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What stands out to you from this text? What do you see?

What questions does this text raise for you?

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How would you refute these claims using scripture?

What does the story of Ebionitism teach us about how we engage the Old Testament as Christians?

Where do you see modern people (both Christian and non-Christian) falling into these same lies?

How do we as a church family ensure that we maintain orthodoxy in these areas and continue passing the true faith to future generations while raising up "reliable people" (2Tim 2:2) who can teach it to others?

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