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Talmud. Chaim Tchernowitz. 1941.

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333 - 535 - 30360 was 'ak

Prochmel says there were smaller bodies
Kurin says no 'ak in Talmud. In
Mishnah there is no mention of 'ak - the
SDOR doesn't extend that far.

Josephus doesn't mention 'ak

Tcher says the 'ak existed at time
of Ezra. Toward end of existence even
called 'ak. Feher says ^{may have been} ~~the~~ small
bodies.

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24 watches - some add - 318N 'ak

One on duty - other 23 sat as 'ak.

All 'ak's were 3"ak - just do ~~gim~~
→ p'sakim are scholars, functionaries, interpreters,
legislators.

10PN; p'sakim / P'sakim; p'sakim 'ak

p'sakim 'ak; p'sakim

① 'ak - appeared in Talmud; all
ordinances, additions to Torah & 'ak

② P'sakim - interpretation of Torah to
eliminate anthropomorphism - interpolate
"yekdun", etc. 18 changes.

③ E'yan - 'ak and P'sakim - to
smooth over differences in various ms.
(15th and 16th)

more orthodox than Tcher.

Kochermal - p'sht made changes in margin
in order to leave a ס'ב and ב'ג.

Says all MSS based on p'sht,
but Tcher says no - says MSS
based on p'sht already in existence.

Tcher says K. can't explain all
changes in Torah - except on basis of
differences in various ons. Sturzliy-
block is 11 cases of ב'ג (ב'ג) and
ב'ג (ב'ג) which K can't explain.

Tcher - attributes the p'sht to various me
written at various times by various people.

Doesn't take position of 'on' or 'off'.

The p'sht accounted for by 10%

and 20%

88 was parallel to ב'ג

4. \rightarrow תבש - euphemism - no vulgarities
 \rightarrow תבש of instead \rightarrow תבש

Tcher equates תבש to 'al,
תבש is result of תבש

① תבש - not explicitly mentioned in תבש
but read into it by תבש This
done by 110% - called otherwise תבש.
1% תבש = 1% תבש.

'^o23 also refers broadly to whole
period of 'o''^o1

p'^o210 included chicken + milk asthw'
'^o1x mg refers to meat. This best
example of o''3.

⑤ why are there no:

p'^o210 x/^o23 - some laws no basis in o''1x
such as readyf N'len and o^o210 75.
Main law not mentioned.

R. says no o''1x - that there was
simply p'^o210, or else the o''1x came
later (from Akiba n).

T. says that if the Mishnah describes the
mechanism of ~~the~~ 713n. This assumes (in
p'^o210 o^o210) that the o''1x already in
existence. The p'^o210 wrote the o''1x
earlier. Then the Tannaim derived further
from the p'^o210. These o''1x are
scattered all thru the Mishnah - no
way of determining which o''1x were from p'^o210.

p'^o210 created lot layer of law
this o''1x - then the p'^o210 interpreted
further.

① Task of p'^o210 to make 736 by their
p'^o210 which gave meaning to 713n.

② p'^o210 (portions) They set limit to a law.

Is 713n/s - like a law - how
square tradition with law? If we accept

"~~the~~ first simply said the God was ~~man~~. Rambam said God was ~~man~~.

~~I say~~ In Tefillin, first part is ~~sh'ma~~ (putting on heart) and second part is ~~otzera~~ (putting on arm & head). The ~~otzera~~ is due to a ~~sh'ma~~. Since there is no ~~otzera~~ for putting on heart then it is ~~sh'ma~~. [No ~~otzera~~ without a ~~sh'ma~~]

(Philo)^① Alexandria school explained laws as ~~sh'ma~~
1/23 Sadducees explained God - literally. ^{Don't take it} ②
1/0/20^③ Pharisees - ~~sh'ma~~

① ~~sh'ma~~ - law not to be taken seriously. Extreme allegorists believed necessary to perform ~~sh'ma~~.

③ ~~sh'ma~~ - hidden meaning - ~~sh'ma~~ + ~~otzera~~. accepted basic traditions.

~~Sh'ma~~ pre 15th C. God is a stone before the blind literally.

1/0/20^④ 8/3 extends the meaning, any kind of deceiving, etc.

