

Galatians: The Letter that Saved the Church

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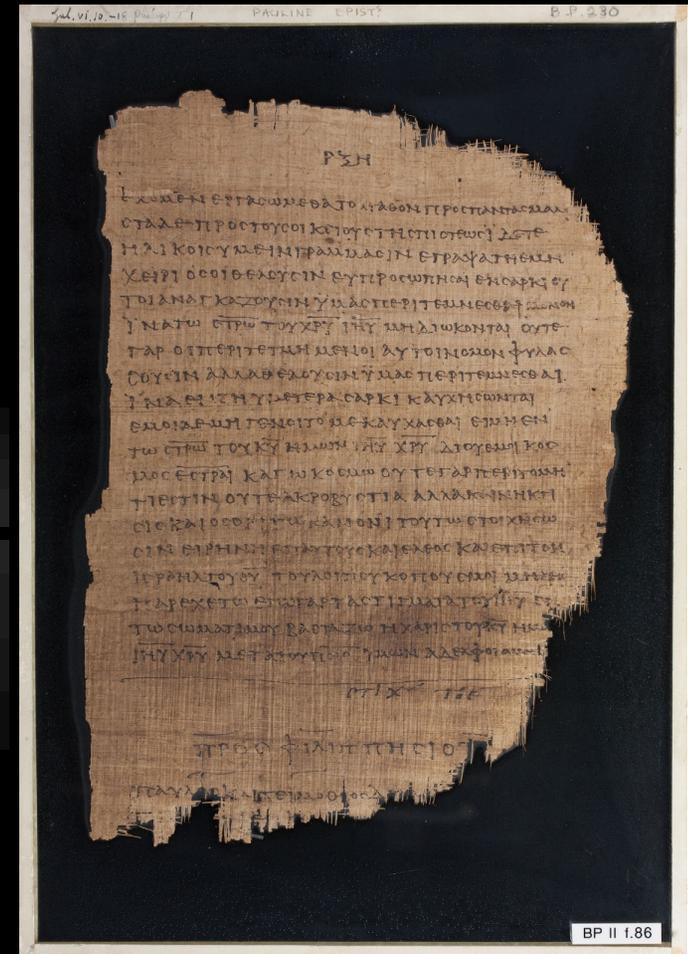


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<sup>13</sup> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free.

But do not use your freedom **to indulge the flesh**; rather, serve one another humbly in love....

<sup>16</sup> So I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the **flesh**.

<sup>17</sup> For the **flesh** desires what is contrary to the **Spirit**, and the **Spirit** what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the **Spirit**, you are not under the law.

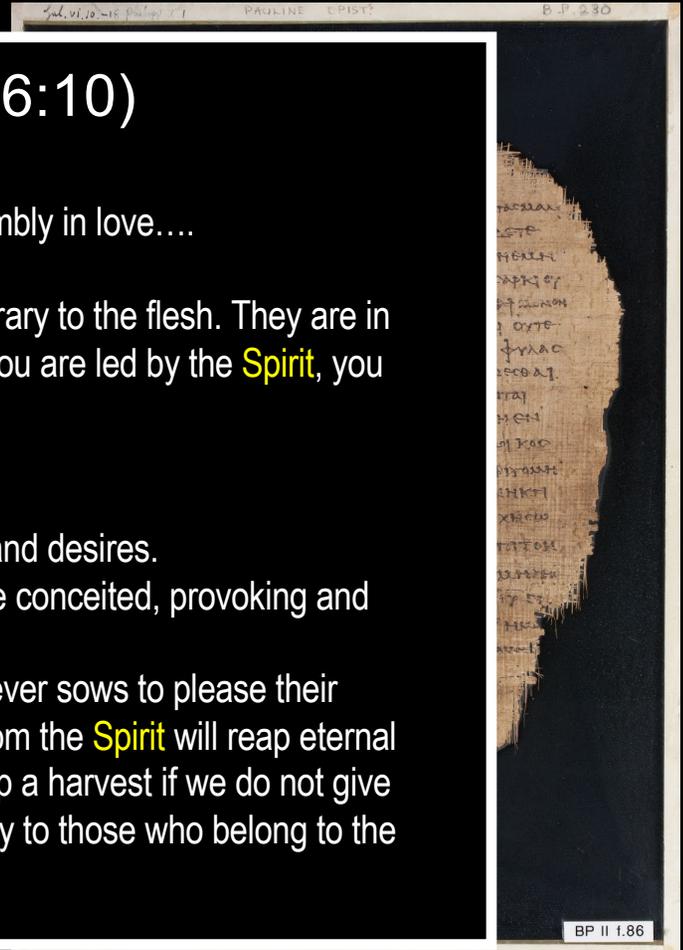
<sup>19</sup> The acts of the **flesh** are obvious:....

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the **Spirit** is ....

<sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the **flesh** with its passions and desires.

