

First Five Books

The **Torah** (תּוֹרָה) means *Instruction*.

It is not just “law.” It is covenant teaching from YAHUAH to His people.

The first five books are also called the **Chumash** or the **Five Books of Moses**.

BERE'SHITH (Genesis)

Meaning: “In the Beginning”

What It Covers:

- Creation of the heavens and the earth
- Adam and Chavah (Eve)
- The fall
- The flood (Noah)
- Tower of Babel
- The calling of Abraham
- Isaac
- Jacob (Israel)
- The 12 tribes
- Joseph in Egypt

Core Themes:

- Covenant begins with Abraham
- Promise of seed and land
- Obedience vs rebellion
- Identity formation

Genesis explains:

- Who YAHUAH is
- Who Israel is
- Why covenant exists

It lays the foundation for everything that follows.

SHEMOTH (Exodus)

Meaning: “Names”

What It Covers:

- Israel enslaved in Egypt
- Birth and calling of Moses
- The plagues
- Passover
- The Red Sea
- Sinai covenant
- The Ten Words (Commandments)
- The Tabernacle instructions

Core Themes:

- Deliverance
- Covenant law given
- YAHUAH reveals His Name
- Worship structure established

Exodus shows:

- Redemption first
- Then instruction

Freedom is not the end covenant obedience is.

VAYIKRA (Leviticus)

Meaning: “And He Called”

What It Covers:

- Sacrificial system
- Priestly duties
- Clean and unclean laws
- Dietary instructions
- Appointed times (Feasts)
- Holiness commands

Core Themes:

- Holiness
- Set-apart living
- Atonement
- Moral and ritual purity

Leviticus answers:

How does a redeemed people stay clean before a holy Elohim?

It teaches:

Holiness is structured, not emotional.

BAMIDBAR (Numbers)

Meaning: “In the Wilderness”

What It Covers:

- Census of Israel
- Tribal order
- Wilderness testing
- Rebellion
- Spies in the land
- 40 years wandering
- Preparation for entry

Core Themes:

- Testing
- Leadership
- Consequences of unbelief
- Faithfulness vs fear

Numbers teaches:

You can be delivered and still fail in the wilderness.

It shows the danger of:

- Complaining
- Rebellion
- Distrust

DEVARIM (Deuteronomy)

Meaning: “Words”

What It Covers:

- Moses’ final speeches
- Review of Torah
- Blessings and curses
- Call to choose life
- Covenant renewal
- Transition of leadership to Joshua

Core Themes:

- Remembrance
- Obedience
- Love for YAHUAH
- Consequences
- Covenant loyalty

Key verse:

Deuteronomy 6:4–5
“Hear, O Israel...”

Deuteronomy emphasizes:
Love & obedience is covenant life.

Simple Summary Table

Book	Focus	Theme
Genesis	Beginning & Promise	Identity
Exodus	Deliverance & Covenant	Redemption
Leviticus	Holiness & Worship	Set-apart living
Numbers	Testing & Wilderness	Faithfulness
Deuteronomy	Covenant Renewal	Obedient love

Big Picture Flow

YAHUAH creates
Humanity falls
YAHUAH calls Abraham
Israel is formed
Israel is delivered
Torah is given
Israel is tested
Covenant is renewed

The Torah is not random laws.
It is a covenant story.

Creation to Promise to Deliverance to Instruction to Testing to Renewal.