Sadducee Baon (90) - Babylonian - first drew attention to God and ~~otzera~~. He gives 2 explanations:

- ① ~~sh'ma~~ / ~~otzera~~ - revealed | In regard to not eating
- ② ~~sh'ma~~ / ~~otzera~~ - hidden | ~~otzera~~ - ① is literal ② is not to be immoral.
1/0/20

(3)

need of book 15 - ① is literal

② refers to making war

Justification for this is:

1) so I will not prob posses

go in for circumlocutions & euphemisms when you have to.

2) if so is what you

2) so is posses

when there is a need you transfer meaning.

what is this need? logic - book 15 determines

if you can't accept in the book 15 - use the logic. Four rules for interpreting laws

① always God opposes the nation - literal
opposes physical sense, use book 15 - case:
'A is son also of his (she was mother.)'

② Contrary to logic - Misunderstanding case:
God called, fine

③ as one finds best - contradictory passages

④ Contradiction between Ps and 139 -

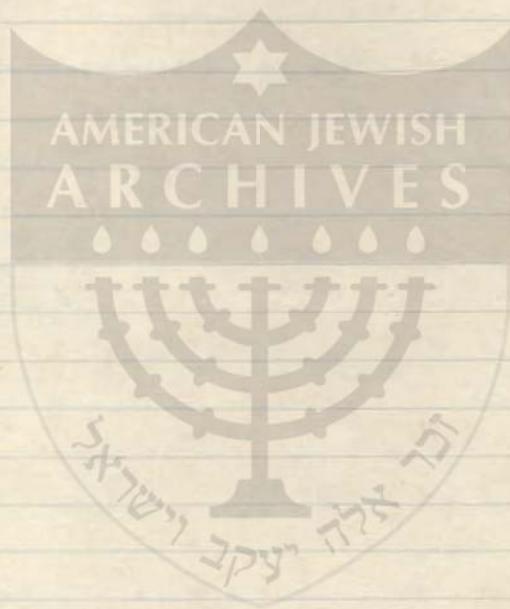
give up God and follow 139. Case's where give stripes as punishment - God says 40,
but really give 39.

T. says these rules arbitrary. It's Ezra
says use logic.

These rules are the p'so followed: three possible approaches

① as the NRSV - took me book - complete - no conflict.

- (meditation)
- ② 'Gənîj / גֶּנְיָה - legalistic logic - no mysticism.
 - ③ əʃəp - explain everything by tradition.



Laws from TraditionDivorce laws

- ① No exact law in § 723, simply incidental remark that if a woman marry a second husband she cannot return to first. This implies the existence of a custom of divorce. Customs preceded laws. Whole law is hence fragmentary. ② Laws of slaughter same way - slaughter the way I told you - where? must be referring to some customary traditional procedure. ③ Even some words themselves were not fully understood, but meaning depended on tradition. ④ In Mishpatim, where 7th free year is instituted, slavery is implicit. Also, implicit that master can give wife to slave if he desires. Torah based on previous custom. Law is crystallisation of custom פְּרוּר → פְּרִיל, infraction of which leads to social punishment. ⑤ In case of widow, childless, brothers-in-law had to marry her. Was custom for protection of שׁוֹנֵת. Gehulah, father-in-law of Tamar, had to marry her after refusing to allow his son to. Later Talmudic law forbade this. Oral law develops into written. Even in post-Talmudic period customs emerged and became law, but these really had their origin in Bible - such as שְׁבָד (freya), which was not a שְׁבָד in Temple days, but of later. Still שְׁבָד can be seen in Abraham's place, etc., and Bible cannot be seen without it. Thus even though liturgy was fully developed later, there is still a root early. Most of שְׁבָד was coordinated by שְׁלֵמָה רַבָּה בֶן עֲקֵב. Freyde on Monday and Thursday is from Mishnaic law.

many laws reflect the lives of the Patriarchs. Later laws were formed on the basis of the manner of life of the State. Mourning א שׁבַע is not mentioned in ב בְּרֵאשִׁית - neither is כ יְהֹוָה, whose basis is in the Midrash. Kaddish is simply a customary ד סָדָה, has nothing to do with פְּנֵי or פְּנֵי , has not even been assigned necessarily only to a פָּתָח (orphan). ז בְּשִׁירָה is a true prayer for dead and only פְּנֵי are supposed to say it. פְּנֵי קָדְשָׂה is also a custom.