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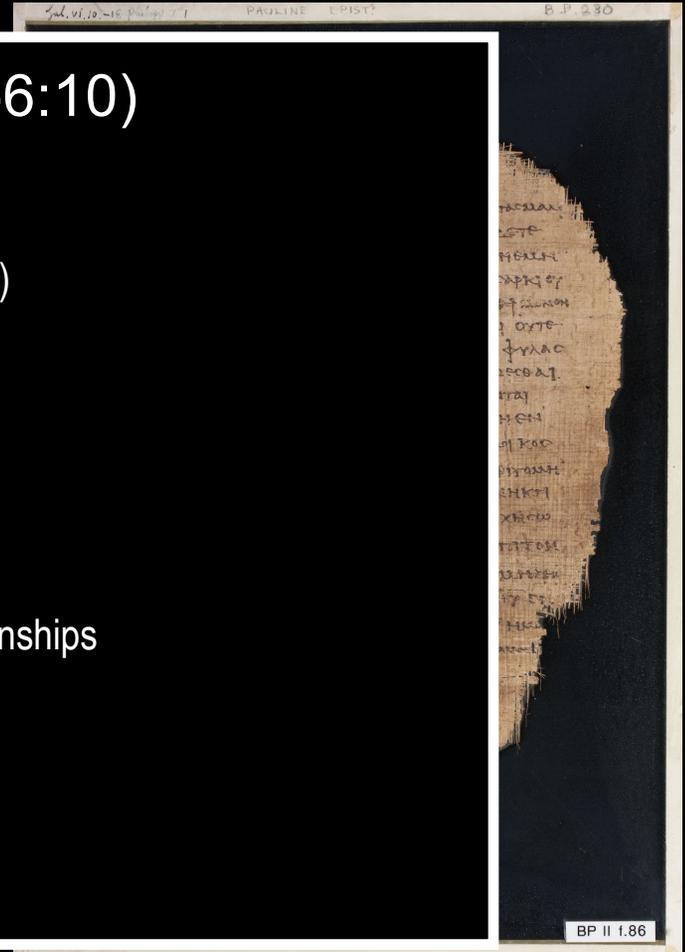
1. Love your neighbor fulfills the Torah
2. Or else you will destroy each other. (The need for communal healing)

5:16-24 Spirit vs. Flesh

1. Spirit and Flesh are in opposition.
2. Acts of the Flesh
3. Fruit of the Spirit

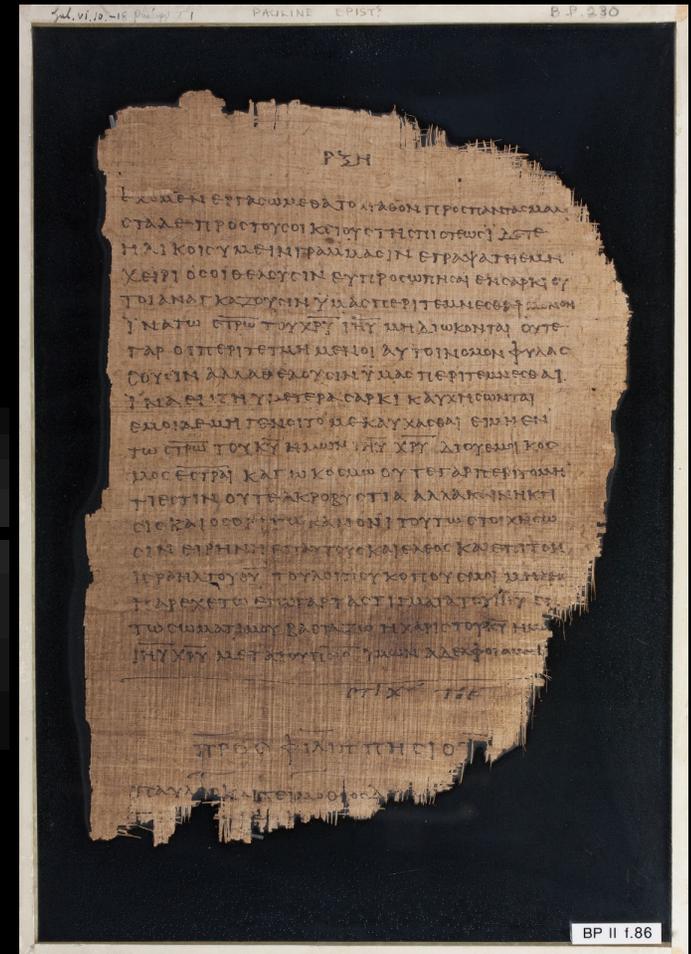
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6:7-10 The consequences of the sowing to the flesh vs. the spirit.



