

Three World Views of the First Century

	Roman	Greek	Hebrew
Type of Society	Pragmatic	Contemplative	Personal
Metaphor	Control/TV Remote	Entertainment / Escape	Communion (“table” as point of focus)
Thinking	Concrete	Abstract	Story
Emphasis	Authority	Beauty, truth	Covenant, belonging, wisdom
Love	Is a choice	Is a feeling	is a shared life, covenant, mutuality
Law	System for control	Universal principles	Covenant relationship
God	Law-giver who inspires fear	Truth-giver who shapes minds	Covenanting God of promise and presence
Sin	Breaking the Law	Choosing the physical over the spiritual	Loss or injury of relationship; not knowing

(Note: These categories describe strong *tendencies* and are *not* totally exclusive.)

Additional Details:

Roman/Pragmatic: Reason and logic over the ideological or theoretical

Greek/Contemplative: Thinking deeply, looking carefully; pensive, meditatively

Hebrew/Personal: Relating to “the person,” individual and community

Greek - Exclusivity: There is one right answer, all the others are wrong. Yes and No

Hebrew - Inclusivity: There can be many right answers - Yes and Yes

Greek - The authority has the power in submission relationships

Hebrew - The submitter has power in submission relationships

Greek - Read left to right

Hebrew - Read right to left

Some thoughts:

Yeshua came to Jerusalem, where West and East meet.

Yeshua came to Jerusalem, where Heaven and Earth meet.

The Jewish people are the chosen people – but chosen for a purpose.

Hebrew from the Bottom up, Greek from the Top Down

Consider the difference of thinking like that between Male and Female

Jews are both hated and beloved