

## ~PENTATEUCH (451)

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· This anglicized Greek word, meaning, **five rolls**, or **fivefold volume**, refers to **the first five books of the Bible Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy**.

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· The **Pentateuch** is a most important segment of God's written Word, furnishing a solid foundation upon which much that follows firmly rests.

· Its first book, **Genesis**, gives us the inspired account of creation and also traces man's history from Eden down through much of the patriarchal era to the death of Joseph, in the beginning to **1657 B.C.E.**

· The second book, **Exodus**, begins with the death of Joseph and tells of Moses birth during a time of slavery, of the deliverance of God's people from Egyptian bondage, and of the inauguration of the Law covenant at Sinai, it includes details for the construction of the central structure for worship, namely, the tabernacle in the wilderness historic events from **1657 to 1512 B.C.E.**

· **Leviticus**, the third book, covering only about one months time **1512 B.C.E**, gives invaluable information about the Levitical priesthood, its ordination, and its duties, as well as laws and regulations governing the congregations obligatory support of Yehowah's worship.

· The fourth book, **Numbers**, as its name implies, tells of the censuses taken near the beginning and end of the wilderness journey. It also gives us many details on the 40 years of wandering down to **1473 B.C.E**, and includes many laws embraced within the framework of the national covenant.

· The final book, **Deuteronomy**, covers about two months time **1473 B.C.E**, it explains portions of the Law covenant and provides many ordinances necessary for the new generation of Israelites who were poised on the Plains of Moab, ready to invade and occupy the Promised Land.

- The closing chapters tell of the appointment of Joshua as leader and the death of Moses.

## •• **Writership**

- There is no single text saying that **Moses** wrote the entire **Pentateuch**, but scattered throughout the material are explicit statements serving the same purpose.

- Yehowah now said to Moses; Write this as a memorial in the book and propound it in Joshua's ears, I shall completely wipe out the remembrance of Amalek from under the heavens. (**Exodus 17:14**)

- Accordingly Moses wrote down all the words of Yehowah. Then he got up early in the morning and built at the foot of the mountain an altar and twelve pillars corresponding with the twelve tribes of Israel. (**Exodus 24:4**)

- And Yehowah went on to say to Moses; Write down for yourself these words, because it is in accordance with these words that I do conclude a covenant with you and Israel. (**Exodus 34:27**)

- And Moses kept recording the departure places by their stages at the order of Yehowah, and these were their stages from one departure place to another. (**Numbers 33:2**)

- There are also many sections where the words are directly credited to Moses, beginning with his first recorded conversation.

- However, he went out on the following day and here there were two Hebrew men struggling with each other. So he said to the one in the wrong; Why should you strike your companion? (**Exodus 2:13**)

- At this he said; Who appointed you as a prince and judge over us? Are you intending to kill me just as you killed the Egyptian? Moses now got afraid and said; Surely the thing has become known! (**Exodus 2:14**)

- Continuing to his final blessing on the people.

- Now this is the blessing with which Moses the man of the true

**God blessed the sons of Israel before his death. (Deuteronomy 33:1)**

- **And he proceeded to say, Yehowah, from Sinai he came and he flashed forth from Seir upon them. He beamed forth from the mountainous region of Paran, and with him were holy myriads, at his right hand warriors belonging to them. (Deuteronomy 33:2)**
- **He was also cherishing his people; All their holy ones are in your hand. And they, they reclined at your feet; They began to receive some of your words. (Deuteronomy 33:3)**
- **Moses laid as a command upon us a Law. A possession of the congregation of Jacob. (Deuteronomy 33:4)**
- **And he came to be king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people gathered themselves, the entire number of the tribes of Israel. (Deuteronomy 33:5)**
- **Let Reuben live and not die off, and let his men not become few. (Deuteronomy 33:6)**
- **And this was Judah's blessing, as he went on to say; Hear, O Yehowah, the voice of Judah, and may you bring him to his people. His arms have contended for what is his. And may you prove yourself a helper from his adversaries. (Deuteronomy 33:7)**
- **And as to Levi he said; Your Thummim and your Urim belong to the man loyal to you, whom you put to the test at Massah. You began to contend with him by the waters of Meribah. (Deuteronomy 33:8)**
- **The man who said to his father and his mother, I have not seen him. Even his brothers he did not acknowledge, and his sons he did not know. For they kept your saying, and your covenant they continued to observe. (Deuteronomy 33:9)**
- **Let them instruct Jacob in your judicial decisions and Israel in your law. Let them render up incense before your nostrils and a whole offering on your altar. (Deuteronomy 33:10)**
- **Bless, O Yehowah, his vital energy, and may you show pleasure in the activity of his hands. Wound severely in their hips those**