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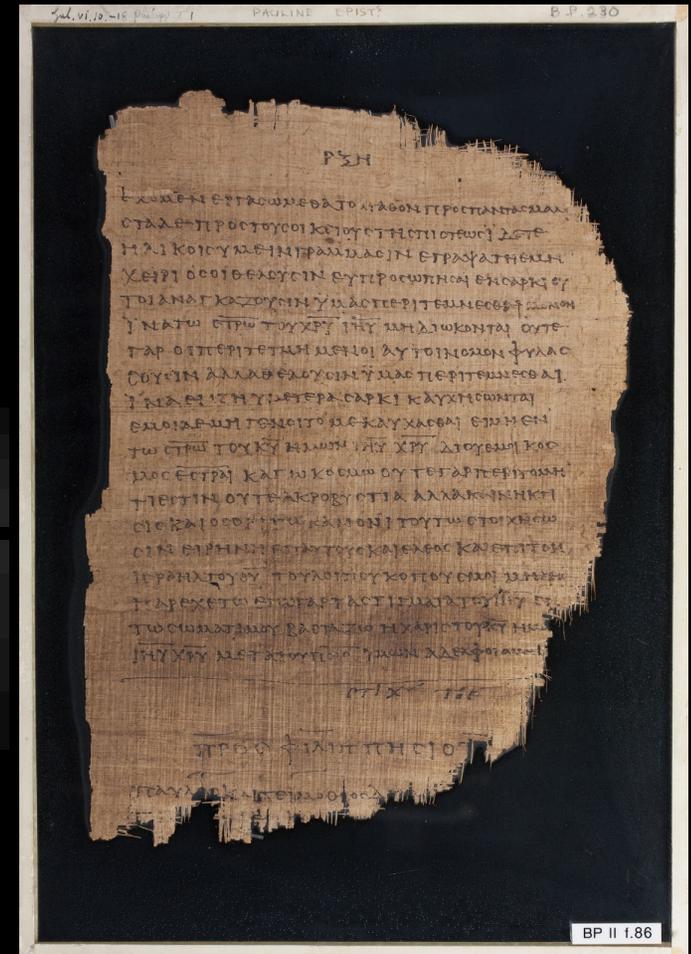
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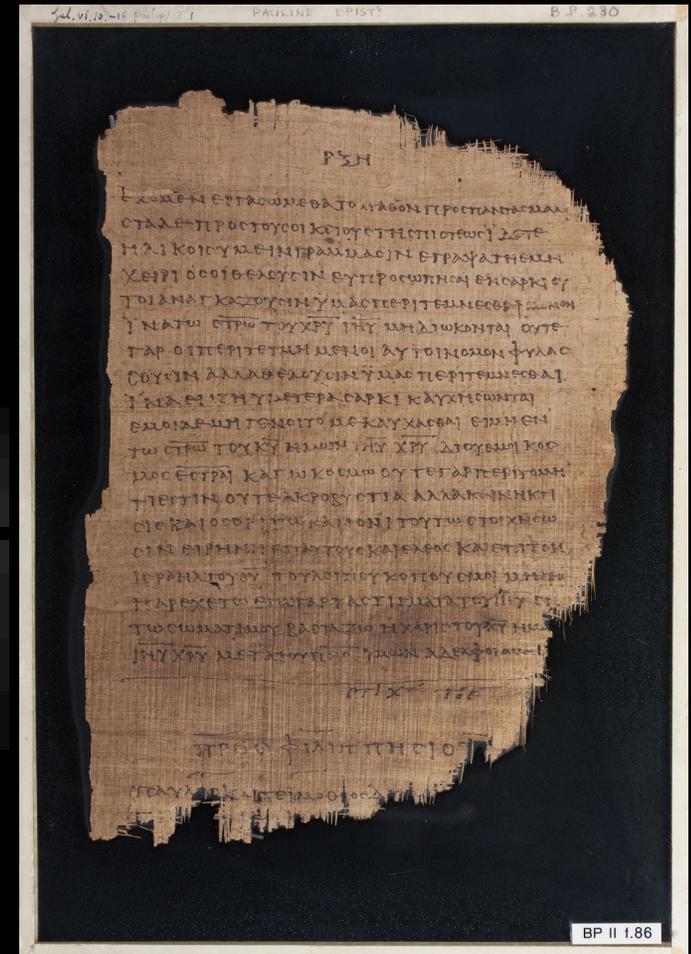
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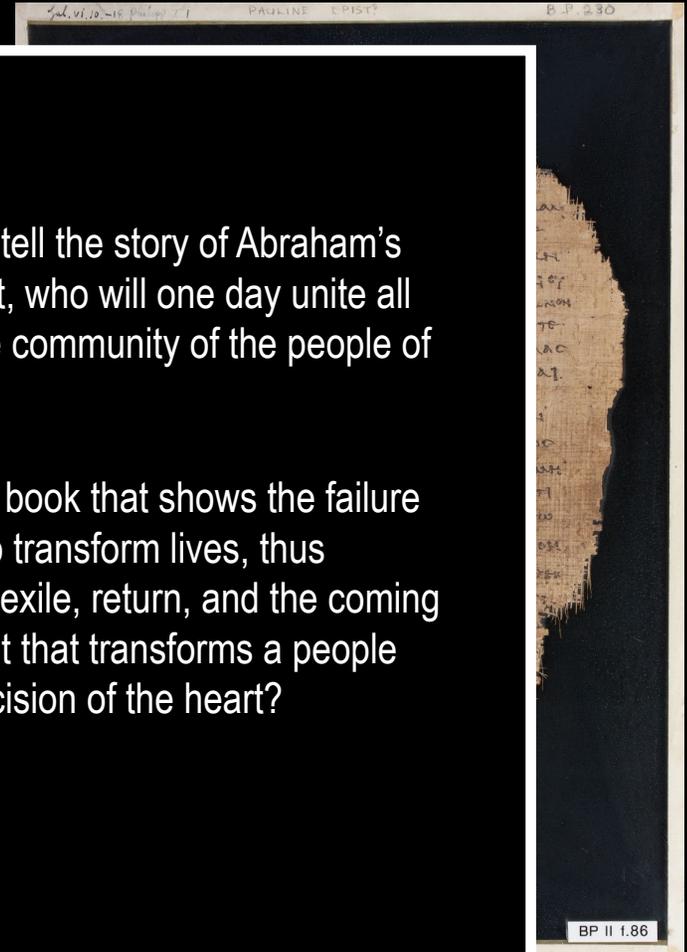


