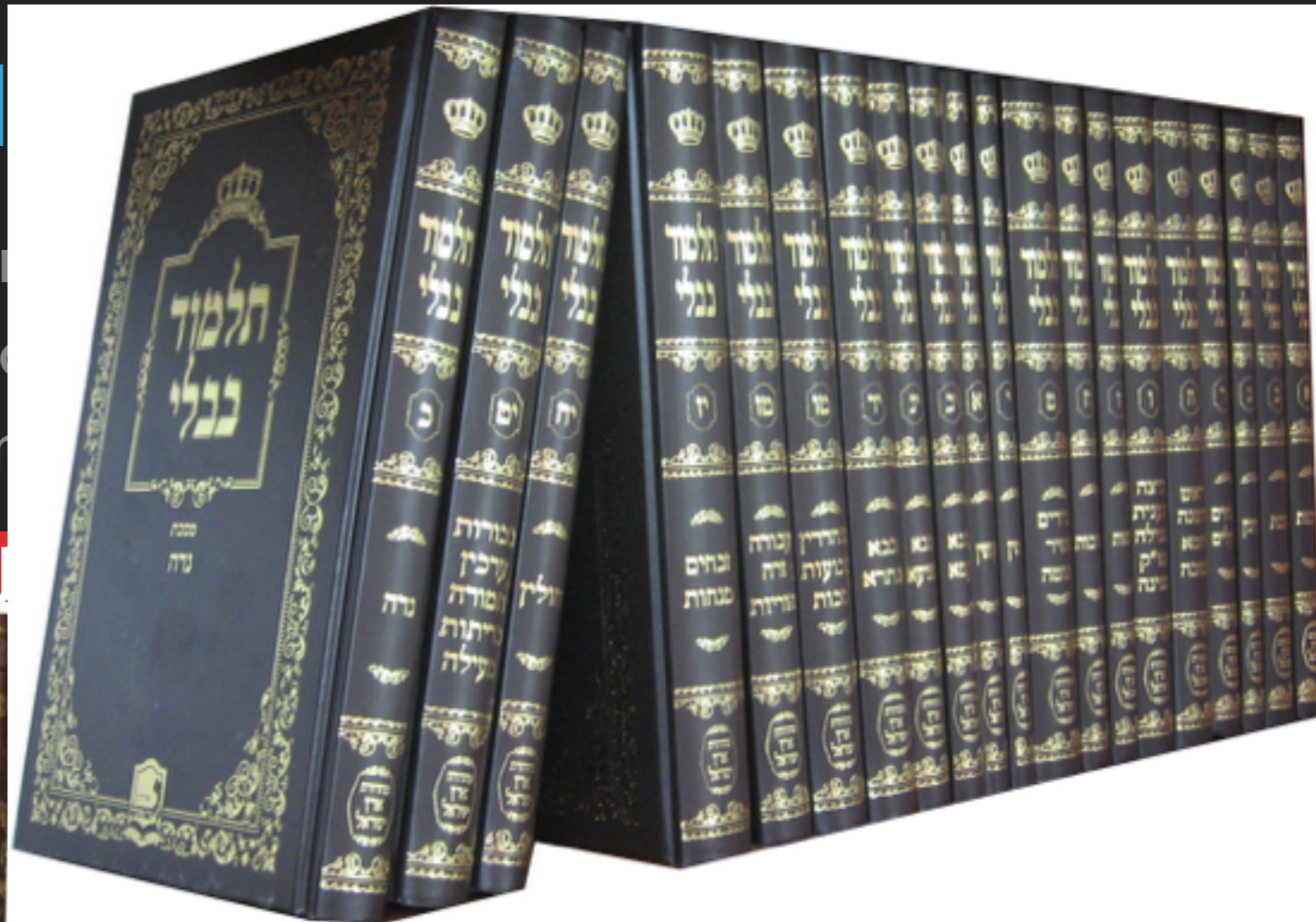
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- ▶ Mishnah - ~200AD Jewish leaders decided to write down "oral" law to ensure it wouldn't be forgotten
- ▶ Talmud - ~ 500AD Jewish leaders added written deliberations of the law by leading rabbis
 - ▶ Mishnah
 - ▶ Gemara - Deliberation/examples

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT - MATTHEW 5:17-48

THE "ORAL" LAW - TRADITION

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PHARISEES' TRADITION

- ▶ Josephus - Antiquities 13, 297-298: "What I would now explain is this, that the Pharisees have delivered to the people a great many observances by succession from their fathers, which are not written in the law of Moses; and for that reason it is that the Sadducees reject them and say that we are to esteem those observances to be obligatory which are in the written word, but are not to observe what are derived from the tradition of our forefathers"
- ▶ Hand washing
 - ▶ Exodus 30:17-21
 - ▶ Leviticus 15:11
 - ▶ Psalm 24:3-4
- ▶ Misinterpretation (over-interpretation)?

GOD'S COMMAND - HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER

- ▶ Matthew 15:3-6
 - ▶ "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?"
- ▶ Exodus 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you"
- ▶ Leviticus 19:3 "Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the Lord your God."
- ▶ Deuteronomy 5:16 - "'Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.'"
- ▶ Exodus 21:17 - "Whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death."
- ▶ Leviticus 20:9 - "For anyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother; his blood is upon him."

CORBAN

- ▶ Corban (Mark 7:9-13) - A gift pledged to God which could no longer be used for "common" uses - Offering
- ▶ Isaiah 29:13 - "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught."



INTEGRITY

In matters of style, move with the current. In matters of principle, stand like a rock.

In matters of tradition, move with the current.
In matters of God's commands, stand like a rock.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

- ▶ Are traditions always wrong?
- ▶ Can traditions be good?
- ▶ When does a tradition become wrong?
- ▶ What stood out to you in this interaction between the Pharisees and Jesus?

NEXT WEEK

- ▶ Sermon on the Mount
 - ▶ Matthew 5:17-48