The Pentateuch

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Foundations
Names

- **Penta – teuch**
  - Five scrolls/volumes

- **Torah**
  - Law, teaching (Law / Prophets / Writings)

- **The books of Moses**
  - Did Moses write it all?
  - Earlier sources? Later editing?
  - The Mosaic era
The Five Parts

- **Genesis**  generations, origins (2:4; 5:1)
  - ‘In the beginning...’ (cf Jn 1:1)
- **Exodus**  way out, exit
  - ‘(These are the) names...’
- **Leviticus**  priests (levites); ‘joined’
  - ‘And God called...’ (God speaks @ beg and end)
- **Numbers**  arithmoi, census (ch. 1-4, 26)
  - ‘In the wilderness...’
- **Deuteronomy**  second Law (17:18 ‘copy’)
  - ‘(These are the) words / matters...’
A Pattern?

Genesis (13+58=71)  A
Exodus (61)  B
Sinai arrival (Ex 19)  C
Leviticus (44)  D

Day of Atonement  E

Leviticus  D
Sinai departure (Num 10)  C
Numbers (62)  B
Deuteronomy (52)  A
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The Book of Genesis
## Generations

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Structure and Shape

- International origins (1-11)
  - Double genealogy (Shem, Terah)
- Abraham (12-25)
  - Double genealogy (Ishmael, Isaac)
- Jacob (26-36)
  - Double genealogy (Esau, Jacob)
- Joseph (37-50)
Isaac: a Repetitive Sort of Man

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The Unfolding Identity of God

- God (1:1)
- Lord God (2:4)
- Lord (4:1)
- Most High God (14:18)
- He Who lives and sees (16:14)
- Almighty God (17:1)
- Everlasting God (21:33)
- Lord God of Abraham (24:12), etc
## Genesis 1-11: Fall & Effect

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Genesis 1-11: Flood Symmetry

7 days waiting for flood (7:4)
  7 days waiting for flood (7:10)
  40 days of flood (7:17)
  150 days water triumph (7:24)

???? 8:1 ???

  150 days water waning (8:3)
  40 days of waiting (8:6)
  7 days waiting for flood to recede (8:10)
  7 days waiting for flood to recede (8:12)
Genesis 1-11: New Beginnings

- Earth emerges from water
  - 1:10; 2:1  8:5,11,13
- Command to ‘Be fruitful...’; Blessing
  - 1:28  8:17; 9:17
- Instructions about foods
  - 2:16-17  9:3,4
- Garden/vineyard, nakedness, curse
  - 3:6,17,19  9:20-22,25
Genesis 12-50: The Promises

To Abraham
- 12:1-3,7
- 13:14-17
- 15:4-21
- (16:11)
- 17:1-8
- 18:10,14
- (21:12-13)
- 22:16-18

To Isaac
- 26:2-5

To Jacob
- 28:13-15
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Genesis 12-50: Importance of Faith

- Would **Abraham** be faithful? (12:1; 22:2)
- Would the **land** be given? (12:1,6,10)
  - Cf 23:17-20; 33:19; 35:12; 36:43)
- Would the **wife** survive?
- Would the **child** be born?
  - Cf childbirth in 1-11 (chs 5,10,11)
  - Children of promise are not ‘begotten’
- Would the **child** survive his brothers?
- **Reversal** of normal law (firstborn, cf 1-11)
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The Book of Exodus
Structure and Shape

- 1-15  Exodus  15chps
- 15-24  Sinai  9chps
- 25-40  Tabernacle  15chps
The Three-Stage Plan

1. Redemption out of Egypt
2. Covenant relationship (God’s terms; our response; creation of a nation)
3. A meeting place; God dwells with us
Pattern in the Plagues

Introductory Signs (7:8-13)
A River to blood (7:14-25)
  B Frogs (7:25-8:15)
    C Lice (8:16-19)
A Swarm (8:20-32)
  B Cattle death (9:1-7)
    C Boils (9:8-12)
A Hail (9:13-35)
  B Locusts (10:1-20)
    C Darkness (10:21-29)
The Final Plague (ch 11)

A M meets P early by river; done by A
B M goes to P in palace
C Sudden; unannounced; no warning; done by M
Lessons from the Exodus