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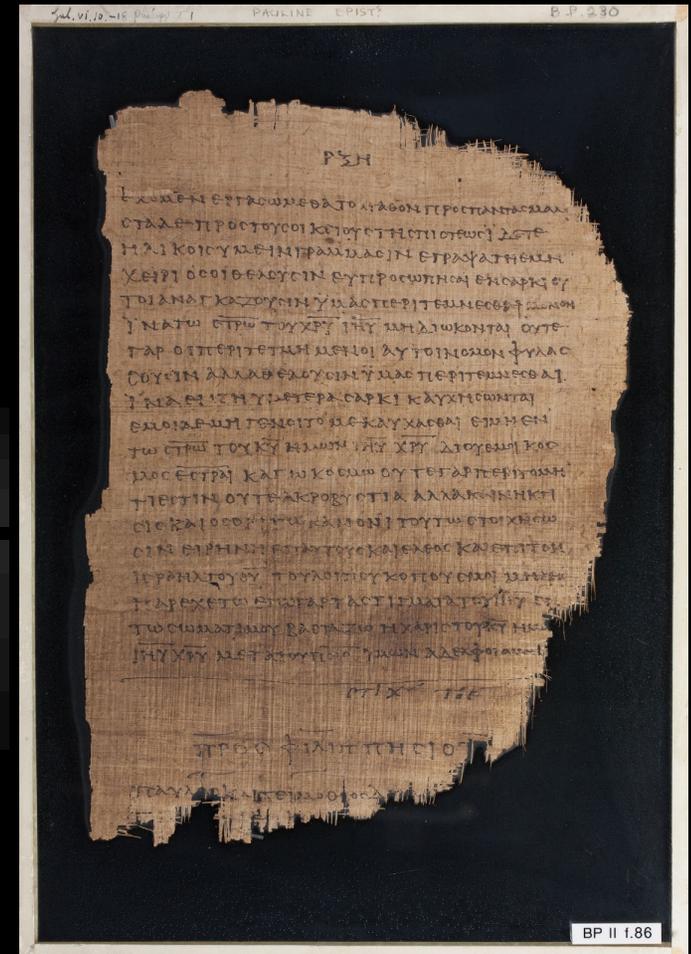
## The Torah of Christ

1. Does the Torah tell the story about Abraham's descendants, the elect people of God who are called to be distinct from other peoples?
  2. Is the Torah a book that contains a set of rules that must be observed for anyone who wishes to worship God?
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  2. Is the Torah the book that shows the failure of these rules to transform lives, thus anticipating the exile, return, and the coming of the Holy Spirit that transforms a people with the circumcision of the heart?



