

LIGHT FOR LIFE

EXPLORING GOD-BREATHED GLORY

The
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For with you is the fountain of **life**;
in your light do we see **light**.

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Psalm 36:9

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MANUSCRIPTS

Unique in its **preservation**

- No autographs
- Over 200,000 manuscripts exist today
 - O.T.
 - Talmudic : 300 B.C. – 500 A.D.
 - Masoretic: 500 – 1000 A.D.
 - N.T.
 - Western
 - Caesarean
 - Byzantine (5th century)
 - Alexandrian

Author of Work	When Written	Earliest Copy	Time Span	No. of Copies
Caesar (Gallic Wars)	100–44 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,000 yrs.	10
Livy (History of Rome)	59 B.C.–17 A.D.	N/A	N/A	20
Plato (Tetralogies)	400 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,300 yrs.	7
Pliny the Younger (History)	61–113 A.D.	850 A.D.	750 yrs.	7
Thucydides (History)	460–400 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,300 yrs.	8
Herodotus (History)	480–425 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,300 yrs.	8
Sophocius (History)	469–406 B.C.	100 A.D.	600 yrs.	193
Aristotle	384–322 B.C.	1,100 A.D.	1,400 yrs.	193
Homer (Iliad)	900 B.C.	400 A.D.	1, 500 yrs.	643
New Testament	50–90 A.D.	125 A.D.	25 yrs.	>25,000

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- **Dead Sea Scrolls**
 - Dates discovered: **1947-1956**
 - Location: Wadi **Qumran caves**
 - Date of writings: ~ **100 B.C. – 100 A.D.**
 - Content: Fragments of every OT book was recovered except Esther

LANGUAGES

Unique in its scribal **transmission**

OLD TESTAMENT

- Original
 - **Hebrew**
 - Aramaic: *only Daniel 2-6 and Ezra 4-7*
- Septuagint
 - Greek translation of Hebrew
 - Alexandria, Egypt
 - Date: 300 – 200 B.C.
- Characteristics of Hebrew
 - Aspectual verb tenses
 - Less precision than modern languages
 - Remarkable power in emotional expression & poetry

LANGUAGES

Unique in its scribal transmission

NEW TESTAMENT

- Original
 - **Greek**
- Characteristics of Greek
 - Aspectual and temporal verb tenses
 - Greater precision than English
 - Inflective language

רֹאשׁ-דְּבָרָךְ אֱמֶת

וְלִעוֹלָם כָּל-מִשְׁפָּט צְדָקָךְ׃

Psalms 119:160

ἁγιάσον αὐτοὺς ἐν τῇ ἀληθείᾳ·

ὁ λόγος ὁ σὸς ἀλήθειά ἐστιν

John 17:17

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And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

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Deuteronomy 8:3

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I have not departed from the commandment of his lips;
I have treasured the words of his mouth
more than my portion of food.

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Job 23:12

TRANSLATION

Unique in its translations

- Languages the Bible has been translated into:
more than 2,454

DISTRIBUTION

Unique in its distribution

- Number of new Bibles distributed in the U.S.:
about 168,000 per day

LAW <i>torah</i>	PROPHETS <i>nevi'im</i>		WRITINGS <i>ketuvim</i>		
	Former	Later	<i>emet</i>	<i>megilloth</i>	Historical
Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Joshua Judges Samuel Kings	Isaiah Jeremiah Ezekiel The Twelve	Psalms Proverbs Job	Song of Songs Ruth Lamentations Ecclesiastes Esther	Daniel Ezra-Nehemiah Chronicles

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Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

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Luke 24:44



TORAH

Torah is often translated as **Law** in English, but the original idea behind the word *Torah* is much richer.

It is derived from a Hebrew verbal root that means to throw or shoot (as an arrow). By this the idea of a directional guide is portrayed. The Torah gives instruction in the way of the Lord.



TORAH

Covenant Life with God

The foundational revelation of the Creator of the universe—the God who made man and woman, marriage and family, society and nations, music and art; the God of Israel, the covenant Maker and Redeemer of all the families of the earth.

