#### It Is Written

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Many times we are told that by our Rabbanite brothers that the Oral Torah was given in addition to the Written Torah. If this is so then shouldn't there be a reference to an oral torah in the Torah, Joshua, or any of the prophets. So what we are going to do it start down and look for what does the Tanakh say was given to Moshe.

First let look at the word for Written in the Tanakh.

Katav (Kaf-Tav-Bet) which is found in the NEHC as reference number 3789 on page 621-623. In the BDB it is found on page 507. It is a verb and generally means to write.

Mikh'tav (Mem-Kaf-Tav-Bet) which is found in the NEHC as reference number 4385 on page 701. In the BDB on page 508. The prefix being Mem it makes it a masculine noun and denotes it as "From writing"

KaKatav (Kaf-Kaf-Tav-Bet) is the same reference as 3789 as a verb but as a prefix it would denote "As or Like" thus the term in Enlgish "As it is written" would be "As written" or "Like Written".

Yikh'tav (Yod-Kaf-Tav-Bet) is the same as reference 3789 but as a prefix it takes on the third person directing to an action.

Lets look specifically at some reference to this.

### Shemot/Exodus 24:3-4 (Tanakh/BHS)

3 Moses went and repeated to the people all the commands of YHWH and all the rules; and all the people answered with one voice, saying, "All the things that YHWH has commanded we will do!" 4 Moses then **wrote** down all the commands of YHWH. Early in the morning, he set up an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel.

⁴וַיִּ**כְתֹּב** מֹשֶׁה אֵת כְּלֹ־דִּבְרֵי יְהוְה וַיַּשְׁכֵּם בַּבּׂקֶר וַיִּבֶן מִזְבֵּח תַּחַת הָהָר וּשְׁתִּים עֶשְׂרֵה מַצֵּבְה לִשְׁנִים עָשָׂר שִׁבְטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

### Shemot/Exodus 24:12 (Tanakh/BHS)

12 YHWH said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and wait there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the teachings and commandments which I have inscribed (I wrote) to instruct them."

יַניּאַמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה עֲלֵה אֲלֵי הָהָרָה וֶהְיֵה־שָׁם וְאֶתְּנָה אַלַי הָהָרָה וֶהְיֵה־שָׁם וְאֶתְּנָה לִדְּ אֵת־לָחֹת הָאֶבֵן וִהַתּוֹרָה

	וְהַמִּצְוָה אֲשֶׁר <b>כְּתַבְתִּי</b>
	לְהוֹרֹתֶם:
Shemot/Exodus 31:18 (Tanakh/BHS)  18 When He finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two tablets of the Pact, stone tablets inscribed with the finger of Elohim.	וַיִּתֵן אֶל־מֹשֶׁה כְּכַלֹתוֹ לְדַבֵּר יַּמַן אֶל־מֹשֶׁה בְּכַלֹתוֹ
	אָתּוֹ בְּהַר סִינֵי שְׁנֵי לֻחֹת
	הָעֵדָת לָחֹת אֶבֶן <b>כְּתָבִים</b>
	:בְּאֶצְבַּע אֱלֹהִים
Shemot/Exodus 32:15-16 (Tanakh/BHS)  15 Thereupon Moses turned and went	יַּבֶּן וַיֵּבֶד מֹשֶׁה מִן־הָהָר 15 בּיֹבָר
down from the mountain bearing the two tablets of the Pact, tablets <b>inscribed</b> on both their confequent that were inscribed on	וּשְׁנֵי לָחֹת הָעֵדֶת בְּיָדוֹ לָחֹת
both their surfaces: they were <b>inscribed</b> on the one side and on the other. <b>16</b> The tablets were Elohim's work, and the <b>writing</b> was Elohim's <b>writing</b> , incised upon the tablets.	<b>בְּתָבִים</b> מִשְׁנֵי עֶבְרֵיהֶם מִזֶּה
	וּמְזֶּה הֵם <b>כְּתֻבִים:</b>
	וְהַלָּחֹת מַעֲשֵׂה אֱלֹהִים הֵמְּה ¹¹
	וָהַמְּ <b>כְתָּב מִכְתַּב</b> אֱלֹהִים הוּא
	חָרוּת עַל־הַלָּחת:
Shemot/Exodus 32:32 (Tanakh/BHS) 32 Now, if You will forgive their sin [well and good]; but if not, erase me from the record which <b>You have written!</b> "	יַנְתָּה אָם־תִּשָּׂא חַטְּאתָם 32
	וְאָם־אַיִן מְחֵנִי נָא מִסִּפְּרְדּ
	:אֲשֶׁר <b>כִּתְבְתָ</b>
Shemot/Exodus 34:27-28 (Tanakh/BHS) 27 And YHWH said to Moses: Write	יַּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה 27
<ul> <li>down these commandments, for in accordance with these commandments I make a covenant with you and with Israel.</li> <li>28 And he was there with YHWH forty days and forty nights; he ate no bread and drank no water; and he wrote down on the</li> </ul>	<b>בְּתָב</b> ־לְדְּ אֶת־הַדְּבְרִים הָאֵלֶּה
	פִי עַל־פִּי הַדְּבְרִים הָאֵלֶּה

