



What is this TXT Fondue program about?

It often happens that at some point in his life, an adopted child desires to meet his or her biological family. Similarly, in this program we want to go look for our roots. King Jesus points us to the Law and the Prophets, and that is what we want to explore with one another. In the Old Testament, we get to know God as Creator, Leader and Judge; the New Testament also makes Him known as God the Father. This program is about the Old Testament, and because we do not yet know Him as God the Father there, we instead will speak of God Adonai this time.

How is a TXT Fondue played?

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

Not the answer but the process

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go in-depth can do so afterwards.

Referee

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

Feedback

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through HuisfeestNetwork.org! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork.

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What is the House Feast Network?

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

Networking

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork. Elders can exchange their experiences at facebook.com/groups/Oudsten.

Share impressions

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

What is the Learnhouse?

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the second fundament: baptism.

We recommend you to read the book of Deuteronomy while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

Previous program:
2.05 Trinity

This program:
2.06 Old Testament

Next program:
2.07 Idols

For an overview of all programs, see the [Learnhouse](#).

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1a. According to rabbinical tradition, Adam recorded the most important events from his life onto stone tablets. He passed these on to his oldest son, who wrote down his own history on these stone tablets, and then passed them on again to his oldest son to further add to them.

Moses also added the words that he had received from God Adonai. The stone tablets were laid in the ark and above all had to be guarded and maintained by the people of Israel. These became the first five books of the Old Testament.

Up until today, the Jews have been very dedicated in guarding and maintaining the Word of God Adonai. Name an example that shows that they take their responsibility towards the Law very seriously.

(answer) Possible answers include:

- Being allowed to carry the scrolls is considered a great honor.
- While reading, the scroll is not touched. They instead use a pointer called a "yad".
- When the Germans broke into the synagogues to destroy them, Jews have guarded these scrolls with their lives, and many have died doing so.
- Every year, following the Feast of Tabernacles, a special celebration around the Word is held, named "Simchat Torah" or "Rejoicing of the Torah".

2a. In many schools and children's Bibles, only about 50 stories from the Bible are told. This means the children become familiar with those stories, but not with the rest of the Bible.

Deuteronomy 31:10–11 says that one should hear or read the entire Law (the first five Bible books) at least once every seven years. Why is it necessary for you to hear or read the Law again every seventh year of your life?

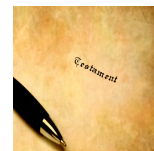
(answer) The Word of God Adonai does not change, but your comprehension does. Every seven year, you are in a different phase of your life, and you approach what it says in a different way.

(comment) *Deuteronomy 31:10–11 says: "Then Moses commanded them: 'At the end of every seven years, (...) you shall read this law before them in their hearing.'"*

3a. In Medieval times, the Catholic church offered believers the possibility to redeem their own salvation and that of their families by buying so-called "indulgences". The incomes were used to build churches, cathedrals and the St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

Martin Luther brought to light that you are not saved by making payments, but by grace. This started the Reformation. What did the Reformation ultimately boil down to?

(answer) Back to the Word, the Bible.



4a. The Old Testament was written in a time when the culture was vastly different from our culture today. Every Bible passage always includes two basic truths:

1. The spiritual principle of God Adonai, which we must discover in the text.

2. The cultural setting; the world, language, art, customs, etc., as it was then.

Name an example of a spiritual principle and an example of the cultural setting for the exodus from Egypt.

(answer) There are several possible answers, such as:

Spiritual principles:

- God Adonai does not want His children to be slaves.
- God Adonai is faithful to His people.
- God Adonai frees from slavery.

Cultural settings:

- You really have to leave the country, and go to the right destination.
- You need to start doing different work.
- God Adonai leads you out so much, that you can never go back.

5a. Evil powers keep on trying to disrupt our budding faith with lies. Take Luther, for example. He starts a good work, but then he strands on the "Easter Lamb" (German: "Osterlamm") and the people of Israel when translating the Bible into German.

Where the source text speaks of the Pesach lamb, Luther preferred to use the name of the idol Ēostre instead, rather than the German word "Pessach", because in his eyes that was "Jewish" and that made it wrong. Also on other places in Luther's German translation of the Bible and in his book "On the Jews and their Lies", it becomes clear that Luther opposes the Jewish people, which made him culturally biased in his translation work.

What is wrong with the word "Easter Lamb" ("Osterlamm")?

(answer) "Easter" is the name of a fertility goddess, and you may not speak names of idols.

(comment) Exodus 23:13 explicitly forbids naming names of idols. In the synagogue, the name of an idol may only be spoken for the sake of education.



6a. Thousand years after the covenant with Noah, God Adonai gave His people a really detailed sets of laws (the Torah), to explain to them to the smallest detail how they can live healthy and happily. This was the covenant of Moses. How many laws did God Adonai give to His people?

Choose from:

- a. 6.
- b. 61.
- c. 613.
- d. 6138.