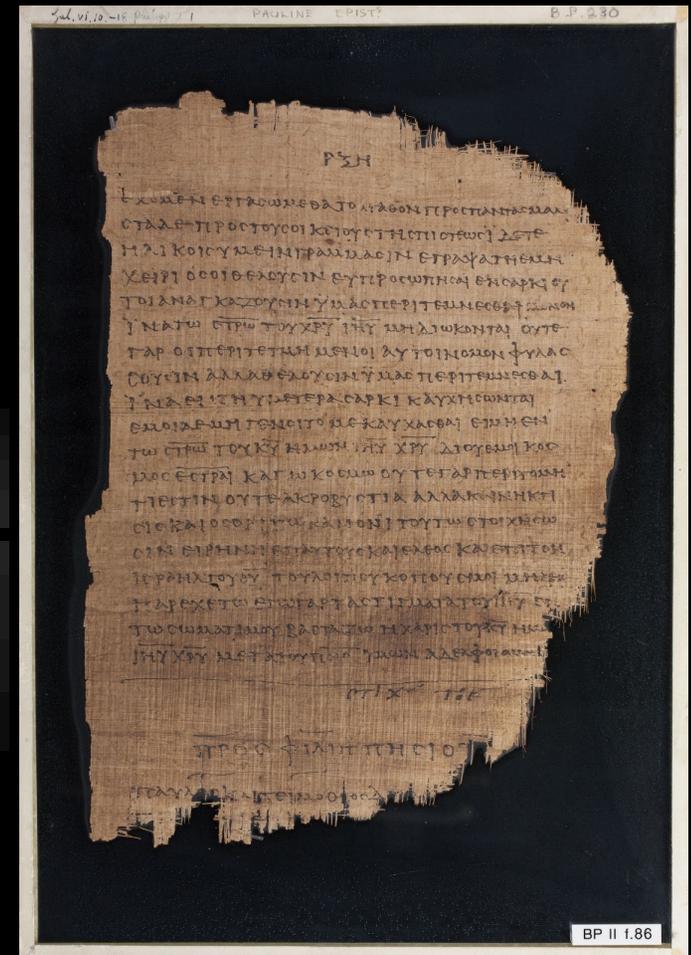
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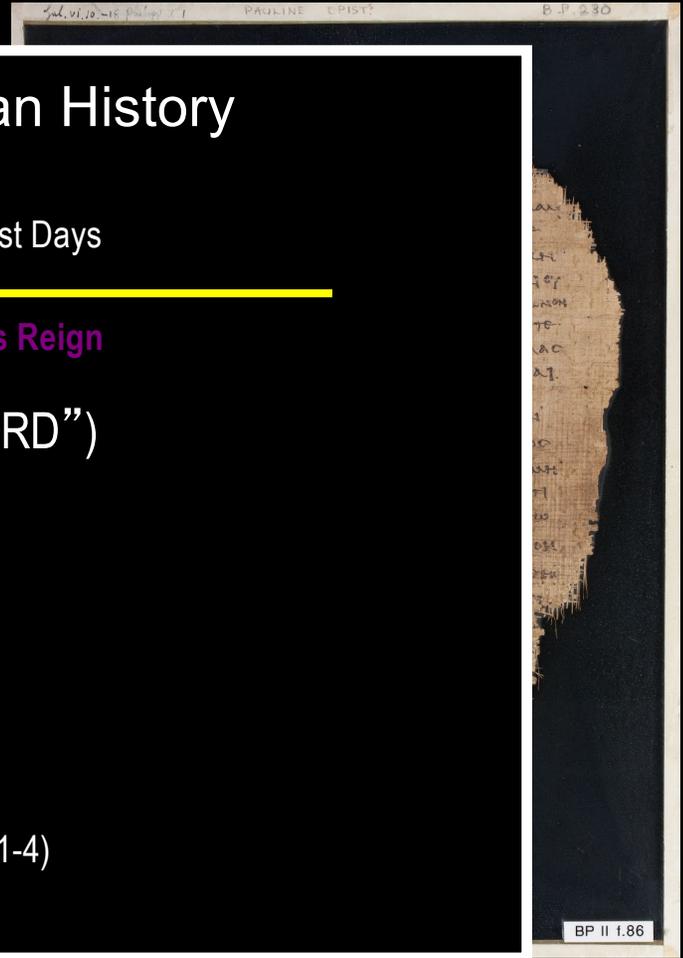
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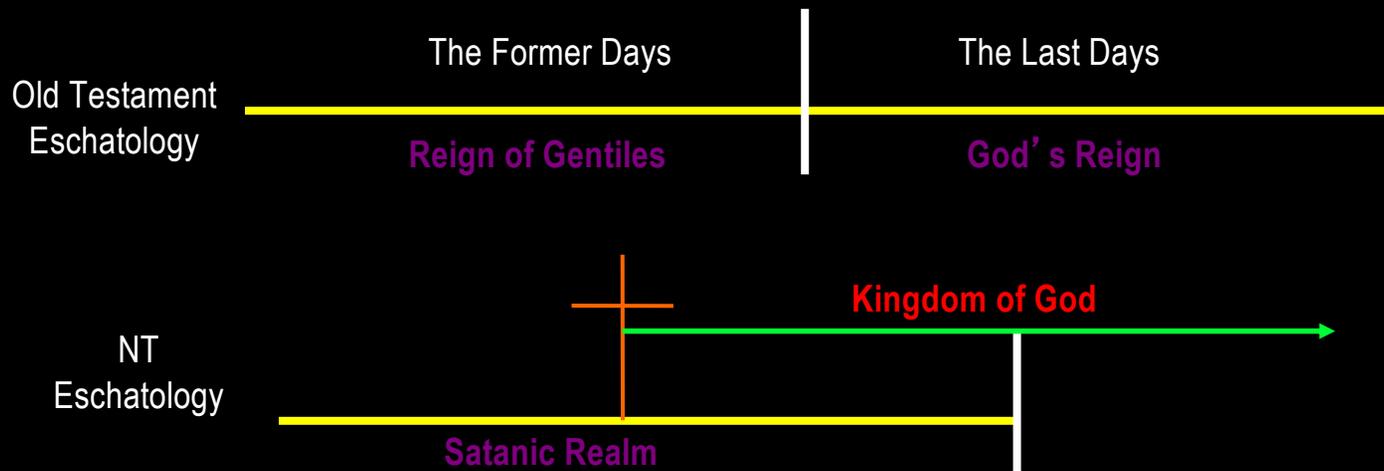


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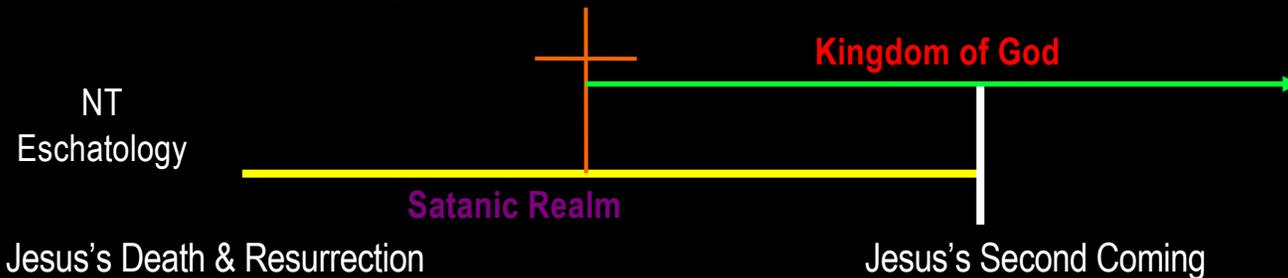
- Coming of the Messiah and/or God's Direct Rule
- Removal of Gentile Overlords
- Coming of God's wrath and judgment on all peoples
- Outpouring of Spirit upon God's People (Joel 2:28-29)
- Resurrection of the Dead (Dan 12:2)
- God's People Reign over the World from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:1-4)



