

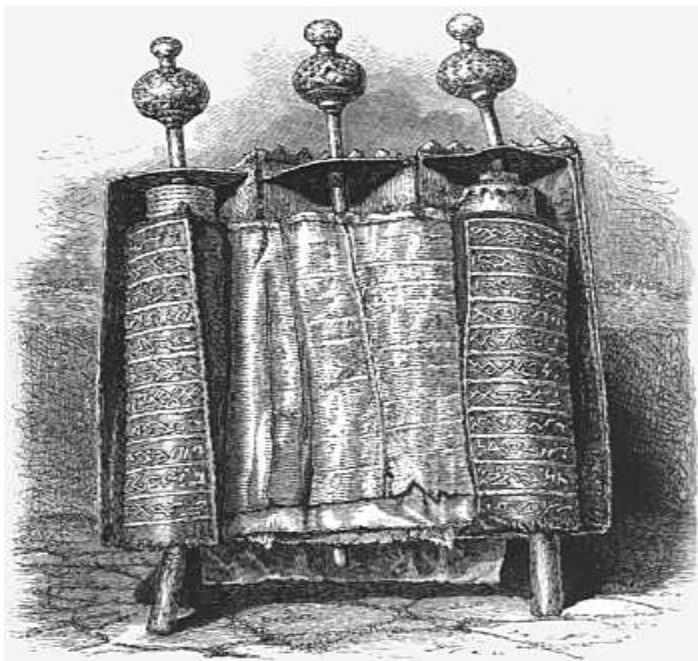
BIBLE 101 –CLASS 3 –Path of the Pentateuch.



Exodus 17:14

¹⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven."

THE PENTATEUCH



OBJECTIVE: To introduce a possible or probable path of transfer of the information for Genesis – Deuteronomy through the 4000 years of history it records prior to the exile of Judah to Babylon.

4 stages of the Pentateuch

From Creation to the death of Moses

1st stage -? (4004 BC) ----- 2348 BC = Global Flood.

*Genesis 1-8

2nd stage – 2348 BC rainbow – Abrams call 1921 BC

*Genesis 9-12

3rd state – 1921 BC Family of God – 1491 BC Moses

*Genesis 13-Exodus 14

4th stage – 1491 BC – 1451 BC death of Moses

*Exodus – Deut 34

The Pentateuch opened

Genesis 1:1-3

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

The Pentateuch closed.

Deut. 34:10-12

Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

¹⁰ But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹ in all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, ¹² and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

NOTE: *The Pentateuch opens with God speaking without man and closes with God speaking through man. God does not need man to speak but chooses to speak through man under the inspiration of the HOLY SPIRIT.*

The book of Genesis

In the first book of the Bible we have the first quote of God "Let there be light" making a prophetic statement (John 1:1-5). We have the first day, the first week, the first marriage, the first family, the first birth. But there are seven significant firsts worth mentioning.

- Adam the first man
- Cain the first murder
- Noah the first rescue
- Nimrod the first rebellion
- Abraham the first call out of rebellion
- Isaac the first family covenant
- Jacob the first nation (Israel) covenant.

This document was important, critical and sacred to the inhabitants of planet earth!

The path of Genesis:

Documents recorded by Adam, then Seth and his descendants. Noah ends up the keeper of the records.

-Genesis 6:9-10 – what does walk with God mean?

-Read Deut. 5:33, Deut. 10:12, Jos. 22:5, 1 Kings 8:23

The Path of Genesis cont...

Evidence for PREACHING from the WORD in the 1st age of the earth!

- Read Genesis 4:26 – To call on the name of the LORD was to preach to the people.
- Read Genesis 7:5 – God was commanding Noah. There would be records of those commands (Gen. 6-9)

Noah's sons continue possession of the Genesis record. Through the line of SHEM they end up in Abraham's family. From here they are passed along via Isaac-Jacob. Genesis 49 records the BLESSINGS of Jacob to his sons, very important the family. At this point they become a family banner for Israel with all tribes' blessings recorded.

Evidence for favour of Shem in Genesis.

Genesis 9:24-27

²⁴ And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. ²⁵ And he said, Cursed *be* Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. ²⁶ And he said, **Blessed be the LORD God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.** ²⁷ **God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant.**

*Ordination of leadership pronounced on Shem by Noah.



EXODUS

Exodus is recorded history. Its descriptions of the kingdom of Egypt are accurate and show remarkable resolution where Egyptian records lack. I will deal with this in a later lesson on the Historical accuracy of the Old Testament.

Exodus records the following main events.

- Record of Pharaohs' wrongs – national slavery
- Record of God's leadership choice – Moses
- Record of Israel's pain – Moses wanderings
- Record of 10 judgments against Egypt
- Record of supernatural rescue
- Record of God's writing and law
- Record of God's presence (Tabernacle)

Given the importance of this document it is no wonder at this time why the Exodus record was so important to the new nation of Israel.

- Read Exodus 17:14
- Read Exodus 24:4
- Read Exodus 34:27



LEVITICUS

Leviticus is that which pertains to the new Priesthood of God. The Levites and their procedures for offerings, medical responsibilities and community living. How important would it be for these records to be kept. This was the CONSTITUTION for the priesthood.

- Read Leviticus 1:1 – The LORD called
- Read Gen. 3:9 – The LORD called
- Read Lev. 10:7



NUMBERS

The book of Numbers was actually an official record of Israel in the wilderness. It was not only history but it was also a NUMBERING to gather information for the application of God's WORD and provision.

- Read Numbers 1:1-2
- Read Numbers 31:1-2

This recorded information would be the 4th foundation of the actual library that ancient Israel was compiling and keeping.



DEUTERONOMY

This book is the collection of the sermons of Moses after spending 40 years under the rule of God's WORD. The words of Moses here bring profound resolution and insight to WALKING with GOD in the desert places.

- Deuteronomy 1:1-3
- Deuteronomy 31:9

Reading and meditation assignment – Proverbs 1 Memory Verse—Hebrews 4:12