

Marcionism

Old Testament

“Thus says the Lord of hosts ... ‘go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have; do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass”

“And Samuel said ...’the Lord sent you on a mission, and said, “Go, utterly destroy the Amelekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.” Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord? Why did you swoop on the spoil and do what was evil in the sight of the Lord? ... you have rejected the word of the Lord and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel”

1 Samuel 15.2-3, 17-18, 26

“I form the light and create darkness: I make peace and create evil: I the Lord do all these things”

Isaiah 45.7

New Testament

“In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar ...”

Luke 3.1

“Think not that I have come to abolish the Law and the prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished”

Matthew 5.17-18

“What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you”

Acts 17.24

“What then, are we Jews any better off? No, not at all; for I have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under the power of sin ...

“Now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the Law, although the Law and the prophets bear witness to it ...

“For we hold that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes of Gentiles also, since God is one; and he will justify the circumcised on the ground of their faith and the uncircumcised through their faith. Do we then overturn the Law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the Law”

Romans 3.9, 21, 28-31

“Christ is the end of the Law, that everyone who has faith may be justified”

Romans 10.4

“I ask then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite ...at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works ...

“through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean! ...

“But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the riches of the olive tree, do not boast over the branches ... For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you”

Romans 11.1, 5-6, 11-12, 17-18, 21

“Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem about is free and she is our mother”

Galatians 4.24-26

Tertullian

“Marcion’s special and principal work is the separation of the law and the gospel ... This is Marcion’s *Antitheses*, or contradictory propositions, which aim at committing the gospel to a variance with the law, in order that from the diversity of the two documents which contain them, they may contend for a diversity of gods also”

Contra Marcion 1.19

“they allege that Marcion did not so much innovate on the rule (of faith) by his separation of the law and the gospel, as restore it after it had been previously adulterated. O Christ, most enduring Lord, who didst bear so many years with this interference with Thy revelation, until Marcion forsooth came to Thy rescue!”

Contra Marcion 1.20

“A better god has been discovered, who never takes offence, is never angry, never inflicts punishment, who has prepared no fire in hell, no gnashing of teeth in the outer darkness! He is purely and simply good. He indeed forbids all delinquency, but only in word. He is in you, if you are willing to pay him homage, for the sake of appearances, that you may seem to honour God; for your fear he does not want.”

Contra Marcion 1.27

“The same Marcion afterwards professed repentance, and agreed to the conditions granted to him – that he should receive reconciliation if he restored to the Church all the others whom he had been training for perdition: he was forestalled, however, by death”

De Praescriptione Haereticorum, 30

Justin Martyr

“the Scriptures are much more ours than yours. For we let ourselves be persuaded by them, while you read them without grasping their true import”

Dialogue with Trypho, 29

Origen

“One must therefore record the meaning of the sacred writings in a threefold way upon one’s own soul, so that the simple man may be edified by what we may call the flesh of the Scripture, this name being given to the obvious interpretation; while the man who has made some progress may be edified by its soul, as it were; and the man who is perfect ... may be edified by the spiritual law ... For just as man consists of body, soul and spirit, so in the same way does the Scripture, which has been prepared by God to be given for man’s salvation”

De Principiis, IV.2.4