In א שׁבַע, in ב בְּרֵאשִׁית is ב בְּרֵאשִׁית פְּנֵי - next parasha is ב בְּרֵאשִׁית, which contain old laws left over from lives of patriarchs, who lived according to them for a whole historical period of several hundred years. In regard to law of slavery there were two classes ב בְּרֵאשִׁית and ב בְּרֵאשִׁית - slave and hired worker. In dispute between Jacob and Laban latter had conception of ב בְּרֵאשִׁית, while Jacob thought he had only hired himself out for a certain time - ב בְּרֵאשִׁית. Jacob was correct, otherwise why would Laban in the beginning even have considered paying him a price (i.e. Rachel)? As a result of Jacob's experience with slavery - this law as with the conception of a man as a free individual was incorporated right at the beginning of ב בְּרֵאשִׁית. Next laws are limitation of father's right to sell daughter as slave - she must be taken by master as a wife, otherwise father cannot ~~say~~ sell her. If master or his son refuse to take her as wife, she goes free.

All laws of ב בְּרֵאשִׁית are of a nomadic people, not agricultural laws.

Laws of Shabbat divided into three parts - one concerned nomadic life, hunting, etc.; one agricultural; one concerning building and city life. There are 39 (כ ס) laws, or categories of laws, called א שׁבַע State. On the Shabbat a man stops the work he has been doing the other six days. Thus a section of nomadic laws for the Shabbat indicates a nomadic life for the rest of the week. Thus the three divisions indicate a development in the life of the Jews from nomadic to city dwellers. But laws concerning commerce ב בְּרֵאשִׁית, were not included because this came later, only when nation had developed to commercial point of development.

Tchernowitz

Oct. 3-

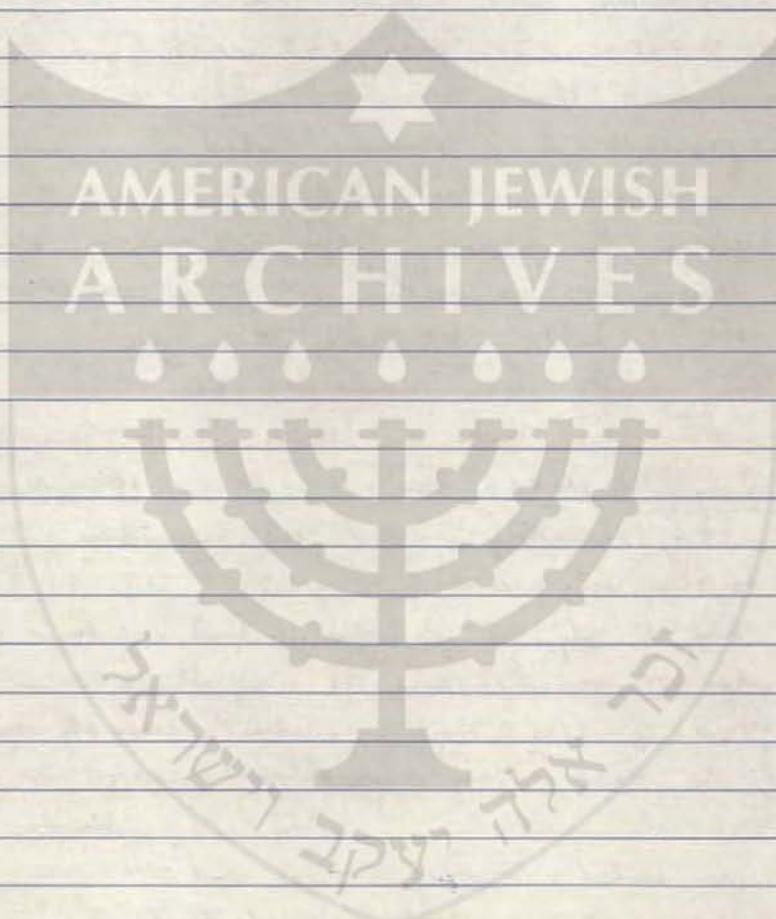
Talmudic tradition began with Ezra and 25/3rd 100's 'esk. Starts with Torah being handed down from Moses to Joshua to the p'sukim (who were the p'gole), then to the Prophets, then to the 'esk. Each one of the p'gole was considered one of the p'sukim according to tradition. Whole Torah was transmitted intact - Maimonides tells that Moses came down from Sinai and told people to make Ark, and further gave instructions from Halachah as if these instructions were already known to everyone. If we refuse to accept this tradition - i.e. that p'suk existed in a written form - at least we can concede that there were p'sukim - this is possible.