who rise up against him, and those who intensely hate him, that they may not rise up. (**Deuteronomy 33:11**)

- **As to Benjamin he said; Let the beloved one of Yehowah reside in security by him, while he shelters him the whole day, and he must reside between his shoulders. (Deuteronomy 33:12)**
- **And as to Joseph he said; May his land be continually blessed from Yehowah with the choice things of heaven, with dew, and with the watery deep lying down below. (Deuteronomy 33:13)**
- **And with the choice things, the products of the sun, and with the choice things, the yield of the lunar months. (Deuteronomy 33:14)**
- **And with the choicest from the mountains of the east, and with the choice things of the indefinitely lasting hills. (Deuteronomy 33:15)**
- **And with the choice things of the earth and its fullness, and with the approval of the One residing in the thornbush. May they come upon the head of Joseph and upon the crown of the head of the one singled out from his brothers. (Deuteronomy 33:16)**
- **As the firstborn of a bull his splendor is, and his horns are the horns of a wild bull. With them he will push peoples all together to the ends of the earth, and they are the tens of thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh. (Deuteronomy 33:17)**
- **And as to Zebulun he said; Rejoice, O Zebulun, in your going out, and, Issachar, in your tents. (Deuteronomy 33:18)**
- **Peoples to the mountain they will call. There they will sacrifice the sacrifices of righteousness. For they will suck the abounding wealth of the seas and the hidden hoards of the sand. (Deuteronomy 33:19)**
- **And as to Gad he said; Blessed is the one widening the borders of Gad. As a lion he must reside, and he must tear the arm, yes, the crown of the head. (Deuteronomy 33:20)**
- **And he will pick out the first part for himself, for there the allotment of a statute-giver is reserved. And the heads of the**

- people will gather themselves together. The righteousness of Yehowah will he certainly execute and his judicial decisions with Israel. ([Deuteronomy 33:21](#))
- And as to Dan he said; Dan is a lion cub. He will leap out from Bashan. ([Deuteronomy 33:22](#))
  - And as to Naphtali he said; Naphtali is satisfied with the approval and full of the blessing of Yehowah. Do take possession of the west and south. ([Deuteronomy 33:23](#))
  - And as to Asher he said; Blessed with sons is Asher. Let him become one approved by his brothers, and one dipping his foot in oil. ([Deuteronomy 33:24](#))
  - Iron and copper are your gate locks, and in proportion to your days is your leisurely walk. ([Deuteronomy 33:25](#))
  - There is none like the true God of Jeshurun, who rides upon heaven in help of you and upon cloudy skies in his eminence. ([Deuteronomy 33:26](#))
  - A hiding place is the God of ancient time, and underneath are the indefinitely lasting arms. And he will drive away from before you the enemy, and he will say; Annihilate them! ([Deuteronomy 33:27](#))
  - And Israel will reside in security, the fountain of Jacob by itself, upon a land of grain and new wine. Yes, his heavens will let the dew drip down. ([Deuteronomy 33:28](#))
  - Happy you are, O Israel! Who is there like you, a people enjoying salvation in Yehowah, the shield of your help, and the One who is your eminent sword? So your enemies will cringe before you, and you, upon their high places you will tread. ([Deuteronomy 33:29](#))
  - And including some of his lengthy speeches.
  - These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel in the region of the Jordan in the wilderness, on the desert plains in front of Suph, between Paran and Tophel and Laban and Hazeroth and Dizahab. ([Deuteronomy 1:1](#))