☐ Israel’s cry initiates God’s action
☐ God prepares a son as a saviour
☐ Why so many plagues?
  ■ Sin is sinful (no compromise); victory not won easily; battle – don’t serve sin!
☐ Egypt destroyed
  ■ Distinction - creation – and God said – darkness – hardening of heart – jdgmt
☐ The passover, firstborn & baptism
Identity

☐ The identity of Israel; failings
  ■ 5:15-16; 13:17; 14:11-12

☐ The identity of Moses
  ■ 2:5-10; 3:11; 4:15-17; 7:1; 33:17

☐ The identity of Pharaoh
  ■ 1:8-14; 5:1-2,17-18

☐ The identity of God
  ■ 3:4-8,13-16; 6:1-8; 14:4,18; cf 16:6-8

Who will you serve?
The Glory of God

- Burning bush
- Pillar of cloud & fire
- Sinai
- Above the pavement (24:9-11)
- Moses in the cleft of the rock
- Cloud fills the tabernacle

- From the individual to the nation
Egypt and Israel in the Wild

- **Egypt**
  - Land decimated
  - Water undrinkable
  - Rain of hail
  - Locusts ‘come up’ and ‘cover’
  - Darkness

- **Israel**
  - Barren land made habitable
  - Water healed (2x)
  - Rain of bread
  - Quails ‘come up’ and ‘cover’
  - Pillar of cloud/fire
Mount Sinai

- Holiness of God
- Need for a mediator
- Selection of laws given
- Covenant made & ratified with blood
- Israel immediately break it
- Moses intercedes
- God keeps His terms by preparing tabernacle
Creation, Fall, Re-creation

The Tabernacle (Ex 25-40)

Instructions (Ex 25-31)

The Golden Calf
Intercession
God-manifestation
Covt renewal (Ex 32-34)

Fulfilment (Ex 35-40)
Tabernacle Accounts

- **Command (25-31)**
  - Ark/table/lamp
  - Tabernacle
  - Bronze altar
  - Courtyard
  - Ephod
  - Breastpiece
  - Robe
  - Gold plate
  - Tunic/turban etc
  - Incense altar
  - Laver
  - Anointing oil
  - Incense

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  - Gold plate
The Tabernacle

- The Sanctuary
  - Holy, sacred
  - M-q-d-sh, q-d-sh, q-d-sh q-d-sh-m

- The Tabernacle
  - Dwelling place (tented area)
  - House-like features

- Tent of Meeting/Assembly
  - 2 types: 27:20-31:7 vs 33:7,9
  - Mobile-home Ex 25:8-9
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<td>- 7x ‘just as the Lord commanded M’ (40:17-33)</td>
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<td>- G&amp;M ‘see’ work ‘finished’ and ‘bless’ it (39:32,43; 40:33; Gen 1:31; 2:1-3)</td>
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Parallels with Eden

- Cherubim (ark, veil)
- God ‘walking’; presence (Lev 16:11-12; Dt 23:14; 2Sam 7:6-7)
- Entrance to east; eastward in Eden
- Tree of life; candlestick as a tree
- ‘Serve’ and ‘keep’ garden & tab

*Tabernacle as a microcosm of creation*
The Three Stage Plan

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The Book of Leviticus
Structure and Shape

- 1-7  Sacrifices
- 8-10  Priesthood
- 11-15  Purity
- 16  Day of atonement
- 17-26  Rituals/morals; ‘Holiness Code’
- 27  Appendix: vows & redeeming
Holiness & Cleanness

- **Holy**
  - Separate, set apart, morally pure, without sin, cleanse(d)
  - 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:3,7,26; 22:2,32
  - English 90x, Hebrew 152x (holy, sanctify, etc)
  - Esp chs 17-25

- **Clean**
  - 72x

- **Unclean**
  - 132x

- **To profane, desecrate**
  - 17x

- **Esp chs 11-16**

- **Esp chs 17-25**
### Grades of Purity

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The Offerings (2)

- **The Burnt Offering**
  - All the animal, without blemish
  - Repair broken relationships betw G/man
  - Covenants

- **The Cereal Offering**
  - AV ‘meat’; NIV ‘grain’; no animal
  - Food for priests
  - Gift / tribute eg to a king (1K 4:21)