In some periods, such as Hasmonean where 2-3 generations don't practice them certain p'sukim are lost, and when recovered later, there will be different interpretations for performing them. Tradition always went with scholarship. Dawson was no scholar, but he is considered a Sage because he performed the p'sukim like every other Jew.

Rambam said from Moses to last prophet was 40 generations. But then question was - who are 'esk? The time of 'esk is app. 538 while time of p'sukim / Ezra was 333 (time of Alexander). How to reconcile? In p'sukim (chronology) worked out by rabbis, this gap of 200 years is explained as being only period of 34 years. \rightarrow 333 - 302 = 31 years
If only 34, then it's only one generation. But we know that from Ezra to Alexander was 200 years. Thus the men in between might have been 'esk.

In time of Ezra there was Great Assembly and they passed resolution to abide by the laws. They passed the 25/3rd 21st. In addition they passed out several particular p'sukim; Shabbat, intermarriage, etc. etc. This is called the 25/3rd 202, and the men who signed the 21st were called 'esk 'esk, there were about 85 names. But the traditional number of the 'esk was 120. Also there says nothing of later activity of the 'esk, so the 200 years are still not explained. (As for placing 3rd / Ezra at the time of Alexander, Josephus also mentions him, but this question is also open.) We must assume that this 'esk met on that Great Day and then continued to sit in session - and we must stretch the period of its activities. Also during this period the number may have increased from the original 85 (found in Nehemiah) to traditional number of 120. Certainly is no trouble explaining if we accept 31 as length of time between 25/3rd 202 and 3rd / Ezra, but this is historically not true. We must consider that it was an assembly which sat as a Parliament for the next 200 years.

The term ~~10/2~~ couldn't apply to one isolated assembly which met once & never again. ~~10/2~~ suggests permanent assembly - never find it as term for one meeting. Moreover, if you have term ~~10/3~~ ^{10/2} has, you imply that there was also a ~~10/2~~ ^{10/3}, which means that the ~~10/3~~ would not meet only once, if there were smaller ones.



The word *סְבִבָּה* could not be applied to that particular assembly, some historians say. Also in the *Mishnah* there is no mention of the *סְבִבָּה* itself. nor is mention made in any other historians of the *סְבִבָּה*, such as Philo, Josephus. This tends to disprove theory that the institution of the *סְבִבָּה* existed as a permanent authority. There is thus a conflict between *Mishnah* וְלֹא *p'sekh* and *Mishnah* סְבָבָה, because the former mentions it and the latter doesn't. Strongest of all these above arguments is one that Josephus doesn't mention *סְבִבָּה*. But Josephus has been known to leave out other things. Also he doesn't even mention the *me'asefim* which undoubtedly met in *Ezra*. This is true history which he should have mentioned even as a single event. Only explanation is that Josephus left out purely religious matters. He must have known about it, and left it out deliberately, because he had no interest in religious matters - He wrote for the Romans. He left out whole Persian period of 200 years, as a matter of fact. Later he mentions a *Beruziah*, a certain meeting house, like a *Sanhedrin*, which he mentions only once as existing in time of *Antiochus*, but this was not *סְבִבָּה*.

Reason why *Mishnah* סְבָבָה did not mention *סְבִבָּה* is because in that we he doesn't trace the whole *p'sekh* from Moses down - he leaves out *p'sekh* etc., who are mentioned in *Mishnah* - simply states that *Halachah* was received.

The word *סְבִבָּה* does not ^{necessarily} imply exactly a religious assembly, more like a community center. Really means assembly-house for any Jewish purpose. סְבָבָה is synonymous a better yet *p'sekh* 1:2.

Some people try to identify *סְבִבָּה* place with Simon the Hasmonian, in Macabean days, and say that *סְבִבָּה* existed in those days. Simon was one of continual features of *p'sekh* and *Shabbat* 1:2 - and some say there were 2 *sokh* under his authority. But this theory not very good. Moreover the *Shabbat* 1:21 dated the Hasmonian - so how could they call him *p'sekh*?

