

~JUDAISM (162) (Ju'da-ism)

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- In the **First Century C.E.**, **Judaism** in its various forms was not based exclusively on the Hebrew Scriptures. One of the most prominent divisions of **Judaism**, that of the Sadducees, rejected the Scriptural teaching of the resurrection and denied the existence of angels.
- Now Sadducees came to him, who say there is no resurrection, and they put the question to him. (**Mark 12:18**)
- Teacher, Moses wrote us that if someone's brother dies and leaves a wife behind but does not leave a child, his brother should take the wife and raise up offspring from her for his brother. (**Mark 12:19**)
- There were seven brothers, and the first took a wife, but when he died he left no offspring. (**Mark 12:20**)
- And the second took her, but died without leaving offspring, and the third the same way. (**Mark 12:21**)
- And the seven did not leave any offspring. Last of all the woman also died. (**Mark 12:22**)
- In the resurrection to which of them will she be wife? For the seven got her as wife. (**Mark 12:23**)
- Jesus said to them; Is not this why you are mistaken, your not knowing either the Scriptures or the power of God? (**Mark 12:24**)

- For when they rise from the dead, neither do men marry nor are women given in marriage, but are as angels in the heavens. (Mark 12:25)
- But concerning the dead, that they are raised up, did you not read in the book of Moses, in the account about the thornbush, how God said to him, I am the God of Abraham and God of Isaac and God of Jacob? (Mark 12:26)
- He is a God, not of the dead, but of the living. You are much mistaken. (Mark 12:27)
- For Sadducees say there is neither resurrection nor angel nor spirit, but the Pharisees publicly declare them all. (Acts of Apostles 23:8)
- Although the Pharisees, who formed yet another important branch of **Judaism**, sharply disagreed with the Sadducees on this.
- Now when Paul took note that the one part was of Sadducees but the other of Pharisees, he proceeded to cry out in the Sanhedrin; Men, brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. Over the hope of resurrection of the dead I am being judged. (Acts of Apostles 23:6)
- Because he said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the multitude was split. (Acts of Apostles 23:7)
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- So there broke out a loud screaming, and some of the scribes of the party of the Pharisees rose and began contending fiercely, saying; We find nothing wrong in this man, but if a spirit or an angel spoke to him. (Acts of Apostles 23:9)
- They were guilty of making God's Word invalid because of their many unscriptural traditions.
- Then there came to Jesus from Jerusalem Pharisees and scribes, saying; (Matthew 15:1)

- **Why is it your disciples overstep the tradition of the men of former times? For example, they do not wash their hands when about to eat a meal. ([Matthew 15:2](#))**
- **In reply he said to them; Why is it you also overstep the commandment of God because of your tradition? ([Matthew 15:3](#))**
- **For example, God said; Honor your father and your mother, and, Let him that reviles father or mother end up in death. ([Matthew 15:4](#))**
- **But you say; Whoever says to his father or mother; Whatever I have by which you might get benefit from me is a gift dedicated to God. ([Matthew 15:5](#))**
- **He must not honor his father at all. And so you have made the word of God invalid because of your tradition. ([Matthew 15:6](#))**
- **You hypocrites! Isaiah aptly prophesied about you, when he said: ([Matthew 15:7](#))**
- **This people honors me with their lips, yet their heart is far removed from me. ([Matthew 15:8](#))**
- **It is in vain that they keep worshiping me, because they teach commands of men as doctrines. ([Matthew 15:9](#))**
- **With that he called the crowd near and said to them; Listen and get the sense of it. ([Matthew 15:10](#))**
- **Not what enters into his mouth defiles a man, but it is what proceeds out of his mouth that defiles a man. ([Matthew 15:11](#))**
- **Not the Law, which was actually a tutor leading to Christ.**
- **Consequently the Law has become our tutor leading to Christ, that we might be declared righteous due to faith. ([Galatians 3:24](#))**
- **But these unscriptural traditions made it difficult for many to accept Christ. The Law itself was good and holy.**
- **Wherefore, on its part, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. ([Romans 7:12](#))**

- **But the traditions of men served to enslave the Jews.**
- **Look out! Perhaps there may be someone who will carry you off as his prey through the philosophy and empty deception according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary things of the world and not according to Christ. ([Colossians 2:8](#))**
- **It was an ardent zeal for the traditions of his fathers that caused Saul or Paul to be a vicious persecutor of Christians.**
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- **They only used to hear; The man that formerly persecuted us is now declaring the Good News about the faith which he formerly devastated. ([Galatians 1:23](#))**

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