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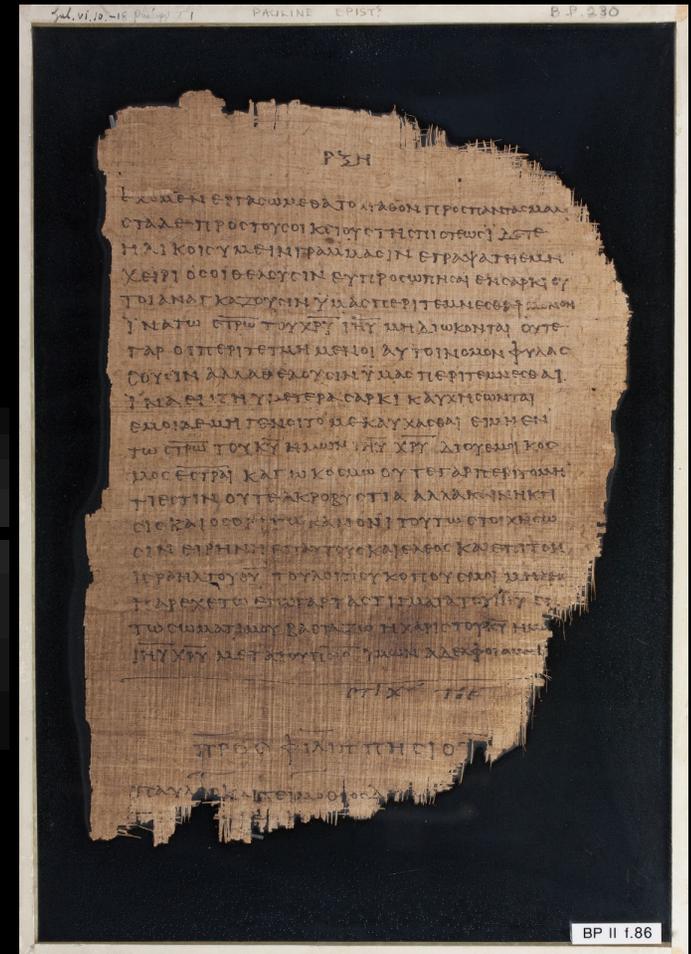


