

Foundations Class

**Truths for
Yeshua's
Disciples**

The Torah



**God's instructions
for His people**

What is Torah?

Torah ≠ Law

Torah:
Instruction,
teaching

⇒ **Torah:**
* **History**



* **Prophecies**
* **Covenants | Promises**
* **Training Manual**

Yarah: “to shoot an arrow” or
‘to hit the **mark**’ of

* **Righteousness** Romans 2:13

* **The Righteous One** 1 John 2:1

Chata: miss the mark, sin

Romans 3:23, 1 John 3:4



Author?

“...I will give you the **tablets of stone** with the **Torah** and the **mitzvot (commandments)**, which I have written so that you may instruct them.” Exodus 24:12 TLV

...He gave the two tablets of the Testimony to Moses, **tablets of stone**, written by the finger of God. Ex 31:18 TLV

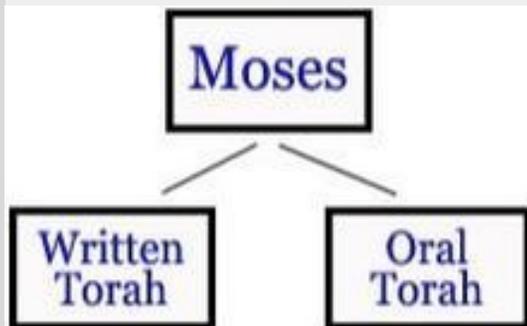
How many Torahs?

Rabbinical
Judaism
'Dual Torah'

What is
included it?



613 commands



Written Torah Pentateuch, Books of Moses, Chumash

Oral Torah | Talmud: Mishnah + Gemara

Jerusalem Talmud ~ 400 CE

Babylonian Talmud ~ 600 CE

1. Pentateuch (aka, Books of Moses, Chumash)

2. Tanakh (aka Hebrew Bible, OT)

Yeshua: the Torah quoting Psalm ⇒ Jn 10.34:Ps 82.6 | Jn 15.25:Ps 35.19

Paul: 1 Corinthians 14.21 : Isaiah 28.11-12

3. Rabbinic Teaching (Written + Oral Torah)

4. All God's commandments

5. Tanakh + B'rit Chadashah (aka Apostolic Scriptures, NT)

Torah is God's teaching (instructions) for His people

Why is the Torah Important?...

**Love ADONAI
Your God**

"...you shall love Adonai your God, and always keep His charge...statutes...judgments, and His commandments." Dt 11:1

Yeshua: *If you love me, keep my commandments. Jn 14:15*

'...For this is the LOVE of God...keep his commandments' 1 Jn 5:2

Love others

"... you shall love your neighbor as yourself..." Lev 19:18

Pharisees testing Yeshua: *"...‘You shall love Adonai your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire Torah and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Mt 22:35-40 TLV*



...Why is the Torah Important?

Love: Action

You are to do no injustice in judgment. You are not to be partial...you are to judge your neighbor with fairness. ^{Lev 19:15}

You must not be dishonest in judgment, in measurements of length, weight or of quantity.” ^{Lev 19:35}

Last Days Warning

*2 Tim 3:1-4 ...in the last days hard times will come, for people will be **lovers** of self, **lovers** of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, hardhearted, unforgiving, backbiting, without self-control, brutal, hating what is good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, **lovers** of pleasure rather than **lovers** of God.*



Torah is relevant to understand how to love God and love others

Purpose for Unbelievers...

Speaks about
God to the
world

*...observe **them**; and follow **them**; for then all peoples will see you as having wisdom and understanding. When they hear of all these **laws**, they will say, 'This great nation is surely a wise and understanding people.'* Deut 4:6 CJB

Reveals Sin

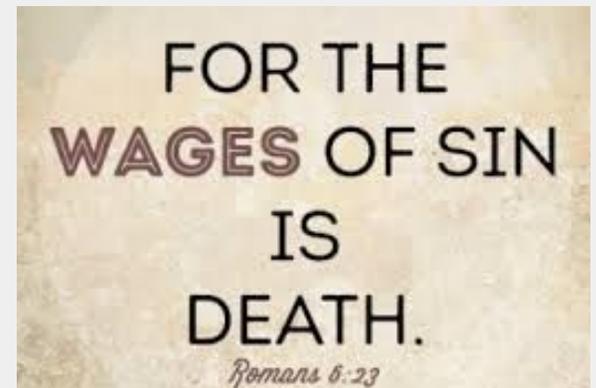
Paul: *"...Is the **Torah sin**?...I would not have known **sin** except through the **Torah**. For I would not have known about coveting if the **Torah** had not said, "You shall not covet." *Rom 7:7 TLV**