- **The Peace Offering**
  - NIV ‘fellowship’; meal (fellowship)
  - Most eaten by worshipper
  - Thankfulness, vow, freewill
The Offerings (3)

- **The Purification Offering**
  - AV, NIV ‘sin’
  - Cleanse defilement of sin (pollution caused by sinner, not sinner himself)
  - Blood used to cleanse
  - Sometimes to sanctify people

- **The Reparation Offering**
  - AV ‘trespass’, NIV ‘guilt’
  - Compensate for wrong against God
  - Guilt, reparation, compensation
  - Against another person?
Atonement / Expiation

- Kipper
- Object = sin
- Object x = God
- Effect = forgiveness
- God provides the essential ingredient
- 17:11
Structure and Shape

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Purity (chs 11-16)

- Clean and unclean animals
- Birth
- Skin diseases
- Growths on buildings
- Genital discharges
- Purif. of tab. / Day of Atonement

*Cleanness is not contagious! Uncleanness is.*
Clean and Unclean Animals

- **Land beasts**
  - Hooves cloven in two
  - Chew cud; ruminants

- **Sea creatures**
  - Fins and scales (most fish; no shellfish)

- **Fowl**
  - 20/21 forbidden birds (prey/carrion)
  - All flying insects (Dt) except 4 locusts (Lev)

- **Swarming creatures of the ground**
  - All forbidden in Lev 11:41-43; no mention in Dt
Rationales for Un/clean Animals

1. Holiness (not ‘disgusting’ Dt 14:3)
2. Make distinctions
3. Restrain hunting and interference in nature
4. Efficient use of grassland
5. Hygiene (pork, shellfish, scavengers)
6. Anomalous animals (eg swimmers, reptiles 11:41-43)
7. Pagan (pigs in underworld worship)
8. Sanctity of life
The Importance of Life

- Animals: scavengers, hunters
- Carcasses (11:24-40)
- Birth (prolonging the fall / curse)
- Bodily discharges
- Scale disease / leprosy
- Blood prohibition (17:1-16)
- Defilement from corpse (Num 19)
The Holiness Code

- I am the LORD (yahweh)
- I (yahweh) am holy; ...(I) that sanctify you
- To profane (name, etc)
- Neighbour (rare term)
- Flesh (next of kin)
- To observe and do
- My statutes and my judgments

- I will set my face against
- I will cut off from the midst (of people)
- To bear (his) sin / iniquity (self or others)

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The Book of Numbers
## Law and Narrative

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The Censuses

First census
- Chp 1
- Intro 1:2-3
- Similar tribal order
- Levites afterwards
- Warriors counted; military camp

Second census
- Chp 26
- Intro 26:2
- Similar tribal order
- Levites afterwards
- Only Joshua and Caleb survive
- Explain size of land allotment (v63-65)
Preparation for a Journey

- Who will go? How many?
- Who will be the leaders?
- What special responsibilities?
- Marching order?
- Sleeping arrangements?
- What equipment will be needed?
- What about hygiene and welfare?
- When and where to?
- Preparation of the team?
Hierarchy of service

- High Priest
- Priests
- Levites (unique)
  - Removal men
  - Guards (3:7; 1:50-53; 8:19)
  - Musicians, helpers and doorkeepers
  - 3:11-13
- People
11-25: Murmuring (etc.) (1)

☐ Complaint (11:1)
☐ Food ('give us flesh') (11:4-5)
☐ Miram and Aaron attack Moses (12:1)
☐ Faithless spies; presumption (13-14)
☐ Return to Egypt (14:4)
☐ Sabbath breaker (15:32)
☐ Korah, Dathan, Abiram (16)
11-25: Murmuring (etc.) (2)

- We’ll all die! (17:12)
- Moses’ sin (20:10-12)
- No bread (21:5)
- Balaam interlude (22-24)
- False gods (25)


God testing Israel? Israel testing God?
Questions

☐ Hath the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? (12:2)

☐ Wherefore, then, lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the Lord? (16:3)

☐ Wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt to bring us into this evil place? (20:5)

☐ Have I conceived all this people? (11:12)

☐ How long shall I bear with this evil congregation which murmur against Me? (14:27)
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*What is the difference between the two?*
The Balaam Incident