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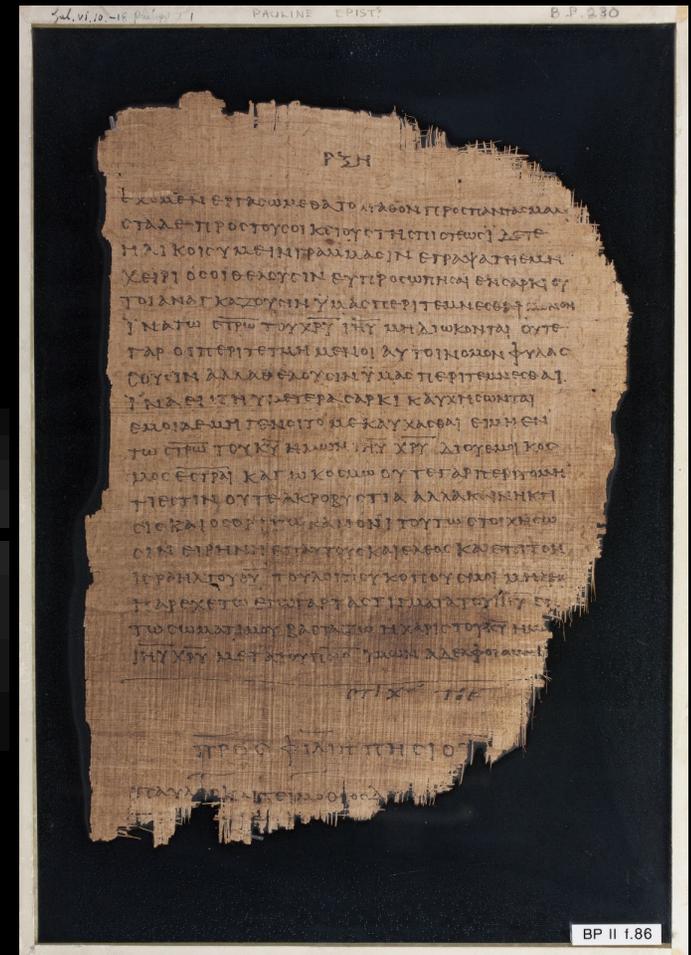
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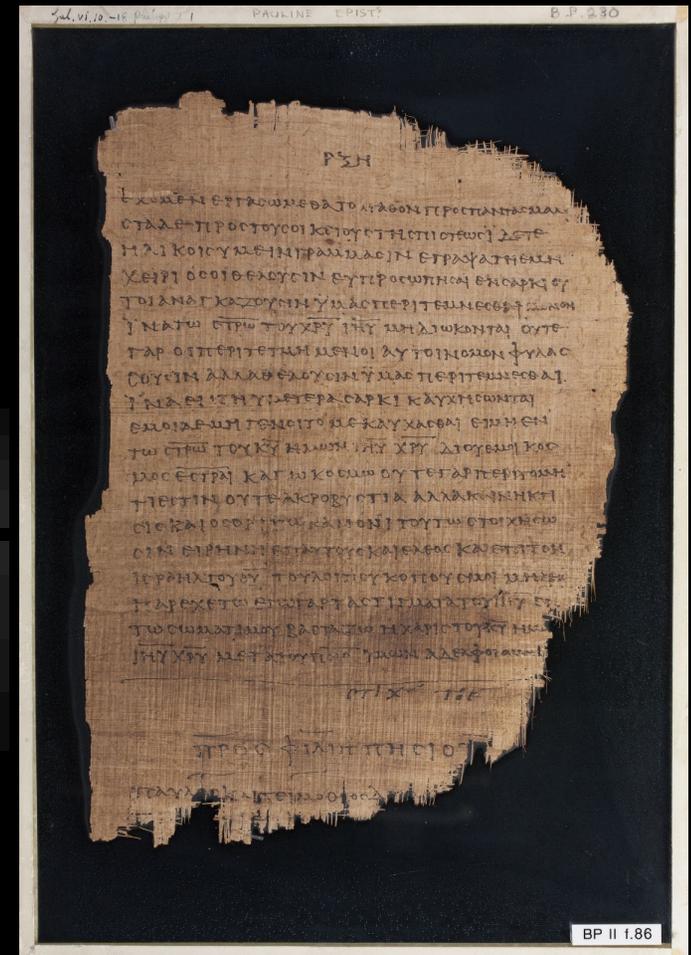
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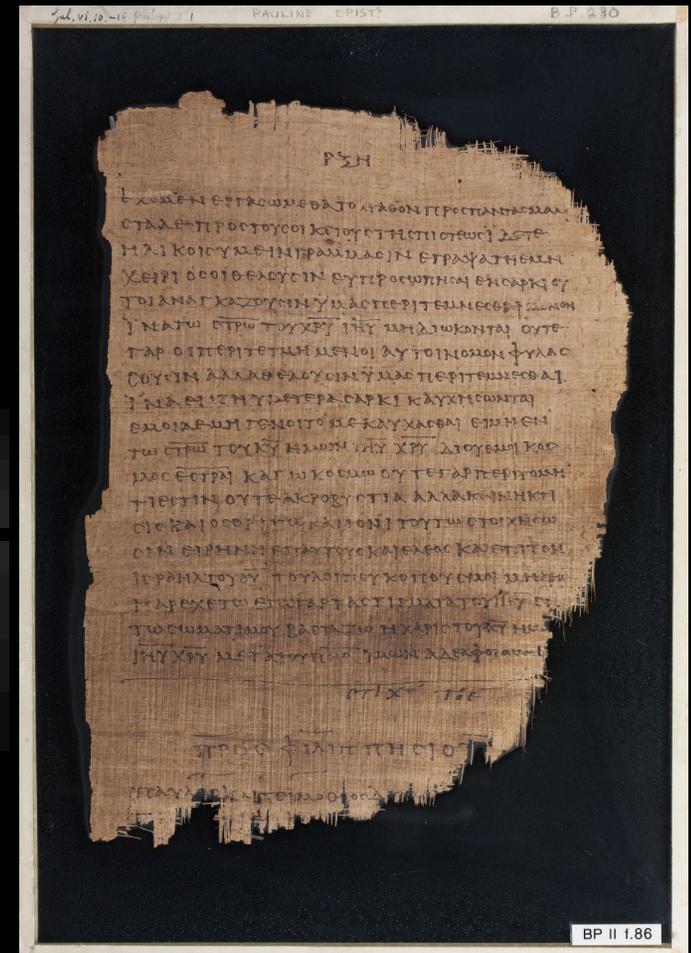