John: *Everyone who keeps **sinning** is violating **Torah**, indeed, **sin** is violation of **Torah**.* 1 John 3:4 CJB

Reveals
God's wrath
↔
unrighteousness

*For the **Torah** brings about wrath; but where there is no **Torah**, neither is there a violation.* Romans 4:15 TLV



...Purpose for Unbelievers

Leads
unbelievers to
Salvation

and that from childhood you have known the **sacred writings** that are able to make you wise, leading to salvation through **faith** in **Messiah Yeshua**. *2 Timothy 3:15 TLV*

Messiah:
End of the
Torah
Romans 10:4

For Messiah is the **end (telos)** of the **Torah** for righteousness to everyone who believes. *Romans 10:4*

He didn't come to abolish the **Torah** or the prophets, but to fulfill them, and until heaven and earth pass away, nothing will pass from the Torah until all is accomplished. *Mat 5:17-18*

Torah as a
guardian
Galatians 3:24-25

Therefore the **Torah** was our guardian to lead us to **Messiah**, so that we might be justified by **faith**. But now that **faith** has come, we are no longer under a guardian. *Galatians 3:24-25*

Torah reveals to unbelievers their sinful nature & their need of a Saviour

Purpose for Believers...

**Trains
believers in
Righteousness**
Psalm 119

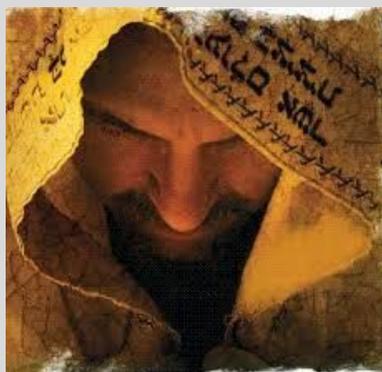
*All Scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for restoration, and for **training in righteousness**, so that the person belonging to God may be capable, fully equipped for every good deed. ^{2 Tim 3:16-17 TLV}*

**Restores
our souls**
Psalm 19:7

*The **Torah** of the Lord is perfect, **restoring the soul**. The testimony of the Lord is trustworthy, making the simple wise. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commandment of the Lord are pure, giving light to the eyes, the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. ^{Psalms 19:7-9 TLV}*

...Purpose for Believers

Teaches
about
the Messiah



Road to Emmaus: *Then beginning with **Moses** and all the Prophets, He explained to them the things written about Himself in all the Scriptures.* Luke 24:27 TLV

*Then He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, everything written concerning Me in the **Torah of Moses** and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.* Luke 24:44 TLV

*“You examine the **Scriptures** because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is those very **Scriptures** that testify about Me...” John 5:39-40 NASB*

Trains us to serve God, restores our souls & teaches us about the Messiah

The Torah as a Constitution...



*“Repent, for the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand.” Matthew 4:17*

*“For I tell you that I will never drink of the fruit of the vine from now on, until the **kingdom of God comes**.” Luke 22:18*

*‘Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the **kingdom** prepared for you...’ Matthew 25:34 TLV*

Religion ≠ **Kingdom**

*“And when **he** sits on the throne of his **kingdom**, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this Torah...” Deut 17:18-19*

*“At the end of every 7 years,...during the feast of Sukkot, when all Israel comes to appear before Adonai your God...you are to read this **Torah** before them...” Deut 31:10-11 TLV*



...The Torah as a Constitution

In the Messianic Kingdom



*It will come to pass in the **last days** that the mountain of Adonai's House will stand firm as head of the mountains and will be exalted above the hills. So all nations will flow to it. Then many peoples will go and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of Adonai, to the House of the God of Jacob! Then **He** will teach us His ways, and we will walk in His paths." For **Torah** will go forth from Zion and the **word of Adonai** from Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:2-3 TLV, Micah 4:1-2*

Torah represents the Constitution of the Kingdom of God

The Torah as a Marriage Covenant



Ketubah

Purpose

Intimate relationship with Israel

Jeremiah

31:31-32



New Covenant

Torah: ketubah of the marriage between God & Israel

'I will take you as my people, and I will be your God'. Exodus 6:6-7

***God made a covenant with Israel** Exodus 19:5-7

***Israel agreed:** "All that ADONAI has spoken we will do!" Ex 19:8

***Giving of the Torah (Ketubah)** Exodus 20

Isaiah: *For your Maker is your husband, Adonai-Tzva'ot is His Name, the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer. He will be called God of all the earth.* Isa 54:5 TLV

Hosea: *I will betroth you to Me forever...I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice...* Hosea 2:19 TLV

***Chuppah**



Exodus 19:9
Thick cloud

Torah represents the Marriage Covenant between God and Israel