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tablets the terms of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.	בְרַתִּי אִתְּדְ בְּרִית
	:וְאֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל
	יַרְיִרִי־שָׁם עִם־יְהוָה אַרְבְּעִים 28
	יוֹם וְאַרְבָּעִים לַיְלָה לֶחֶם לֹא
	אָכַל וּמַיִם לֹא שָׁתָה <b>וַיִּכְתּב</b>
	עַל־הַלָּחֹת אֵת דִּבְרֵי הַבְּּרִית
	:עֲשֶׂרֶת הַדְּבָרִים
Barmidbar/Numbers 33:2 (Tanakh/BHS)  2 Moses recorded (wrote) the starting	<b>וַיִּכְתֹּב</b> מֹשֶׁה אֶת־מוֹצְאֵיהֶם <u>יַּרַ</u>
points of their various marches as directed by YHWH. Their marches, by starting	לְמַסְעֵיהֶם עַל־פִּי יְהוָה וְאֵלֶּה
points, were as follows:	מַסְעֵיהֶם לְמוֹצְאֵיהֶם:
Devarim/Deuteronomy 4:13 –14 (Tanakh/BHS)	יַּגַד לְכֶם אֶת־בְּרִיתוֹ אֲשֶׁר 13 וַיַּגֵּד לְכֶם
He declared to you the covenant that He commanded you to observe, the Ten Commandments; and He inscribed (wrote) them on two tablets of stone. 14 At the same time YHWH commanded me to impart to you laws and rules for you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy.	צוָה אֶתְכֶם לַעֲשׁוֹת עֲשֶׂרֶת
	הַדְּבָרִים <b>וַיִּכְתְּבֵם</b> עַל־שְׁנֵי
	לָחוֹת אֲבָנִים:
	יְּוֹאֹתִי צִוְּה יְהוָה בְּעֵת הַהִוּא יְּוֹא
	לְלַמֵּד אֶתְבֶם חֻקִּים וּמִשְׁפְּטִים
	לַעֲשׂתְבֶם אֹתָם בְּאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר
	:אַתֶּם עֹבְרִים שָׁמְה לְרִשְׁתְּה
Devarim/Deuteronomy 5:22(19) (Tanakh/BHS) 19 YHWH spoke those	22 אֶת־הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה דִּבֶּר
words—those and no more—to your whole congregation at the mountain, with a	יְהוָה אֶל־כָּל־קְהַלְכֶם בְּהָר
mighty voice out of the fire and the dense clouds. He <b>inscribed them</b> on two tablets	

of stone, which He gave to me. מִתּוֹדְ הָאֵשׁ הֵעָנָן וִהָעַרָפֵּל קול גַּדוֹל וְלֹא יֵסֶף וַיִּכְתִּבֶם עַל־שָׁנֵי לְחֹת אֲבַנִים וַיְּתְּנֶם Devarim/Deuteronomy 10:2-4 יָוֹאֶבְתֹּב עַל־הַלְּחֹת ² (Tanakh/BHS) I will **inscribe (write)** on the tablets אָת־הַדָּבָרִים אֲשֵׁר הָיוּ the commandments that were on the first tablets that you smashed, and you shall עַל־הַלָּחֹת הָרִאשׁנִים אֲשֵׁר deposit them in the ark." I made an ark of acacia wood and carved out two tablets of stone like the שַבַּרַתַּ וְשַׂמִתַּם בַּאַרוֹן: first; I took the two tablets with me and went up the mountain. 4 YHWH וָאַעשׂ אַרוֹן עֵצֵי שִׁטִים 3 **inscribed (wrote)** on the tablets the same text (writing) as on the first, the Ten וַאָפָסֹל שָׁנֵי־לָחֹת אֲבַנִים Commandments that He addressed to you on the mountain out of the fire on the day of the Assembly; and YHWH gave them to דָרָאשׁנִים וַאַעַל הַהַרַה וּשָׁנֵי me. הַלָּחֹת בְּיַדִי: יַ**וּיִכְתֹב** עַל־הַלָּחֹת **דַּמִּכְתַב** הַרִאשון אָת עַשַּׂרֵת הַדְּבָרִים אַשָּׁר דָבֵּר יִהוָה אֵלֵיכֵם בָּהָר מִתּוֹדְ הַאֲשׁ בִּיוֹם הַקַּהַל וַיִּתִנֵם יִהוָה אֱלָי: Devarim/Deuteronomy 17:18 וְהַיָה כִשִּׁבְתּוֹ עַל כִּסֵּא 18 (Tanakh/BHS) <sup>18</sup>When he is seated on his royal throne, he מַמִלַבִתוֹ **וְכַתַב** לוֹ אֵת־מִשְׁנֵה shall have a copy of this Teaching written for him on a scroll by the levitical priests התורה הזאת על־ספר מלפני

### הַבֹּהֲנִים הַלְּוִיִם:

# Devarim/Deuteronomy 27:3-8 (Tanakh/BHS)

- and **inscribe** upon them all the words of this Teaching. When you cross over to enter the land that YHWH Eloheykha is giving you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as YHWH, Elohey of your fathers, promised you—4 upon crossing the Jordan, you shall set up these stones, about which I charge you this day, on Mount Ebal, and coat them with plaster.
- 5 There, too, you shall build an altar to YHWH Eloheykha, an altar of stones. Do not wield an iron tool over them; 6 you must build the altar of YHWH Eloheykha of unhewn stones. You shall offer on it burnt offerings to YHWH Eloeykha,
- 7 and you shall sacrifice there offerings of well-being and eat them, rejoicing before YHWH Eloheykha. 8 And on those stones you shall **inscribe** every word of this Teaching most distinctly.