- **Numbers 22-24**
  - Balak’s mission
  - Balaam: Gentile outsider (Egypt?)
  - Curse -> blessing
  - Promises (23:19)
  - Baal-peor

- **Other references**
  - Num 31:8-16
  - Dt 23:5-6
  - Josh 13:22; 24:9+
  - Jud 11:25
  - Neh 13:2
  - Mic 6:5
  - 2 Pet 2:15-16; Jud 11; Rev 2:14
The Daughters of Zelophehad

- Two episodes concerning the daughters of Zelophehad frame Dt 27-36
- They teach the successful resolving of competing spiritual principles

New beginning

Chp 27  
Land issue

Chps 27-36

Chp 36  
Marriage issue
A New Generation (26-36)

☐ Not one death recorded (31:49)
☐ Successful military victories (28,31)
☐ New laws for future life in the land (34; whole section)
☐ Successor appointed for Moses
☐ Feasts and celebrations to be kept
The Pentateuch

The Book of Deuteronomy
Moses the Mediator

Moses’ words...

- Report God
- Report others
  - People
  - People & priests
  - Himself & priests
- Interpret and mediate God

3 key passages: 5:1-5; 18:15-19; 34:10-12
What Kind of ‘Second Law’?

☐ A reminder to the new generation?
☐ An expansion of Ex 20:23-23:19? (50% common; is Ex a summary?)
☐ Moses’ last will and testament?
☐ Words to prepare for entry to the Promised Land?
☐ Moses’ interpretation / explanation / proclamation of the Law?
Two Law Collections

- **Exodus**
  - 10 Commandments (Ex 20)
  - Sinai Laws (21-23)
  - Covenant making
  - People respond; bilateral
  - Dt 5:2

- **Deuteronomy**
  - 10 Commandments (Dt 5:6-21)
  - Moab Laws (Dt 5-26)
  - Covenant making
  - No response; unilateral
  - Dt 29:1,10-15

*19 statutes of Ex 21-23 recast in Dt*
Special Language

- **Formal Language**
  - Hear, heed, hearken
  - You; vocatives
  - Oaths, promises
  - Law, commands, statutes, ordinance
  - Covenant
  - To day, this day (73x)

- **Other Themes**
  - Heart
  - Election
  - Land
  - Place of worship (12:5,11,14,21; 14:23; 15:20; 16:6 etc)
  - Concern for the disadvantaged
# Covenants and Treaties

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Structure and Shape

- **Initial Address: the Past (1-4)**
  - Horeb to Moab – a recapitulation

- **Main Address (1): The Principles (5-11)**
  - Intro to Law Book – general principles

- **Main Address (2): The Law Book (12-26)**
  - Detailed regulations

- **Conclusion: the Future (27-34)**
  - Commitment and consequences
  - Covenant-making
  - Moses’ Blessing, Songs, Exht & Death

1:1-5; 4:44-49; 12:1; 26:16-19
The Law Book (1)

- **Two types of law**
  - Apodictic (do/not)
    - 14:22; 15:1,19; 16:18
  - Casuistic (if...then)
    - 22:6-8; 23:21-25

- **Treaties/law codes**
  - Sacred/mundane

- **Law Book set in an explanatory frame**

- **Principles of relationship of God and man**
The Law Book (2)

- Religious ceremonies (12-16)
- Political structure (16:18-18:22)
- Civil matters (19-25)
- Command to worship (26)
Today and Tomorrow

27 Ebal & Gerizim; bless & curse
28 Blessings and curses
29+ Covt of Moab; bless & curse;
   word very nigh; life & death
31 Moses -> Joshua; writing law/covt
32 Moses’ / God’s song / warning
33 Moses’ final blessing
34 Death of Moses; none like him
Predicted Failure and Hope

- Constant infidelity references
  - 28:15-68;
  - 29:17-28
  - 30:17-19
  - 31:16-29
  - 32:15-55

- Hope, nevertheless
  - 29:10-15
  - 31:1-8;
  - 33:1-29

Compare the words of the prophets...
What Next?

- Biblical history
  - The ‘Deuteronomistic History’
  - Joshua – 2 Kings
- An ‘unfinished symphony’?
  - Uncertainty of the future
  - A story without an ending
- A prophet like Moses
- The calling to be a special people