

The Torah

Books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy

Other Names: The Torah, The Law, or The Pentateuch

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Why are we reading the Torah together?

The first five books of the Bible are foundational for understanding who God is, who we are, and what God is doing in the world. In these opening pages of Scripture, we encounter God as the eternal, self-existent Creator who speaks all things into existence by His word. We see that humanity is created uniquely—in God’s image—set apart from the rest of creation with dignity, purpose, and responsibility.

We also learn how God’s good creation was fractured by sin. Through the fall, sin entered the world, distorting our relationship with God, with one another, and with creation itself. Yet almost immediately, Scripture reveals that God is not surprised by human rebellion nor defeated by it. From the earliest moments of brokenness, God unfolds His plan of redemption.

It is within this redemptive story that God gives His Law. The Law was never intended to bring salvation or earn redemption. Instead, it was given to shape the people of God—to teach them how to live in right relationship with a holy God and with one another. The Law reveals God’s character, exposes our need, and calls God’s people to holiness.

Ultimately, the Law points beyond itself. It leads us to Jesus Christ—the One who perfectly fulfills the Law and accomplishes what we never could. Through Him, redemption is secured, grace is revealed, and God’s purposes for creation are restored.