<sup>3</sup>וְ**כָתַּרְהְ** עֲלֵיהֶן אֶת־כְּל־דִּבְּרֵי הַתּוֹרָה הַזּאֹת בְּעָבְרֶדְ לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר תִּבֹּא אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶידְ נֹתֵן לְדְּ אֶרֶץ זְבַת חָלָב וּדְבַשׁ כַּאֲשֶׁר דְּבֶּר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי־אֲבֹתֶידְ לְדְּ: הְּלָימוּ אֶת־הָאֲבְנִים הָאֵלֶּה תְּלִימוּ אֶת־הָאֲבְנִים הָאֵלֶּה בְּהַר עֵיבָל וְשַׂדְתָּ אוֹתָם בְּהַר עֵיבָל וְשַׂדְתָּ אוֹתָם

⁵וּבְנִיתְ שָׁם מִזְבֵּח לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֶידְ מִזְבַּח אֲבָנִים לֹא־תָנִיף עֲלֵיהֶם בַּרְזֶל:

בשיד:

- יּאֲבְנִים שְׁלֵמוֹת תִּבְנֶה אֶת־מִזְבַּח יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךּ וְהַעֲלִיתְ עָלָיו עוֹלֹת לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךּ:
- וְזָבַחְתָּ שְׁלָמִים וְאָכַלְתָּ שָׁם זְ

וְשָׂמַחְתָּ לִפְנֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶידְּ: **ּוְכָתַבְּהָ** עַל־הָאֲבָנִים אֶת־כָּל־דִּבְרֵי הַתּוֹרָה הַזּאֹת בַּאֵר הֵיטֵב: ס

Devarim/Deuteronomy 28:58-61 (Tanakh/BHS)

terms of this Teaching that are **written** in this book, to reverence this honored and awesome Name, YHWH Eloheykha,

YHWH will inflict extraordinary plagues upon you and your offspring, strange and lasting plagues, malignant and chronic diseases. 60 He will bring back upon you all the sicknesses of Egypt that you dreaded so, and they shall cling to you.

Moreover, YHWH will bring upon you all the other diseases and plagues that are **not mentioned (written)** in this book of Teaching, until you are wiped out.

\*\* אִם־לֹא תִשְׁמֹר לַעֲשׁוֹת אֶת־כְּלֹ־דִּבְרֵי הַתּוֹרָה הַזֹּאת **הַכְּתוּבִים** בַּפֵּפֶר הַזֶּה לְיִרְאָה אֶת־הַשֵּׁם הַנִּכְבָּד וְהַנּוֹרָא הַזֶּה

אַת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶידְּ:

⁵יְוְהִפְּלָא יְהוָה אֶת־מַכּּתְדְּ וְאֵת מַכּוֹת זַרְעֶדְ מַכּוֹת גְּדֹלוֹת וְנָאֶמְנוֹת וְחֲלָיִם רָעִים וְנָאֲמְנִים:

- יּןְהַשִּׁיב בְּךָּ אֵת כְּלֹ־מַדְוֵה מִצְרַיִם אֲשֶׁר יָגֹרְתָּ מִפְּנֵיהֶם וְדָבְקוּ בָּךְ:
- יּגַם כְּל־חֲלִי וְכָל־מַכְּה אֲשֶׁר לֹא כָתוּב בְּסֵפֶּר הַתּוֹרָה הַוֹּאַת יַעָלֵם יִהוָה עֲלֵיךּ עַד

### הִשָּׁמִדְר:

Devarim/Deuteronomy 31:9,22,24 (Tanakh/BHS) 9 Moses wrote down this Teaching and gave it to the priests, sons of Levi, who carried the Ark of YHWH's Covenant, and to all the elders of Israel.

- 22 That day, Moses wrote down this poem and taught it to the Israelites.
- 23 And He charged Joshua son of Nun: "Be strong and resolute: for you shall bring the Israelites into the land that I promised them on oath, and I will be with you."
- 24 When Moses had put down in writing the words of this Teaching to the very end,

יּוַיִּכְתֹּב מֹשֶׁה אֶת־הַתּוֹרָה הַזּאָת וַיִּתְּנָהּ אֶל־הַכּּהְנִים בְּנֵי לֵוִי הַנִּשְׂאִים אֶת־אֲרוֹן בְּרִית יְהוָה וְאֶל־כְּל־זִקְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: יַּוִיִּכְתֹּב מִשֶׁה אֶת־הַשִּׁירָה הַזּאִת בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא וַיְלַמְּדָה אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

יַנְיצֵו אֶת־יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בִּן־נוּן
יַּאֹמֶר חֲזַק וֶאֶמֶץ כִּי אַתְּה תְּבִיא אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרְאֵל אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי לְהֶם וְאָנֹכִי אֶהְיֶה עִמְּדְ: יַנְיְהִי כְּכַלּוֹת מֹשֶׁה לִ**כְתֹּב** אֶת־דִּבְרֵי הַתּוֹרְה־הַזֹּאֹת עַל־סֵפֵּר עַד תִּמִּם:

Yehoshua/Joshua 1:8 (Tanakh/BHS)

<sup>8</sup>Let not this Book of the Teaching cease from your lips, but recite it day and night, so that you may observe faithfully **all that is written in it**. Only then will you prosper in your undertakings and only then will you be successful.