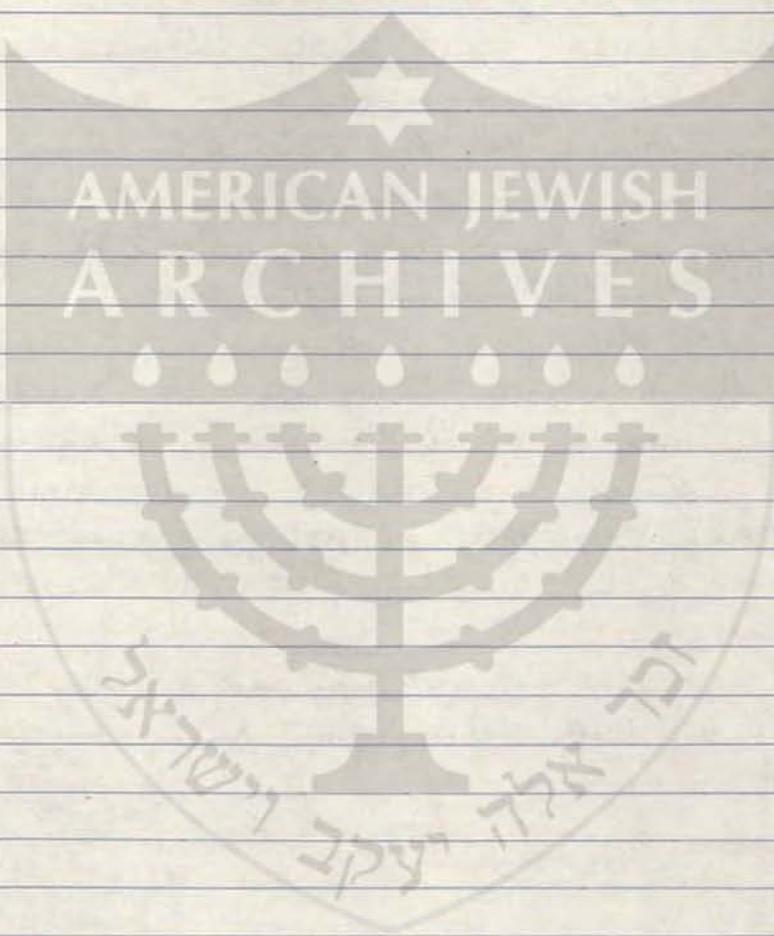
Reb Nachman Krochmal's theory Best conclusion:

There was a certain assembly at the time of *Ezra* and Nehemiah. And there was a *p'sekh* at the end. There are 200 years in between. It is only logical to assume that this *סְבִבָּה* met during this time whenever there was a necessity in Jewish life. No reason to believe they did not meet occasionally. Authority came from *Ezra* or Nehemiah, who got their authority from their spiritual and moral strength. Also some say that there must have been a *sokh*, if there was a *Shabbat*,

*Gefen's
theory*

Tchernowitz accepts this.

but this not necessarily true. The size may have referred to
the length of time it sat.



how as permanent institution was a Parliament. Who elected its members? Who gave authority? Etc.

At that time there were two other institutions - פְּסָדִים and שְׁנָנִים 'eile - whose authenticity cannot be denied. The latter were called נְזֵבָנִים / בְּשָׂרֶב, who were sent to the temple to perform מִזְבֵּחַ. How was this? They were not פְּסָדִים. The Talmud explains it as זְבַבְנִים, extraordinary case with no explanation, an exception. Involve a temporary suspension of the law. Thus the שְׁנָנִים 'eile, as laymen, as men standing-by, were elected by local organization as representatives to the Temple to offer מִזְבֵּחַ. There were ~~two~~ ~~two~~ נְזֵבָנִים 3rd, twenty-four shifts each of which had a certain week (i.e. a week in year) during which they worked. The levites were also divided, and the Israelites too had their shifts. Each shift had at least 5 men and performed the temple service, פְּסָדִים, etc. These שְׁנָנִים 'eile had parallel functions with the פְּסָדִים, less מִזְבֵּחַ and more פְּסָדִים, however. These men, as the representatives of שְׂדֵךְ 'eile at the כֹּסֶף 'eile, may be identified with the שְׁלֵמִים נְזֵבָנִים 'eile, since they were the best-educated, noblest men of the society. Thus 5 men-men to shift x 24 shifts = 120.