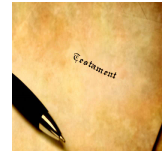
(answer) The correct answer is: "c. 613."

(comment) According to the rabbis, this is also the exact same number as the amount of muscles and limbs a human body has, and pomegranates also have exactly this many seeds in them.

7a. God Adonai makes Himself known in three ways: as He with whom you may come to rest; as the salvation that you may receive through King Jesus, and as the working of the Holy Spirit. Indicate for each of the three sections of the tabernacle, in which of these ways, God Adonai makes Himself known there.

(answer) The other team must name all three points:

1. In the "Courtyard", you learn how salvation works (King Jesus).
2. In the "Holy Place", you learn how the Holy Spirit works.
3. In the "Holy of Holies", you learn to come to rest with God Adonai.



8a. Every TXT Fondue always revolves around the accomplished work of King Jesus, through which we have been redeemed. Which object from the tabernacle points to this?

(answer) The altar of sacrifice.

9a. What is wrong with the statement: "We do not live under the Law, but by grace"?

(answer) We have to keep the Law (Old and New Testament). If we fail to do so, then the Law judges us, and we need grace to be freed from our sin.

(comment) King Jesus says in Matthew 5:17: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."



10a. The Old Testament is also called "the Law, the Prophets, and the Writings". Here, the books that fall under "the Prophets" have the controlling role to tell the people how the Laws should be applied in their lives. These Prophets have also always helped the people of Israel to correctly apply the Law.

However, Prophets did more than controlling alone; they also pointed ahead to the future. King Jesus' entire life was foretold by the prophets. This is why King Jesus said at the start of His ministry: "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21b). What did King Jesus do with the Law and the Prophets? Choose from:

- a. He abolished them.
- b. He continued with them.
- c. He changed them.
- d. He continued with them and upgraded them.

(answer) The correct answer is: "d. He continued with them and upgraded them."



11a. Where do the followers of King Jesus who are true to the Bible, belong to? Choose from:

- a. The Levites.
- b. (The club of) David's tabernacle.
- c. Both of them.
- d. Neither of both.

(answer) The correct answer is: "b. (The club of) David's tabernacle."

(comment) In Acts 15:16-18 and 15:21, James provides the context.

12a. Whom of the most important people from the Old Testament is associated with this description:

1. Through whom did the purpose of humanity come?
2. Through whom did the salvation of humanity come?
3. Through whom did the chosen people of Israel come?
4. Through whom did the laws to live right come?
5. Through whom did the people return to the laws of God Adonai in a prophetic way?

(answer)

1. Adam/Eve.
2. Noah.
3. Abraham.
4. Moses.
5. Elijah.



1b. In the Old Testament, we find very detailed rules about how to deal with God Adonai, with each other, with nature, and with yourself. In the Bible book of Deuteronomy, God Adonai among others provides a law about nature preservation. What must be protected? Choose from:

- a. Fruit trees.**
- b. Stalactite caves.**
- c. Waterfalls.**
- d. Bee swarms.**

(answer) The correct answer is: "a. Fruit trees."

(comment) *Deuteronomy 20:19* says: "When you lay siege to a city for a long time, fighting against it to capture it, do not destroy its trees by putting an ax to them, because you can eat their fruit. Do not cut them down. Are the trees people, that you should besiege them?"

2b. Around 400 after Christ, the pope commissioned the Bible to be translated into Vulgar Latin, the type of Latin spoken by the common man. This translation is called the Vulgate. Although from the year 900 onwards the Latin language slowly disappeared, the Catholic church continued using this translation. This is how it could happen that in Medieval times, the common man did not understand a word of the Bible, and this is why the Catholic church could basically deceive everyone.

Martin Luther discovered major flaws and felt compelled to translate the Bible into German. For what purpose did he do this?

(answer) So that everyone can read for themselves, and shape their faith in this way.

3b. The Jews have meticulously guarded every period and comma in the Bible. The Old Testament has been written by various writers in Hebrew. When translating this text, we sometimes encounter complicated cases, for example that in the culture you are translating for, there isn't a known word that resembles a word from the source text. For example, on the North Pole, people have not seen a sheep or lamb before.

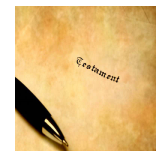
Imagine that you are a Bible translator, and in your translation for the inhabitants of the North Pole, you need to make clear what "the Lamb who was slain for us" means. The team answering this question describes this in a way that is understandable for inhabitants of the North Pole, without distorting the truth or making it unbiblical.

(answer) The team asking the question decides if the other team has answered the question correctly.

(comment) *Possible answers include a baby seal, a sled dog puppy or a young white dolphin. The Wycliffe Bible translators made use of "a baby seal".*

4b. Choose a different story from the Old Testament, and explain which spiritual principle and which cultural setting applies to it.

(answer) The team asking the question decides, if the other time gave a good example.



5b. Revelation 12:13–17 describes what the battle in the end time will be like:

When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child.

The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent's reach.

Then from his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river, to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent. But the earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.