לאֹ־יָמוּשׁ סֵפֶּר הַתּוֹרָה הַזֶּה מִפִּידְּ וְהָגִיתָ בּוֹ יוֹמֶם וְלַיְלָה לְמַעַן תִּשְׁמֹר לַעֲשׁוֹת **כְּכָל־הַכְּתוּב** בּוֹ כִּי־אָז תַּצְלִיחַ **כְּכָל־הַכְּתוּב** בּוֹ כִּי־אָז תַּצְלִיחַ

	:אֶת־דְּרֶכֶדְ וְאָז תַּשְׂבִּיל
Yehoshua/Joshua 8:31 (Tanakh/BHS) <sup>31</sup> as Moses, the servant of YHWH, had	אָשֶׁר צִּוָּה מֹשֶׁה עֶבֶד־יְהוָה 🥸 🤄
commanded the Israelites—as is written in the Book of the Teaching of Moses—an altar of unhewn stone upon which no iron	אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל <b>דַכְּתוּב</b> בְּסֵפֶר
had been wielded. They offered on it burnt offerings to YHWH, and brought sacrifices	תּוֹרַת מֹשֶׁה מִזְבַּח אֲבָנִים
of well-being.	שְׁלֵמוֹת אֲשֶׁר לֹא־הֵנִיף עֲלֵיהֶן
	בַּרְזֶל וַיַּעֲלוּ עָלְיו עׁלוֹת לַיהוָה
	וַיִּזְבְּחוּ שְׁלָמִים:
Yehoshua/Joshua 8:32 (Tanakh/BHS) <sup>32</sup> And there, on the stones, he <b>inscribed</b> a copy of the Teaching that Moses had <b>written</b> for the Israelites.	אָבְנִים אֵת עַל־הָאֲבְנִים אֵת <sup>32</sup>
	מִשְׁנֵה תּוֹרַת מֹשֶׁה אֲשֶׁר <b>כְּתַב</b>
	לִפְנֵי בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:
Yehoshua/Joshua 8:34 (Tanakh/BHS) <sup>34</sup> After that, he read all the words of the Teaching, the blessing and the curse, just <b>as is written</b> in the Book of the Teaching.	אָחֲבִי־בֵן קָרָא ³⁴
	אֶת־כָּל־דִּבְרֵי הַתּוֹרָה הַבְּרָכָה
	וְהַקְּלָלָה <b>בְּכָל־הַבְּתוּב</b> בְּסֵפֶּר
	:התּוֹרָה:
Yehoshua/Joshua 18:6 (Tanakh/BHS) <sup>6</sup> When <b>you have written</b> down the description of the land in seven parts, bring it here to me. Then I will cast lots for you here before YHWH Eloheynu.	וְאַתֶּם <b>תִּכְתְּבוּ</b> אֶת־הָאָרֶץ 6
	שָׁבְעָה חֲלָקִים וַהְבֵאתֶם אֵלַי
	הַנְּה וְיָרִיתִי לְכֶם גּוֹרָל פֿה
	לִפְנֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ:
Yehoshua/Joshua 23:6 (Tanakh/BHS)  6"But be most resolute to observe faithfully  all that is written in the Book of the  Teaching of Moses, without ever deviating from it to the right or to the left,	וַחֲזַקְתֶּם מְאֹד לִשְׁמֹר ⁴
	וְלַעֲשׂוֹת <b>אֵת כָּל־הַכְּתוּב</b>
nom it to the right of to the left,	

בְּסֵפֶר תּוֹרַת מֹשֶׁה לְבִלְתִּי סוּר־מִמֶּנוּ יָמִין וּשְׂמֹאול:

## Melekhim Aleph/I Kings 2:3 (Tanakh/BHS)

- 2:1 When David's life was drawing to a close, he instructed his son Solomon as follows: 2 "I am going the way of all the earth; be strong and show yourself a man.
- 3 Keep the charge of YHWH Eloheykha, walking in His ways and following His laws, His commandments, His rules, and His admonitions as recorded in the Teaching of Moses, in order that you may succeed in whatever you undertake and wherever you turn.

ּוְשָׁמַרְתּ אֶת־מִשְׁמֶּרֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶידְּ לָלֶכֶת בִּדְרָכִיו לִשְׁמֹר חֻקּתְיו מִצְוֹתִיו וּמִשְׁפְּטִיו וְעֵדְוֹתִיו **דַּכְּתוּב** בְּתוֹרַת מֹשֶׁה לְמַעַן תַּשְׂכִּיל אֵת כָּל-אֲשֶׁר תַּעֲשֶׂה וְאֵת כָּל-אֲשֶׁר תִּפְנָה שׁם:

Melekhim Bet/2 Kings 14:6 (Tanakh/BHS)

<sup>6</sup>But he did not put to death the children of the assassins, in accordance with **what is written** in the Book of the Teaching of Moses, where YHWH commanded, "Parents shall not be put to death for children, nor children be put to death for parents; a person shall be put to death only for his own crime."

יְּשֶׁת־בְּנֵי הַמַּכִּים לֹא הֵמִית **דַּכְּתוּב** בְּסֵפֶּר תּוֹרַת־מֹשֶׁה אֲשֶׁר־צִּוְּה יְהוָה לֵאמֹר לֹא־יוּמְתוּ אָבוֹת עַל־בְּנִים וּבְנִים לֹא־יוּמְתוּ עַל־אָבוֹת כִּי אָם־אִישׁ בִּחֵטָאוֹ יוּמַת: אָם־אִישׁ בִּחֵטָאוֹ יוּמַת:

## Melekhim Bet/2 Kings 22:13 (Tanakh/BHS)

"Go, inquire of YHWH on my behalf, and on behalf of the people, and on behalf of all Judah, concerning the words of this scroll that has been found. For great indeed must be the wrath of YHWH that has been kindled against us, because our fathers did not obey the words of this scroll to do all that has been prescribed for us."

יּלְכוּ דְרְשׁוּ אֶת־יְהוָה בַּעֲדִי וּבְעַד־הָעָם וּבְעַד כָּל־יְהוּדָה עַל־דִּבְרֵי הַפֶּפֶר הַנִּמְצָא הַזֶּה כִּי־גְדוֹלָה חֲמַת יְהוָה

אֲשֶׁר־הִיא נִצְּתָה בְנוּ עַל אֲשֶׁר לֹאִ־שְׁמְעוּ אֲבֹתֵינוּ עַל־דִּבְרֵי הַפֵּפֶר הַזֶּה לַעֲשׁוֹת **בְּכָל־הַבָּתוּב** עָלֵינוּ:

Melekhim Bet/2 Kings 23: 3, 21,24 (Tanakh/BHS) 2 The king went up to the House of YHWH, together with all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests and prophets—all the people, young and old. And he read to them the entire text of the covenant scroll which had been found in the House of YHWH.