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Matthew 5:17–18

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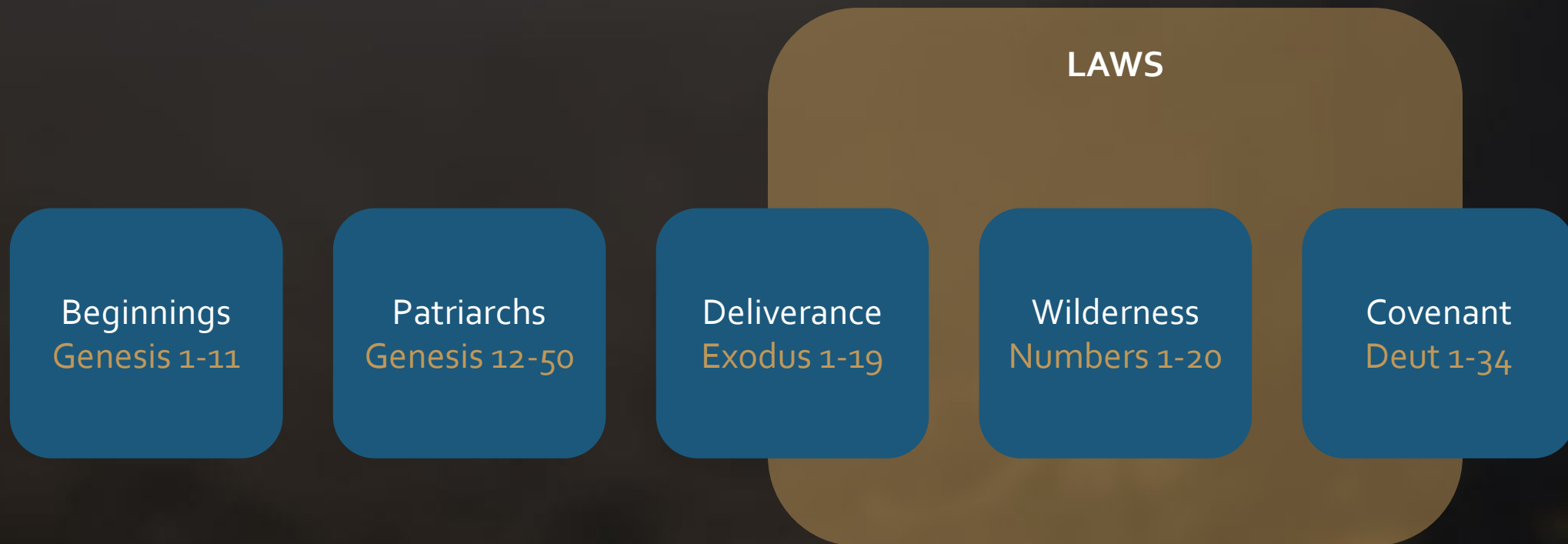
IDENTITY

- The Law (Josh 8:34; Ezra 10:3)
- The Book of the Law (Josh 1:8; Neh 8:3)
- The Book of the Law of Moses (Josh 8:31)
- The Book of Moses (Ezra 6:18)
- The Law of Moses (Dan 9:11; Mal 4:4)
- The Law of the Lord (Ezra 7:10)
- The Law of God (Neh 10:28, 29)
- The Book of the Law of God (Josh 24:26; Neh 8:18)
- The Book of the Law of the Lord (Neh 9:3)

OVERVIEW

- Single Book (2 Chr 25:4; 35:12; Ezra 6:18)
- Single Author: Moses (Ex 17:14; 24:4; Num 33:1)
- Historical Events
 - Cosmic and Universal
 - Localized and Personal
 - National

STRUCTURE



MAJOR THEMES

- God
 - Creator
 - Glorious
 - Faithful
 - Sovereign
- Covenant
 - Noahic (Gen 6:18; 8:21-22; 9:8-17)
 - Abrahamic (Gen 15:18; 17:1-21; Ex 2:24; 6:4-8; Lev 26:40-45)
 - Mosaic (Ex 19:5; 24:7, 8; Lev 26:15, 25; Deut 4:3; 5:6-22)
 - Priestly (Num 25:10-13)

MAJOR THEMES

- Sin
- Election
- Exodus
- Law
- Tabernacle/Presence
- Priesthood
- Sacrifice
- Land
- Patriarchs

PURPOSE

- Kingdom
 - God created for His glory and the joy of those made in His image
- Promise
 - God sovereignly purposes and promises redemption that results in relationship
- Faith
 - God is faithful to His promises and calls for faith from those made in His image

PROMISE

- Giving of a Seed (Genesis 12–50)
- Giving of the Law (Exodus 1 – Leviticus 27)
- Giving of the Land (Numbers 1 – Deuteronomy 34)