The dragon is an image of the antichrist and his army forces, that hunt the woman. What are the two characteristics of the offspring of the woman, who are chased by the dragon of the antichrist?

(answer) The other team must name both points:

1. They keep the commandments of God Adonai.
2. They have (hold fast) the testimony about King Jesus.

(comment) A group coming forth from the Jews and the believers who are true to the Bible, both keeps the commandments and has the testimony. Here, the commandments stand for the Old Testament and the testimony stands for the New Testament. They are the image of the woman.

6b. One of the clearest ways in which God Adonai makes Himself known, is through the tabernacle. He has organized this tent in such a way, that you can get to know Him much better from its arrangement. Other important images from the Old Testament that allow you to get to know God Adonai better, are Noah's ark, David's tabernacle, and the first temple. You see that whenever God Adonai is among His people, he mainly camps, either in a camping setting, in a boat, or in a tent.

The tabernacle has been divided into three sections: the "Courtyard", the "Holy Place", and the "Holy of Holies". Describe each of these sections.

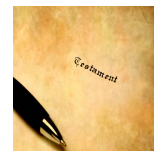
(answer) The other team must name all three points:

1. The "Courtyard" has a canvas fence and it has two objects: the altar of sacrifice and the bronze laver.
2. The "Holy Place" stands inside the "court yard" and is a tent with three objects in it: a lampstand, a table with showbread, and the altar of incense.
3. The "Holy of Holies" is the inmost part, that is separated from the "Holy Place" with a thick curtain, and contains one object: the Ark of the Covenant. This room is not lit.

7b. For which two reasons did God Adonai give us images such as the tabernacle?

(answer) The other team must name both points:

1. So that we understand Him.
2. So that we know, how we should live with Him.



8b. About 450 years after God Adonai gave the Law (the covenant with Moses), He made a special covenant with King David, who came from the tribe of Judah. Through this covenant, David received an exceptional status. He was called a friend of God Adonai.

The Levites, who came from the tribe of Levi, kept the covenant of Moses in the time of David, but David had set up a tent for God Adonai of his own, where he installed priests who would worship God Adonai. It is known as "David's tabernacle". What was King Jesus part of? Choose from:

- The Levites.
- (The club of) David's tabernacle.
- Both of them.
- Neither of both.

(answer) The correct answer is: "b. (The club of) David's tabernacle."

(comment) We will go more in-depth on this in TXT Fondue 6.05 "David's tabernacle".

9b. All the laws that God Adonai gives us, are in the Bible. Some laws have been upgraded by Him over time, which has given them their full meaning. In that case, these laws are then also included in the Bible; some in the Old Testament, others in the New Testament. John wrote the last words in the Bible book Revelation, after which no further changes were allowed.

Name two examples of an "upgraded law" in the Bible. Be aware that this later version also has to be recorded in the Bible.

(answer) There are several possible answers. The upgrades from the Sermon on the Mount are the most well-known ones. Examples of upgraded laws are among others:

- "No cursing" becomes "No name-calling" (Matthew 5:22b).
- "No adultery" becomes "No coveting" (Matthew 5:27-30).
- "Eye for eye and tooth for tooth" becomes "Turn the other cheek" (Matthew 5:38-39).
- Circumcision of the heart (Jeremiah 4:4; Romans 2:29)

10b. Converted heathens keep the upgraded laws that King Jesus has given. In addition, the converted heathens are instructed in Acts 15:19-21 to keep the following rules:

[James said:] "It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood. For the law of Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath."

These rules are obviously different than the Law from the covenant with Moses. In what way do the followers of King Jesus who are true to the Bible relate to the Law?

(answer) The Law from the covenant with Moses is included or upgraded in the laws of King Jesus. So you actually do keep them.

(comment) The rules from the covenant of Moses are easier to keep than the upgraded laws of King Jesus. For example, according to the covenant of Moses, you should be giving tithes; King Jesus asks for 100%. In that case, tithes are automatically included.



11b. Someone from the team asking the question reads the 10 commandments from Exodus 20:2–17. The other team says for each commandment whether it has remained “unchanged” or if it has been “upgraded”.

- 1. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.**
- 2. You shall have no other gods before me.**
- 3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**
- 4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**
- 5. Honor your father and your mother.**
- 6. You shall not murder.**
- 7. You shall not commit adultery.**
- 8. You shall not steal.**
- 9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**
- 10. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

(answer)

- 1–3: Unchanged.
- 4: Upgraded: for us, the Sabbath commandment applies to every day.
- 5–10: Unchanged.

(comment) Hebrews 4:1–13 explains that the Sabbath commandment has been upgraded for us.

12b. Because we have become one with King Jesus, we also have become one with His people. Because of this, the covenants with Moses, David and King Jesus are the most important ones for the converted heathens. Indicate what the covenants with Moses, King David and King Jesus are about.

(answer)

- The covenant with Mozes is about the Law.
- The covenant with King David is about a love relationship.
- The covenant with King Jesus is about a complete life as follower of Him.