- 3 The king stood by the pillar and solemnized the covenant before YHWH: that they would follow YHWH and observe His commandments, His injunctions, and His laws with all their heart and soul; that they would fulfill all the terms of this covenant **as inscribed** upon the scroll. And all the people entered into the covenant.
- The king commanded all the people, "Offer the passover sacrifice to YHWH your Elohim **as prescribed** in this scroll of the covenant."
- 24 Josiah also did away with the necromancers and the mediums, the idols and the fetishes—all the detestable things that were to be seen in the land of Judah and Jerusalem. Thus he fulfilled the terms of the Teaching **recorded** in the scroll that the priest Hilkiah had found in the House of YHWH.

נְיַבְּלָת הָּמֶּלֶך עַל-הְעַמוּד וִיּכְלת אֶת־הַבְּרִית לִפְנֵי יְהוָה לְלֶכֶת אַחַר יְהוָה וְלִשְׁמֹר מִצְוֹתְיו וְאֶת־עֵדְוֹתְיו וְאֶת־חֻקּתְיו בְּכָל־לֵב וּבְּכָל־נָפָשׁ לְהָקִים אֶת־דִּבְרֵי הַבְּרִית הַזּאֹת הַבְּתֻבִים עַל־הַפֵּפֶר הַזֶּה וַיַּעֲמֹד בְּלֹ־הָעָם בַּבְּרִית:

> יַּנְיְצַוּ הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶת־כְּל־הָעָם לֵאמֹר עֲשׂוּ פֶּסַח לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם **דַּכְּתוּב** עַל סֵפֶּר הַבְּרִית הַזֶּה:

<sup>24</sup>וְגַם אֶת־הָאֹבוֹת וְאֶת־הַיִּדְּעֹנִים וְאֶת־הַתְּרָפִים וִאֵת־הַגִּלִּלִים וְאֵת

בַּל־הַשָּׁקָצִים אֲשֵׁר נִרְאוּ בָּאֶרֵץ יְהוּדָה וּבִירוּשַׁלָם בְּעֵר יאשיהו למען הקים את־דברי הַתּוֹרֵה **הַכְּתִבִים** עַל־הַסֶּפֵּר אַשֶׁר מַצָא חַלְקַיָהוּ הַכֹּהֶן בֵּית הוָה עַלוֹת לַיהוָה ⁴⁰ to sacrifice burnt offerings to YHWH עַל־מָזָבַּח הַעֹלֵה תַּמִיד לַבֹּקֵר וַלַעַרֵב **וּלְכַל־הַכַּתוּב** בָּתוֹרַת

Divrei HaYamin Aleph/1 Chronicles 16:40 (Tanakh/BHS)

on the altar of the burnt offering regularly, morning and evening, in accordance with what was prescribed in the Teaching of YHWH with which He charged Israel.

Divrei HaYamin Bet/2 Chronicles 23:18 (Tanakh/BHS)

Jehoiada put the officers of the House of YHWH in the charge of Levite priests whom David had assigned over the House of YHWH to offer up burnt offerings, as is **prescribed** in the Teaching of Moses, accompanied by joyful song as ordained by David.

יָהוָה בִּיַד הַכֹּהַנִים הַלְּוִיִּם אַשַׁר חַלַק דַּוִיד עַל־בֵּית יִהוַה לְהַעֲלוֹת עלות יהוַה **דַּכַּתוּב** 

יָהוָה אֲשֶׁר צְוָה עַל־יִשְׂרָאֵל:

וּיָשֶׂם יָהוֹיָדַע פָּקַדֹּת בֵּית ¹8

בתורת משה בשמחה ובשיר עַל יָדֵי דַוִיד:

Divrei HaYamin Bet/2 Chronicles 25:4 (Tanakh/BHS)

<sup>4</sup>But he did not put their children to death for [he acted] in accordance with what is written in the Teaching, in the Book of Moses, where YHWH commanded "Parents shall not die for children, nor shall children die for parents, but every person shall die only for his own crime."

וְאֵת־בָּנֵיהֶם לֹא הֶמִית כִּי ⁴ **דַכַּתוּב** בַּתּוֹרָה בִּסֶפֵר מֹשֶׁה אַשֶׁר־צְוַּה יָהוָה לֵאמֹר לא־יַמוּתוּ אַבוֹת עַל־בַּנִים

