

WHO THE TORAH & TANAKH WERE ORIGINALLY FOR

THE TORAH WAS GIVEN TO A SPECIFIC PEOPLE

This is not opinion. This is explicit Torah.

Deuteronomy 4:7–8

“For what great nation is there that has Elohim so near to it as YAHUAH our Elohim is to us... And what great nation is there that has statutes and righteous judgments like all this Torah?”

Deuteronomy 5:1–3

“Hear, O Israel...

YAHUAH did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, who are all of us alive here today.”

Key facts from Torah:

- The Torah is a national covenant
- It was given to Israel, not the world
- Other nations were not present at Sinai

The Torah is Israel’s law, history, and covenant record

This section emphasizes covenant identity when Torah is presented as a national agreement given to Israel, establishing responsibility and relationship.

THE TANAKH IS ISRAEL’S HISTORY BOOK

The Tanakh records:

- Israel’s origins
- Israel’s rebellions
- Israel’s punishments
- Israel’s restorations

Psalm 147:19–20

“He declares His word to Jacob,
His statutes and judgments to Israel.
He has not dealt thus with any other nation.”

The Tanakh is about Israel, written to Israel, for Israel.

The Tanakh is framed here as covenant history documenting the journey of a specific people.

CHOSEN DOES NOT MEAN SUPERIOR IT MEANS ASSIGNED

Deuteronomy 7:6–8

“YAHUAH has chosen you to be a special people...
not because you were more in number, but because YAHUAH loved you.”

Chosen = assigned responsibility, not racial superiority.

Israel was chosen to:

- Carry Torah
- Preserve the Name
- Be an example to the nations

Exodus 19:5–6

“You shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a set-apart nation.”

“Chosen” is presented as mission and accountability not status.

THE TORAH WAS NEVER A “WORLD RELIGION”

Deuteronomy 4:6

“Keep them and do them, for this is your wisdom in the sight of the nations.”

The nations were watchers, not original participants.

The covenant was meant to be observed by others before participation was offered.

SO HOW COULD NON-ISRAELITES JOIN?

Exodus 12:48–49

“If a stranger sojourns with you and wants to keep the Passover to YAHUAH,
let all his males be circumcised...
one law for the native and for the stranger.”

Numbers 15:15–16

“One ordinance for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you.”

Gentiles were grafted into Israel, not given a separate religion.

Participation required covenant alignment not ethnic origin.

ISRAEL WAS SCATTERED AND LOST IDENTITY

Deuteronomy 28:64

“YAHUAH will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other.”

Hosea 1:9

“You are not My people.”

Israel was scattered, not erased.

Scattering describes covenant consequence, not disappearance.

WHY THE SCRIPTURES SPREAD TO THE NATIONS

Isaiah 11:12

“He will assemble the outcasts of Israel and gather the dispersed of Judah.”

The writings follow the people.

As people scattered, the message traveled with them.

YAHUSHUA HaMashiach CONFIRMED THE ORIGINAL AUDIENCE

Matthew 15:24

“I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

This reinforces covenant restoration themes.

THE NATIONS WERE INCLUDED THROUGH ISRAEL

Isaiah 56:6–7

“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

Zechariah 8:23

“Let us go with you, for Elohim is with you.”

Inclusion is framed as joining covenant life.

WHY THE BIBLE IS MISINTERPRETED TODAY

- Israel’s identity was erased through exile
- Covenant became religion
- Obedience became belief

This section highlights interpretive shifts over time.

“The Torah and Tanakh are Israel’s covenant history.
Other nations were invited to join Israel by obedience.
Israel was scattered, so Scripture went global.”

The Torah does not define Israelites by modern racial labels.
Identity is restored through covenant alignment, not slogans.