- **And Moses proceeded to call all Israel and to say to them; Hear, O Israel, the regulations and the judicial decisions that I am speaking in your ears today, and you must learn them and be careful to do them. (Deuteronomy 5:1)**
- **And Moses together with the older men of Israel went on to command the people, saying; There should be an observing of every commandment that I am commanding you today. (Deuteronomy 27:1)**
- **And Moses proceeded to call all Israel and to say to them, you were the ones seeing all that Yehowah did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and all his servants and all his land. (Deuteronomy 29:2)**
- **Then Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel. (Deuteronomy 31:1)**
- **And notable songs.**
- **At that time Moses and the sons of Israel proceeded to sing this song to Yehowah and to say the following; Let me sing to Yehowah, for he has become highly exalted the horse and its rider he has pitched into the sea. (Exodus 15:1)**
- **My strength and my might is Yah, since he serves for my salvation. This is my God, and I shall laud him, my fathers God, and I shall raise him on high. (Exodus 15:2)**
- **Yehowah is a manly person of war. Yehowah is his name. (Exodus 15:3)**
- **Pharaoh's chariots and his military forces he has cast into the sea, and the choice of his warriors have been sunk in the Red Sea. (Exodus 15:4)**
- **The surging waters proceeded to cover them, down they went into the depths like a stone. (Exodus 15:5)**
- **Your right hand, O Yehowah, is proving itself powerful in ability, Your right hand, O Yehowah, can shatter an enemy. (Exodus 15:6)**
- **And in the abundance of your superiority you can throw down**

- those who rise up against you; You send out your burning anger, it eats them up like stubble. (**Exodus 15:7**)
- **And by a breath from your nostrils waters were heaped up, they stood still like a dam of floods, the surging waters were congealed in the heart of the sea. (**Exodus 15:8**)**
  - **The enemy said; I shall pursue! I shall overtake! I shall divide spoil! My soul will be filled with them! I shall draw my sword! My hand will drive them away! (**Exodus 15:9**)**
  - **You blew with your breath, the sea covered them, they sank like lead in majestic waters. (**Exodus 15:10**)**
  - **Who among the gods is like you, O Yehowah. Who is like you, proving yourself mighty in holiness. The One to be feared with songs of praise, the One doing marvels. (**Exodus 15:11**)**
  - **You stretched out your right hand, the earth proceeded to swallow them up. (**Exodus 15:12**)**
  - **You in your loving-kindness have led the people whom you have recovered; You in your strength will certainly conduct them to your holy abiding place. (**Exodus 15:13**)**
  - **Peoples must hear, they will be agitated; Birth pangs must take hold on the inhabitants of Philistia. (**Exodus 15:14**)**
  - **At that time the sheiks of Edom will indeed be disturbed; As for the despots of Moab, trembling will take hold on them. All the inhabitants of Canaan will indeed be disheartened. (**Exodus 15:15**)**
  - **Fright and dread will fall upon them. Because of the greatness of your arm they will be motionless like a stone. Until your people pass by, O Yehowah, until the people whom you have produced pass by. (**Exodus 15:16**)**
  - **You will bring them and plant them in the mountain of your inheritance; An established place that you have made ready for you to inhabit, O Yehowah, a sanctuary, O Yehowah, that your hands have established. (**Exodus 15:17**)**
  - **Yehowah will rule as king to time indefinite, even forever.**

