



# PIRKEI AVOT: CONTENT, THEME, & STRUCTURE

## CHAPTER ONE: STAGES OF TRANSMISSION

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14 STAGES OF TRANSMISSION			
	STAGE	Source	
SCRIPTURES	0.	Sinai (= God)	
	1.	Moses	
	2.	Joshua	
	3.	Elders	
	4.	Prophets	
ANCIENT	5.	Men of the Great Assembly [ <b>Mishna 1:1</b> ]	
	6.	Simeon the Righteous (Simon I) [ <b>Mishna 1:2</b> ] 310-291 or 300-270 BCE (Supposedly met Alexander the Great)	
	7.	Antigonus of Socho [ <b>Mishna 1:3</b> ] First half of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Century BCE	
ZUGOT (PAIRS)	8.	Josi b. Joezer of Tzereda [ <b>Mishna 1:4</b> ] 2 <sup>nd</sup> Century BCE (Around time of Maccabees)	Josi b. Johanan of Jerusalem [ <b>Mishna 1:5</b> ] 2 <sup>nd</sup> Century BCE (Around time of Maccabees)
	9.	Joshua b. Perahya [ <b>Mishna 1:6</b> ] Latter half of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> century BCE (Around time of John Hyrcanus)	Nittai the Arbelite [ <b>Mishna 1:7</b> ] Latter half of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> century BCE (Around time of John Hyrcanus)
	10.	Judah b. Tabbai [ <b>Mishna 1:8</b> ] (Around time of Alexander Jannæus)	Simeon b. Shetach [ <b>Mishna 1:9</b> ] (Around time of Alexander Jannæus)
	11.	Shemayah [ <b>Mishna 1:10</b> ] Middle of the 1st century BC	Avtalion [ <b>Mishna 1:11</b> ] Middle of the 1st century BC
	12.	Hillel (Hazakein) [ <b>Mishna 1:12-14</b> ] 20 BCE – 20 CE	Shammai [ <b>Mishna 1:15</b> ] 50 BCE–30 CE
	13.	R. Gamliel (Gamliel I / Hazakein) [ <b>Mishna 1:16</b> ] d. 50 CE	
	14.	R. Simeon b. Gamliel [ <b>Mishna 1:17-18</b> ] 10 BCE – 70 CE	