



**Lesson 7**  
**The Path of the Disciple**

# **Lesson 7**

## **The Path of the Disciple**

### **Key Initial Questions**

- 1. What do you think Jewish school looked like in the time of Jesus?**
- 2. What were the requirements for kids to get into school?**
- 3. What was the end goal for most Jewish children? How many succeeded in that goal?**

# The Path of a Talmid



**Stage 1**  
**Bet Sefer**

**Stage 2**  
**Bet Midrash**

**Stage 3**  
**Bet Talmud**

# בית-ספר

## Bet Sefer - House of the Book

- Ages 6-12
- For Boys & Girls (not all would attend)
- 5 days a week - like typical school today
- Primary reason to learn to read & write through memorization of the text
- Also preserved cultural and religious identity
- School at the synagogue with the Rabbi



- By the age of 12 students would have memorized the Torah - first 5 books of the Bible
- From there most would end their education and go into the family trade
- Only the best would move on

# בית מדרש

House of Study (Beit Midrash)

אבנדהוזהשיכלנסעפעקרת



- Ages 13-15
- Typically only boys
- Only for the best - Top 1-5%
- Co-Op type system of study & learning your trade

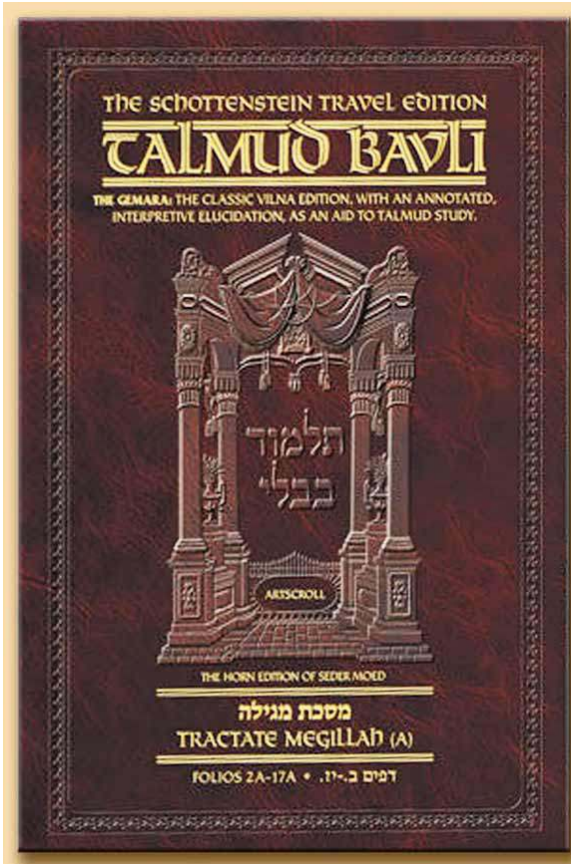
- Would start to memorize entire Tanach (our OT)
- Would begin to learn interpretation of the text
- Would learn to ask questions and answer with questions



# בית תלמוד

## Bet Talmud - House of Learning

- Ages 15-30
- Top .1% perhaps
- Accepted by a Rabbi
- Lives & Learns with Rabbi as a Full Time Job



- If chosen you were called a talmidim
- Goal was to become their Rabbi
- at 30 would become a Rabbi themselves
- would learn all aspects of the text & interpretation



The Gospel of John



# The Selection Process of Talmidim

- Midrash student approaches Rabbi
  - “Can I be like you”
- The Test
- The 99% = No
- Very selective - only if you had the merit
- You would then live & become your Rabbi



# **Lesson 7**

## **The Path of the Disciple**

### **Key Take-Aways & Assessments**

- 1. How has your perspective changed for what it means to be a “disciple?”**
- 2. How does your study of the Word compare to what Jesus is asking of you to become His Disciple?**
- 3. What are ways that you can start a journey on the path to becoming more of a disciple? What is God calling you to do and how does He want to use you to inspire others?**
- 4. Share this message with someone and gain their opinion**