וּבַנִים לא־יַמוּתוּ עַל־אַבות כִּי איש בחטאו ימותו: פ Divrei HaYamin Bet/2 Chronicles 30:5 וַיַּעֲמִידוּ דַבַר לְהַעֲבִיר קוֹל ַ⁵ (Tanakh/BHS) <sup>5</sup>to issue a decree and proclaim throughout בְּבַל־יִשִּׁרָאֵל מִבְּאֵר־שָׁבַע all Israel from Beer-sheba to Dan that they come and keep the Passover for YHWH ועד־דַן לַבוֹא לַעֲשוֹת פַּסַח Elohim of Israel in Jerusalem—not often did they act in accord with what was לַיהוָה אֵלהֵי־יִשִּׂרַאֵל written. בִירוּשַׁלָם כִּי לֹא לַרֹב עֲשׁוּ דַכָּתוּב: Divrei HaYamin Bet/2 Chronicles 30:18 (Tanakh/BHS) מָאָפָרֵים וּמְנַשָּׁה יִשַּׁשׁכָר <sup>18</sup>For most of the people—many from Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and וּזִבָלוּן לֹא הִטֶּהָרוּ כִּי־אָּכְלוּ Zebulun—had not purified themselves, yet they ate the paschal sacrifice in violation of what was written. Hezekiah prayed for אָת־הַפֶּסָת בָּלֹא **דַכַּתוּב** כִּי them, saying, "The good YHWH will provide atonement for הִתְפַּלֵל יִחִזְקִיָּהוּ עֲלֵיהֵם לָאמֹר יִהוָה הַטוֹב יַכַפֵּר בִּעַד: Divrei HaYamin Bet/2 Chronicles 34:21 יַלְכוּ דָרְשׁוּ אֵת־יִהוָה בַּעַדִי 21 (Tanakh/BHS) <sup>21</sup>"Go, inquire of YHWH on my behalf and וּבִעַד הַנִּשָּׁאַר בִּיִשְׂרַאֵל on behalf of those who remain in Israel and Judah concerning the words of the scroll וּבִיהוּדָה עַל־דִּבְרֵי הַסֶּבֵּר that has been found, for great indeed must be the wrath of YHWH that has been poured down upon us because our fathers אַשֶׁר נִמְצֵא כִּי־גִדוֹלָה did not obey the word of YHWH and do all that is written in this scroll." חַמַת־יִהוַה אֲשֶׁר נִתִּכַה בַנוּ עַל אֵשֶׁר לֹא־שַׁמְרוּ אֵבוֹתינוּ

	אֶת־דְבַר יְהוָה לַעֲשׂוֹת
	: <b>כְּלִ-הַכְּתוּב</b> עַל-הַסֵּפֶר הַזֶּה
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Divrei HaYamin Bet/2 Chronicles 34:24 (Tanakh/BHS)	יהןה הָנְנִי מֵבִיא בּיבּר יְהוָה הָנְנִי מֵבִיא
<sup>24</sup> Thus said YHWH: I am going to bring disaster upon this place and its	רְעָה עַל־הַמְּקוֹם הַזֶּה
inhabitants—all the curses <b>that are written</b> in the scroll that was read to the king of Judah	וְעַל־יוֹשְׁבָיו אֵת כְּל־הָאָלוֹת
	<b>הַבְּתוּבוֹת</b> עַלֹּ־הַסֵּפֶּר אֲשֶׁר
	ָקרְאוּ לִפְנֵי מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה:
Divrei HaYamin Bet/2 Chronicles 34:31 (Tanakh/BHS) <sup>31</sup> The king stood in his place	יַּעֲמֹד הַמֶּלֶך עַל־עְמְדוֹ זּיַנְמַד הַבָּיָ
and solemnized the covenant before YHWH: to follow YHWH and observe His commandments, His injunctions, and His	וַיִּכְרֹת אֶת־הַבְּרִית לִפְנֵי יְהוָה
laws with all his heart and soul, to fulfill all the terms of the covenant written in this scroll	לְלֶבֶת אַחֲבִי יְהוָה וְלִשְׁמוֹר
	אֶת־מִּצְוֹתִיו וְעֵדְוֹתִיו וְחֻקָּיו
	בְּכָל-לְבָבוֹ וּבְכָל-נַפְשׁוֹ
	לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת־דִּבְרֵי הַבְּרִית
	: <b>הַבְּתוּבִים</b> עַל־הַסֵּפֶר הַזֶּה
Ezra 3:2 (Tanakh/BHS) <sup>2</sup> Then Jeshua son of Jozadak and his brother priests, and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and his brothers set to and built the altar of the Elohim of Israel to offer burnt offerings upon it <b>as is written</b> in the Teaching of Moses, the man of Elohim.	וַיָּקָם יֵשׁוּעַ בֶּן־יוֹצְדָק וְאֶחָיו ²
	הַבּּהֲנִים וּזְרֻבְּבֶל
	בֶּן־שְׁאַלְתִּיאֵל וְאֶחְיו וַיִּבְנוּ
	אֶת־מִזְבַּח אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
	לְהַעְלוֹת עָלְיו עֹלוֹת <b>דַּבְּתוּב</b>