{ שְׁנָנִים 'eile were representative of שְׂדֵךְ 'eile for the purpose of 13th פְּנוּאֵל or the 3rd פְּנִים. They were legal fiction - since impossible for each man to stand by. These 'eile represented.

The שְׁנָנִים 'eile wanted to be more than representatives for מִזְבֵּחַ - as probably assumed typical function of a שְׁלֵמִים נְזֵבָנִים 'eile. The מִזְבֵּחַ was probably an excuse in the beginning for the laymen to be represented at the temple, then they gradually accrued to solve regular parliamentary functions.

Besides the *soferet* *ekh*, there was a group known as *p'salto*, who were the bearers of tradition - the link between the *soferet* *ekh* and the *shas* *soferet*. They had the authority to interpret the law.

In times of the *pk'dos* *rid*, the *'ad* (who had the authority to teach the law, even more than the *p'ijo*). In Chronicles 2, 18, there were 2 *p'ijo* and 9 *p'sal* sent out to teach. In times of Ezra the *p'sal* read the Torah, were sometimes called *p'jatot* (interpreters), or *sofot* / *zotot* *ekh*, (scholar). Sometimes the words *p'salto* and *p'k'dos* were used interchangeably. The Targum translates it thus. The *'ad* as *p'sal* is also a *sofo*. This is the function of the *sofo* - Ezra himself had that name.

Development of sofo *sofo* means literally + originally "scribe". In *pk'dos*, *sofo* has become a state functionary *pk'dos sofo*, who was important official. Later and came to mean writer, a "scholar", or "man of letters".

In the average, the *sofo* is a scholar, who gradually assumes power in interpreting law until he makes laws. In Targum, a *sofo* is called *p'k'dos* (law-giver) which is very significant.

Ben Sira calls a *sofo* a *sofei e'kh* - head of a Yeshiva.

In physical sense of being scribe, the *p'salto* were:

soferet al'ahot & *p'salto* *l'she*

In higher sense, The *p'salto* started making collections of *st'otot*, and making general laws. *Nislaot Nislaot* *soferet* *l'she* - they classified the oral law. They had same power as *p'k'dos*.

Summation The *sofo* as epitomized by Ezra, who was scholar and at same time interpreter and promulgator of law, is what is understood by the general term *p'salto* when used in the Talmud.

Functions: ① how to write Torah ② interpret ③ promulgate.

p'salto took over functions of *p'k'dos*. Became teachers by virtue of being interpreters.

Tchermonovite

Dec. 11

In the Torah there are many superfluities, repetitions, etc. which are valid in poetry, but in a law book every article is important. Take case of פָּתַח and פָּתָח . If the style is to write פָּתַח , then the וְ must be included all the time, if style is פָּתָח it must be left out all the time. But when there's a mixture, it's very difficult. In the Torah it's found 36 times with וְ and 3 times without. What goes? The ^{context} meaning sometimes calls for different meaning than is written.

These changes were made so that there could be a סִינְגָּר for the מִשְׁנָה . The ~~word~~ This means that they were trying to find a מִשְׁנָה for a כְּזָבֵד which already existed, i.e. trying to make laws to fit already-existent מִשְׁנָה . But this means that every מִשְׁנָה has a basic מִשְׁנָה in the מִשְׁנָה - which is not true. Many מִשְׁנָה s are not connected with the מִשְׁנָה at all. Much the better explanation is probably the reverse, i.e. that אֶלְעָזָר were made to conform with מִשְׁנָה - i.e. the מִשְׁנָה s came first and then the מִשְׁנָה s found פְּתַח s to support them.

אֶלְעָזָר is written about 100 places and must be read אֶלְעָזָר . Only in 11 places is it found ^{written} אֶלְעָזָר . This is honey - it's trying to אֶלְעָזָר put the כְּזָבֵד first.

Tcher. believes that these פְּתַח s are to be attributed to the בְּרוּךְ because they found them in the various אֶלְעָזָר which already existed at their time and they didn't wish to change them. The אֶלְעָזָר s were very old, but the בְּרוּךְ without changing them wanted to make a סִינְגָּר and a כְּזָבֵד , as they find a בְּרוּךְ to support the מִשְׁנָה .