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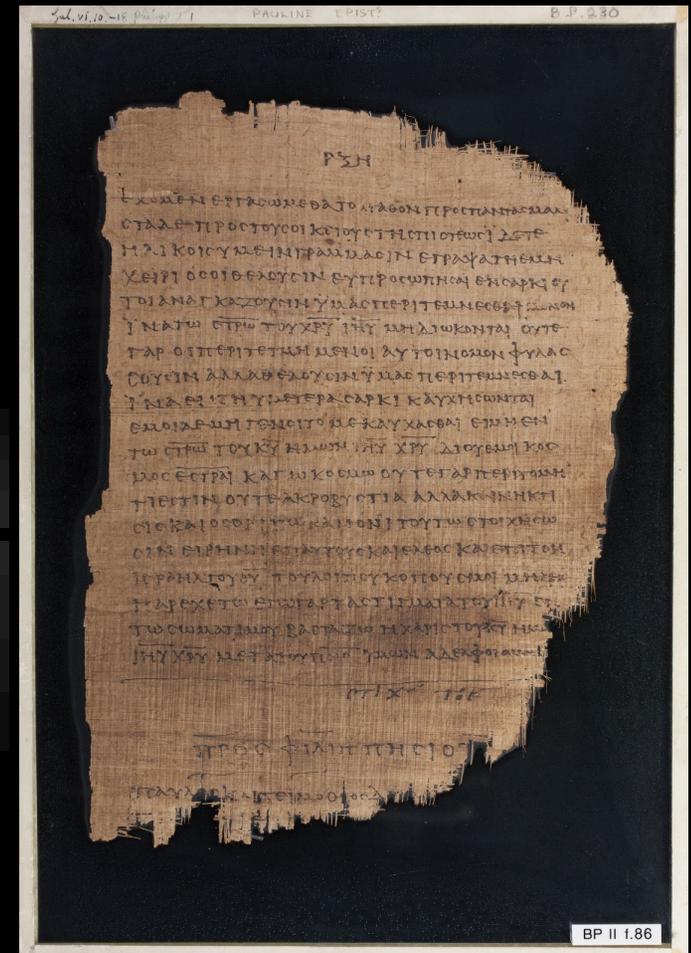
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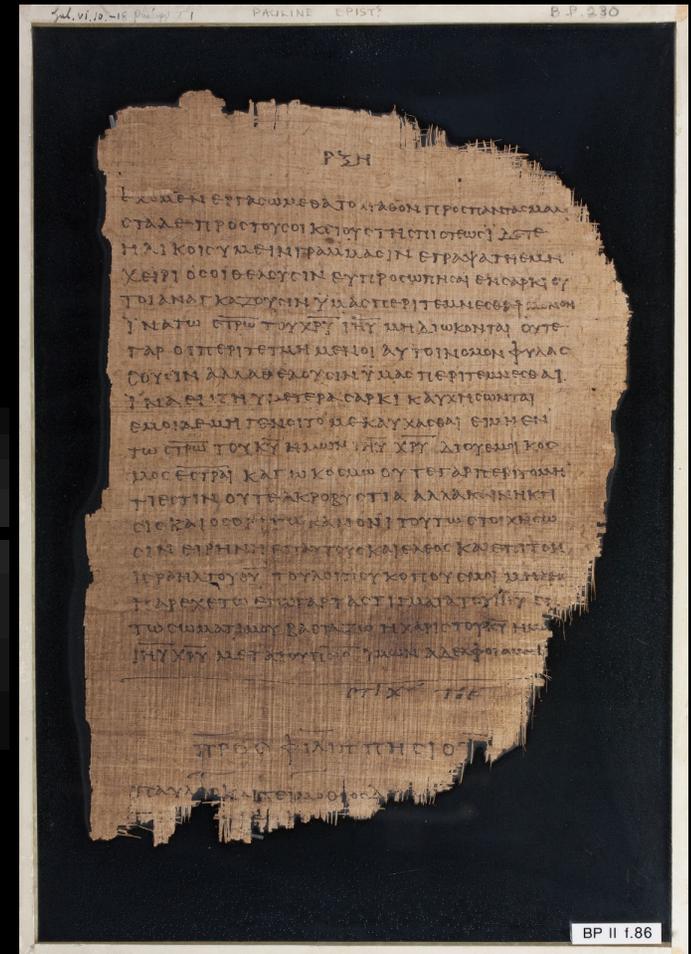
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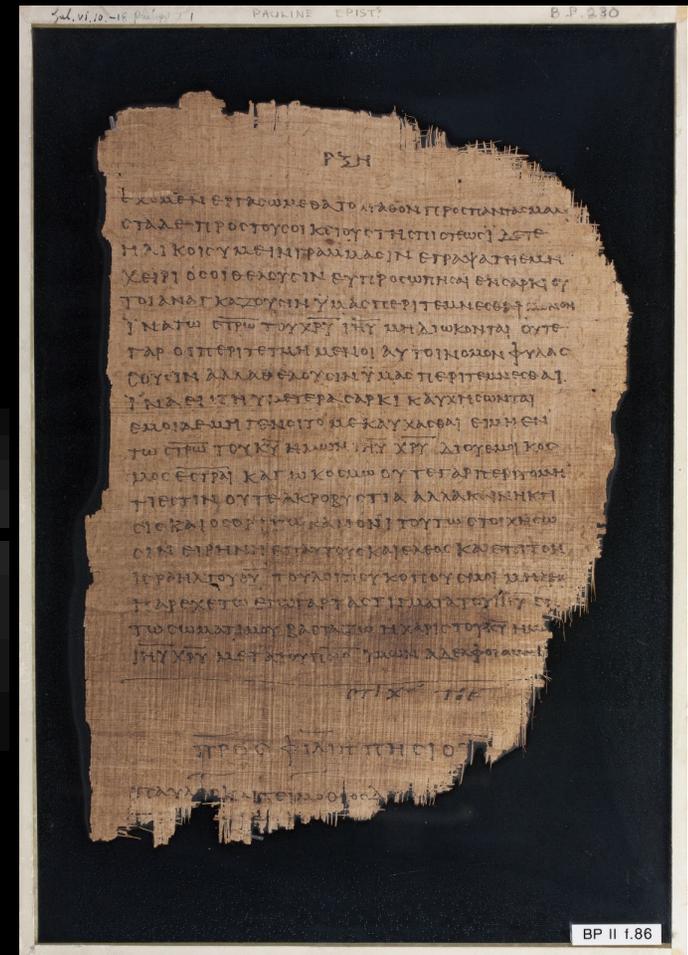
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