	בְּתוֹרַת מֹשֶׁה אִישֹּ־הְאֱלֹהִים:
Ezra 3:4 (Tanakh/BHS) <sup>4</sup> Then they celebrated the festival of Tabernacles <b>as is written</b> , with its daily burnt offerings in the proper quantities, on each day as is prescribed for it,	וַיַּעֲשׂוּ אֶת־חַג הַסֶּכּוֹת ⁴
	<b>דַכְּתוּב</b> וְעֹלַת יוֹם בְּיוֹם
	בְּמִסְבָּר בְּמִשְׁפַּט דְּבַר־יוֹם
	בְּיוֹמוֹ:
Nehemyah/Nehemiah 7:5 (Tanakh/BHS) <sup>5</sup> My Elohim put it into my mind to	זַיִּתֵּן אֱלֹהַי אֶל־לִבִּי וָאֶקְבְּצְה ⁵וַיִּתֵּן אֱלֹהַי אֶל־לִבִּי
assemble the nobles, the prefects, and the people, in order to register them by families. I found the genealogical register	אֶת־הַחֹרִים וְאֶת־הַסְּגְנִים
of those who were the first to come up, and there I found written:	וְאֶת־הָעָם לְהִתְיַחֵשׂ וָאֶמְצְא
	סֶבֶּר הַיַּחַשֹּׁ הָעוֹלִים
	בּו: בְּרִאשׁוֹנְה וָאֶמְצְא <b>כְּתוּב</b> בּוֹ:
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Nehemyah/Nehemiah 8:14 (Tanakh/BHS)  14 They found <b>written</b> in the Teaching that	וַיִּמְצְאוּ <b>כְּתוּב</b> בַּתּוֹרָה אֲשֶׁר ¹⁴
YHWH had commanded Moses that the Israelites must dwell in booths during the festival of the seventh month,	צְּוָה יְהוָה בְּיַד־מֹשֶׁה אֲשֶׁר
	יֵשְׁבוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל בַּסֻכּוֹת בֶּחָג
	בַּהֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁבִיעִי:
Nehemyah/Nehemiah 8:15 (Tanakh/BHS)  15 and that they must announce and proclaim throughout all their towns and Jerusalem as follows, "Go out to the mountains and bring leafy branches of olive trees, pine trees, myrtles, palms and [other] leafy trees to make booths, as it is written."	לוֹאֲשֶׁר יַשְׁמִיעוּ וְיַעֲבִירוּ קוֹל 15
	בְּכָל־עָרֵיהֶם וּבִירוּשְׁלַם לֵאמֹר
	אָאוּ הָהָר וְהָבִיאוּ עֲלֵי־זַיִת
	וַעֲלֵי־עֵץ שֶׁמֶן וַעֲלֵי הָדַס וַעֲלֵי
	תְמָרִים וַעְלֵי עֵץ עָבֹת לַעְשׂת

	סָכֹת <b>דַכְּתוּב</b> : פ
Nehemyah/Nehemiah 13:1 (Tanakh/BHS)  1 At that time they <b>read</b> to the people from the Book of Moses, and it was found <b>written</b> that no Ammonite or Moabite might ever enter the congregation of Elohim,	בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא <b>נִקְרָא</b> בְּסֵפֶּר -
	מֹשֶׁה בְּאָזְנֵי הָעָם וְנִמְצָא
	<b>בְּתוּב</b> בּוֹ אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יָבוֹא עַמּוֹנִי
	וּמֹאָבִי בִּקְהַל הָאֱלֹהִים
	:עַד־עוֹלָם
Dani'el/Daniel 9:11 (Tanakh/BHS)  11 All Israel has violated Your teaching and gone astray, disobeying You; so the curse and the oath <b>written</b> in the Teaching of Moses, the servant of Elohim, have been poured down upon us, for we have sinned against Him	יי ְּוְכָל־יִשְׂרָאֵל עָבְרוּ
	אֶת־תּוֹרָתֶדְּ וְסוֹר לְבִלְתִּי
	שְׁמוֹעַ בְּלֹלֶךְ וַתִּתַּךְ עָלֵינוּ
	הָאָלָה וְהַשְּׁבֻעָה אֲשֶׁר <b>כְּתוּבָה</b>
	בְּתוֹרַת מֹשֶׁה עֶבֶד־הָאֱלֹהִים
	בִּי חָטָאנוּ לוֹ:
Dani'el/Daniel 9:13 (Tanakh/BHS) <sup>13</sup> All that calamity, just <b>as is written</b> in the Teaching of Moses, came upon us, yet we did not supplicate YHWH our Elohim, did not repent of our iniquity or become wise through Your truth.	יַבְאֲשֶׁר <b>בְּתוּב</b> בְּתוֹרַת מֹשֶׁה <sup>13</sup>
	אֵת כָּל־הָרָעָה הַזּאֹת בָּאָה
	עָלֵינוּ וְלֹאַ־חִלִּינוּ אֶת־פְּנֵי יְהוָה
	אֶלהֵינוּ לְשׁוּב מֵעֲוֹנֵנוּ
	וּלְהַשְּׂכִּיל בַּאֲמָתֶּד:

The other part we are told is that though there is no direct reference to a oral torah, that there is the word torot which is the plural for torah. So lets look at the references to this.

### Shemot/Exodus 18:15-16

Moses replied to his father-in-law, "It is because the people come to me to inquire of Elohim. 16 When they have a dispute, it comes before me, and I decide between one

person and another, and I make known the laws **and [his] teachings (ve'et torotayv** וְאֵּת־תּוֹרֹתְיוֹ) of Ha'Elohim."

This would appear to reflect more than one in that it is plural. Later in the same chapter it shows it similarly.

Shemot/Exodus 18:19-20

We also see that here torot also is referred to in a similar fashion. However, in order for this to be true them we must see that this is consistently used this way.

Vayiqra/Leviticus 26:46

Here we see all used in the plural form thus showing the intent here was to show torot as teachings and not two torah's.

Vayiqra/Leviticus 11:46

These are the instructions (torat  $\mathbf{n}$ ) concerning animals, birds, all living creatures that move in water, and all creatures that swarm on earth,

Torat is also plural and shows us that this word use in plural form does not indicate a second torah orally given but teachings. Now, how do I get this? Torah is reference number 8451 and 8452 (Tav-Vav-Resh-Hey) and is a feminine noun. The verb it is from is reference number 3384 which is Yarah (Yod-Resh-Hey) in its Kal form it is stated as shoot or cast. In the Hiphil is is used for to teach. As one shoots forth spoken words.

Shemot/Exodus 4:12 (10-12), 15

10 But Moses said to YHWH, "Please, YHWH, I have never been a man of words, either in times past or now that You have spoken to Your servant; I am slow of speech

Here we see that in the general sense of instruction it is used here. This is to tell us that this is all he will command not what other men will command.