The כְּזָבֵד was the instrument to try to connect the סִינְגָּר with the ~~other~~ מִשְׁנָה s.

Exact reading for the Massoreh was job of the פָּסָטִו - called פָּסָטִו אַבְּרָ .
 פָּסָטִו שְׁלֵמָה is the beautifying of the style, elimination of vulgar, non-literary expressions. L.b. change אֲשֶׁר to אֲשֶׁר (or means to have intercourse, other means to lie with - latter is more literary.) פָּסָטִו שְׁלֵמָה is euphemism. אֲשֶׁר is poetic expression = פָּסָטִו שְׁלֵמָה (written by Moses)

Despite of fact that אֲשֶׁר is divine inspired (except for last few פָּסָטִו written by Joshua, according to Rambam, which פָּסָטִו are allowed to be read by a single man, not in שְׁלֹשָׁ , as it is written - לְאַחֲרֵי בְּשָׂרָ אֲשֶׁר בְּשָׂרָ בְּשָׂרָ בְּשָׂרָ -) the פָּסָטִו still had the right to change certain words (difference between אֲשֶׁר & אֲשֶׁר). This technical job of editing the text was main technical job of the פָּסָטִו .

In the matter of אֲשֶׁר & אֲשֶׁר , they left the text written as they found it, simply indicating in the margin the way it should be read - but in the matter of beautifying the style, they actually changed the אֲשֶׁר of many words.

The main bulk of work of the פָּסָטִו was their very collection of the books of the Torah. The authority which they gave to the books ~~and~~ they included in the canon was their main contribution. They selected and edited which books were to be included, and the many of those which they didn't accept were lost. They decided who was a זָקֵן and who was a אַלְמָנָה , as best they could, by verifying after the event, and eliminating the words of the זָקֵן .

Tchenovitz

Jan. 15

פָּסָל were interpreters of the תורה, and their interpretation became שׁוֹבֵת. What was their method of interpretation? This involves understanding of term פָּסָל כְּפָר - This has two meanings: פָּסָל and וְלֹא (contents, editing?) Good example of פָּסָל is the interpretation that chicken also cannot be eaten with milk, altho' Torah says וְלֹא דָבָר in milk of its mother. Chicken has no milk. But פָּסָל widened scope of Torah to include chicken. This is swell example of meaning of פָּסָל.



Talmudic

Jan. 22

פָּסָתוֹןְדָּבָר has two meanings: in time, applies to men between Ezra and the Nesi'im, and also applies to whole ^{era} before Ezra; and in meaning, applies to words of Torah, and also to the ^{period} which they added. Thus two meanings in two contexts.

Kraemer says:

Why don't we have פָּסָתוֹןְדָּבָר? Because the פָּסָתוֹ did not create נִזְבָּד in the sense that the later rabbis created נִזְבָּד. The פָּסָתוֹ only revised נִזְבָּד, to strengthen & enforce the law, was really only a כ'ו. The reason was that the פָּסָתוֹ concentrated all their activities on פְּרָשָׁת, they only interpreted and explained the Torah. But from the point of view that their interpretation gave rise to פְּרָשָׁת, they were creating נִזְבָּד, as Kraemer is not entirely right. Old question of which came first, נִזְבָּד or נִזְבָּד.

a. Reading of Krishna is based on phrase פָּסָתוֹןְדָּבָר, but this phrase can be applied to lots of things, not only Krishna. Perhaps the Krishna was read first and then applied to that particular phrase. Krishna is a נִזְבָּד of the פָּסָתוֹ, this we know, but there is no נִזְבָּד. This seems strange, and there are other נִזְבָּד ^{not} based on any פָּסָתוֹ. e.g. נִזְבָּד and פְּשָׁנָה - there is no נִזְבָּד, it is not mentioned in the פְּשָׁנָה. Thus, it is not that these נִזְבָּד didn't exist, as Kraemer says, but that was their method, to discuss the technique of a particular נִזְבָּד, thus implying that the נִזְבָּד exists, even without being expressly stated. There are other suggestions, perhaps there were older נִזְבָּד or that were lost, but this is not historical. Conclusion is that the פָּסָתוֹ did

create נִזְבָּד, because the פְּשָׁנָה took the פָּסָתוֹןְדָּבָר on the same basis as the נִזְבָּד and made the נִזְבָּד on the basis of both of these. They discussed and described the various נִזְבָּד, implying that they already existed either as נִזְבָּד or as נִזְבָּד.