**(Exodus 15:18)**

- **When Pharaoh's horses with his war chariots and his cavalymen went into the sea, then Yehowah brought back the waters of the sea upon them, while the sons of Israel walked on dry land through the midst of the sea. (Exodus 15:19)**
- **And Moses proceeded to speak in the hearing of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song until their completion. (Deuteronomy 31:30)**
- **Be glad, you nations, with his people, for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and he will pay back vengeance to his adversaries and will indeed make atonement for the ground of his people. (Deuteronomy 32:43)**
- **The opening verses of (Leviticus Chapters 20, 27) tell us that what follows are the words of Yehowah spoken to Moses so he, in turn, could inform the people.**
- **The same is true in more than 50 instances in the book of Numbers. So, with the exception of the closing verses of Deuteronomy, the evidence within the **Pentateuch** itself shows that its writership properly belongs to Moses.**
- **Many other passages in the Bible witness to the fact that the **Pentateuch** was from the hand of Moses.**
- **Only be courageous and very strong to take care to do according to all the Law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn aside from it to the right or to the left, in order, that you may act wisely everywhere you go. (Joshua 1:7)**
- **And they kept serving as agents to test Israel so as to know whether they would obey Yehowah's commandments that he had commanded their fathers by means of Moses. (Judges 3:4)**
- **And he kept sticking to Yehowah. He did not turn aside from following him, but he continued keeping his commandments that Yehowah had commanded Moses. (2 Kings 18:6)**
- **Remember, you people, the Law of Moses my servant with which I commanded him in Horeb concerning all Israel, even regulations and judicial decisions. (Malachi 4:4)**



- **Such men as David.**
- **And the days of David gradually drew near for him to die, and he proceeded to command Solomon his son, saying; (1 Kings 2:1)**
- **I am going in the way of all the earth, and you must be strong and prove yourself to be a man. (1 Kings 2:2)**
- **And you must keep the obligation to Yehowah your God by walking in his ways, by keeping his statutes, his commandments and his judicial decisions and his testimonies, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, in order, that you may act prudently in everything that you do and everywhere that you turn. (1 Kings 2:3)**
- **Daniel**
- **And all those of Israel have overstepped your Law, and there has been a turning aside by not obeying your voice, so that you poured out upon us the curse and the sworn oath that is written in the Law of Moses the servant of the true God, for we have sinned against Him. (Daniel 9:11)**
- **Ezra**
- **And they appointed the priests in their classes and the Levites in their divisions, for the service of God which is in Jerusalem, according to the prescription of the book of Moses. (Ezra 6:18)**
- **Nehemiah**
- **And all the people proceeded to gather themselves as one man at the public square that was before the Water Gate. Then they said to Ezra the copyist to bring the book of the Law of Moses, which Yehowah had commanded Israel. (Nehemiah 8:1)**
- **Jesus**
- **But concerning the dead, that they are raised up, did you not read in the book of Moses, in the account about the thornbush, how God said to him, I am the God of Abraham and God of Isaac and God of Jacob? (Mark 12:26)**

- **But Abraham said; They have Moses and the Prophets, let them listen to these. (Luke 16:29)**
- **Moses gave you the Law, did he not? But not one of you obeys the Law. Why are you seeking to kill me? (John 7:19)**
- **And commencing at Moses and all the Prophets he interpreted to them things pertaining to himself in all the Scriptures. (Luke 24:27)**
- **And John**
- **Because the Law was given through Moses, the undeserved kindness and the truth came to be through Jesus Christ. (John 1:17)**
- **Make references to this work as that of Moses. More directly to the point, Jesus acknowledged that Moses was the **writer**.**
- **In answer he said to them; What did Moses command you? (Mark 10:3)**
- **They said; Moses allowed the writing of a certificate of dismissal and divorcing her. (Mark 10:4)**
- **But Jesus said to them; Out of regard for your hardheartedness he wrote you this commandment. (Mark 10:5)**
- **In fact, if you believed Moses you would believe me, for that one wrote about me. (John 5:46)**
- **But if you do not believe the writings of that one, how will you believe my sayings? (John 5:47)**
- **As did also the Sadducees.**
- **Now Sadducees came to him, who say there is no resurrection, and they put the question to him. (Mark 12:18)**
- **Teacher, Moses wrote us that if someones brother dies and leaves a wife behind but does not leave a child, his brother should take the wife and raise up offspring from her for his brother. (Mark 12:19)**