You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth—I will be with you and with him as you speak, and tell (ve'horeytiy בוֹרֵבִיתִי both of you what to do

After Moshe insists he cannot speak well that YHWH give him Aharon as his spokesman. But still is does not mean that Moshe could just make up any rule because YHWH instructed them both.

Shemot/Exodus 24:12

12 YHWH said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and wait there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the teachings (vahatorah תְּבְוֹלְהָוֹיִ ) and commandments (vahamitzvah תְבְּרִבְיִי לְבִוֹלְבִיתִי ) which I have inscribed to instruct them (katav'tiy lehorotam בְּתִבִילִי לְהוֹרֹתָם)."

The use of the singular with the Ha prefix shows us these are the accumulation of all teachings and all from his commands. We have learned that torah is from Yarah, which in the Hiphil form is to teach and so all teaching are included in what was inscribed. We also know that min tzavah is Mitzvah and thus with the ha prefix we see that all he commanded are mitzvah for us.

Vayigra/Leviticus 10:11 (8-11)

8 And YHWH spoke to Aaron, saying: 9 Drink no wine or other intoxicant, you or your sons, when you enter the Tent of Meeting, that you may not die. This is a law for all time throughout the ages, 10 for you must distinguish between the sacred and the profane, and between the unclean and the clean; 11 and you must teach (ulehorot

1171) the Israelites all the laws (hachuqqim) which YHWH has imparted (diber) to them through Moses.

YHWH told Aharon and he would have instructed his sons after him. One of there jobs was to teach the children of Israel the practices that were spoken to Moshe. Again this is to teach.

### Devarim/Dueteronomy 17:10-11 (8-11)

8 If a case is too baffling for you to decide, be it a controversy over homicide, civil law, or assault—matters of dispute in your courts—you shall promptly repair to the place that YHWH Eloheykha will have chosen, 9 and appear before the levitical priests, or the magistrate in charge at the time, and present your problem. When they have announced to you the verdict in the case, 10 you shall carry out the verdict that is announced to you from that place that YHWH chose, observing scrupulously all their

instructions to you (yorukha אָר ווֹ You shall act in accordance with the instructions (hatorah יוֹן אָר ווֹן) given you and the ruling [teachings] (yorukha אַר ווֹן) handed down to you; you must not deviate from the verdict that they announce

Why were they to act only with the teachings given. What were judges to teach the people like Moshe did. He taught from the teachings given to him from HaTorah.

#### Devarim 1:13-15

to you either to the right or to the left.

Pick from each of your tribes men who are wise, discerning, and experienced, and I will appoint them as your heads." 14 You answered me and said, "What you propose to do is good." 15 So I took your tribal leaders, wise and experienced men, and appointed them heads over you: chiefs of thousands, chiefs of hundreds, chiefs of fifties, and chiefs of tens, and officials for your tribes. 16 I charged your magistrates at that time as follows, "Hear out your fellow men, and decide justly between any man and a fellow Israelite or a stranger. 17 You shall not be partial in judgment: hear out low and high alike. Fear no man, for judgment is Elohim's. And any matter that is too difficult for you, you shall bring to me and I will hear it." 18 Thus I instructed you, at that time, about the various things that you should do.

Moshe taught them what he knew. But what did Moshe teach?

### Shemot/Exodus 18:

Moses replied to his father-in-law, "It is because the people come to me to inquire of Elohim. 16 When they have a dispute, it comes before me, and I decide between one person and another, and I make known the laws (et chuqqey)

### י and teachings (vaet torotayv אָת־חֻקֵּי) of Elohim."

- But Moses' father-in-law said to him, "The thing you are doing is not right;
- 18 you will surely wear yourself out, and these people as well. For the task is

too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. 19 Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and be with you! You represent the people before Elohim: you bring the disputes before Elohim, 20 and enjoin upon them the laws and the teachings, and make known to them the way they are to go and the practices they are to You shall also seek out from among all the people capable men who follow. 21 fear Elohim, trustworthy men who spurn ill-gotten gain. Set these over them as chiefs of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens, and 22 let them judge the people at all times. Have them bring every major dispute to you, but let them decide every minor dispute themselves. Make it easier for yourself by letting them share the burden with you. 23 If you do this—and Elohim so commands you—you will be able to bear up; and all these people too will go home unwearied." Moses heeded his father-in-law and did just as he had said. 25

chose capable men out of all Israel, and appointed them heads over the people chiefs of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens; 26 and they judged the people at all times: the difficult matters they would bring to Moses, and all the minor matters they would decide themselves.

### Divrei HaYamim Bet/2 Chronicles 15:3 (1-8)

15:1 The spirit of Elohim came upon Azariah son of Oded. 2 He came to Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin; YHWH is with you as long as you are with Him. If you turn to Him, He will respond to you, but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. 3 Israel has gone many days without the true Elohey, without a

priest (Kohen Moreh – teaching Priest) to give instruction (torah הוות) and without

- Teaching. 4 But in distress it returned to YHWH Elohey of Israel, and sought Him, and He responded to them. 5 At those times, no wayfarer was safe, for there was much tumult among all the inhabitants of the lands. 6 Nation was crushed by nation and city by city, for Elohim threw them into panic with every kind of trouble. 7 As for you, be strong, do not be disheartened, for there is reward for your labor."
- When Asa heard these words, the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage and removed the abominations from the entire land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities that he had captured in the hill country of Ephraim. He restored the altar of YHWH in front of the porch of YHWH.

We can see that what was written was given to us. Moshe taught what was given to him, which was also, wrote down. Even the magistrates are to judge by haTorah and rule based on it. So what distinguishes a Karaite is that we follow what is written the teachings with were given to Moshe by YHWH and written down and given to the Priests (Kohen) to teach and to the magistrates to judge us by. The written word of YHWH.