Thus the words really exist but are scattered throughout the book. And this means the proto established great many NsNs.

Question is, how to find which of the NsNs can be traced back to 0³, since they are scattered throughout 20⁴. Not known which 20⁴ is old and which young.

Krehmel says maybe the proto left few words or hints or proto, which the Taanum later expounded. Perhaps language was not sufficiently developed in time of proto to make detailed NsNs. All they made were proto, which might have contained couple of words which served as hint for later NsNs. However, this doesn't hold, because style + language of 18³⁷, who is contemporary of proto, was just like 20⁴ - therefore proto would have written thus too.

This is Tchernowitz - determined - and one of these is proto help. This is as opposed to Krehmel for we can determine whether the proto created any NsNs or not.

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Main task of פְּנִזְׁזָה was to set a גֶּזֶת by their פְּנִזְׁזָה. How did they make פְּנִזְׁזָה? In what way can you connect the פְּנִזְׁזָה with the פְּנִזְׁזָה (i.e. the tradition with the words)? If you go after the גֶּזֶת, then פְּנִזְׁזָה is פְּנִזְׁזָה - but the פְּנִזְׁזָה changed the law to גֶּזֶת. However they couldn't change the Torah, so they changed their conscience, and sincerely believed that the Torah meant גֶּזֶת. If you could detach the two, then there's no trouble - i.e. if you have separate traditions and separate פְּנִזְׁזָה - but they're linked.

All פְּנִזְׁזָה based on גֶּזֶת and גֶּזֶת. The פְּנִזְׁזָה were first interpreters - they penetrated to find out what גֶּזֶת had in mind. The main difficulty was - could גֶּזֶת be interpreted by כְּדֵין or by סְנַת - or ^{as} compromise? Also there were גֶּזֶת סְנַת (metaphor) somewhat like a סְנַת. (גֶּזֶת סְנַת used in contrast with term בְּנֵי נֵה). Take expression פְּנִזְׁזָה to אֲלֹקִים וְאֲלֹקָת - if they took in literal sense they would have found a method to put words on heart, as they could have taken it literally if they wanted to - but they said this first part was a גֶּזֶת סְנַת, and the second part, re binding them on their forehead, etc. was בְּנֵי נֵה, and referred to the פְּנִזְׁזָה. Why? Probably because there was already a tradition for which they were trying to find a good פְּנִזְׁזָה.

But supposing there was no tradition which they could attach to a גֶּזֶת? Then they interpreted according to our ideas. They didn't have consistent method of interpretation. Sometimes they were all פְּנִזְׁזָה sometimes all גֶּזֶת - in case of פְּנִזְׁזָה they destroyed the גֶּזֶת completely. In case of גֶּזֶת סְנַת calls for פְּנִזְׁזָה - but they decided גֶּזֶת, because they wanted the פְּנִזְׁזָה to be a masterpiece.

So sometimes they stuck close to the גֶּזֶת - sometimes gave widest גֶּזֶת interpretation.

Customs about 22/6.

Every Jew supposed to write Torah for self. But this is expensive, so you fill in hollow letter & pay for it either at beginning or end.

Selling Torah.

For sake of study, or raising money for marriage, or ransoming political prisoners.

Parchment

Skin of kosher animal (even though not actually killed) - must be treated with certain chemicals. Then known as 'Silc'. Other words are 'Pfz' + 'Oleole 213'. 17 inches (216) in width, each line 30 letters, each 2'6". (width of standard sheet of parchment) contains 3-8 columns (3/16).

Writing

Must copy from 22/6 in front of him, and write as clearly that a child can read it. Custom for child to be called up even at public reading to check on Hebrew letters. No hyphenating, so certain letters can be stretched or narrowed to fill out line - stretch 177 213, but careful in narrowing 22.

In case of ink-split, entire word must be erased & re-written. Fancy decorations over seven letters: 2c 31686. Must take 214 before writing 213. Divisions 20/10 and 20/10, former leaves space of 7 letters and continues on next line, while latter leaves space of 9 letters but continues on same line. Every 3168 they try to start with a var