

adamant in His determination to reset the proper priorities and return the Nation to its Mosaic commitments (Mt. 15:1-20).

Jesus strenuously upheld that the Law and the Prophets were the Essence of God's Revelation - infallible, inviolable, and unassailable.

These were not merely to be believed on faith by the Jews but by the whole human race forever as the Sacrosanct Personal Word of God... and distinct from a 'wall of cultural diversity'. Scriptural morality and doctrine embodied the Father's Personal Will to All of Humanity forever. In heart and mind, they were to be universally loved, proclaimed, and as nothing else ever was. Jesus agreed with this position dogmatically and inviolably passed this teaching on to His disciples (Mt. 5:17).

Second and significant were the Hebrew Leadership and Sects: the Levitic Priesthood; the Sanhedrin; the Scribes with connected rabbinic Yeshiva-schools and disciples; religious-political sects called Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians, Zealots, and other variations and combinations. These were the summary religious and cultural establishments that systematized Judaism's religion and nation that Jesus encountered.

To each and all of them did Jesus present proof of His Messianity by the performance of the prophetic credentialing miracles the Scriptures predicted would be the unerring Divine Signs of His Identity. All debated, attacked, opposed, denied Jesus' Messianity, and in the end collaborated to eliminate Him. (Read the Bible, the Messianic Psalms and Prophets to better understand.)

Although these groups were often in academic, doctrinal, and political contention with each other, all eventually converged against Jesus in a common cause. All knew that when the Messiah- Son of David would appear, all authority would have to be handed over to and be centered in Him.

Regarding Jesus they all had two choices - either recognize His supremacy or oppose Him as a declared impostor. As the Messianic Psalms predicted, they all gathered together as a Coalition against Him. By doing so, they lost their Nation, priesthood and Temple, besides their 'chosen' representation of the One Infinite Divinity to the world. Rather than hand over their authority and

positions over to the Messiah-Jesus, they formed a coalition against Him.