

Every week in Jewish synagogues the world over, a selection of a few chapters is considered from the Torah (the Pentateuch or the Law of Moses). The discipline of reading the *parashah* or Torah portion on *Shabbat* (the Sabbath) has helped maintain the cohesion of the Jewish people for millennia. As Messianic congregations have been formed, this tradition is something which has helped enliven the Bible readings and studies of those, Jewish Believers and evangelical Christians embracing their Hebraic Roots alike, who look to Moses' Teaching to tell us something about the relationship each of us is to have with Yeshua the Messiah (Jesus Christ), and how we are to grow in holiness.

What are the benefits of consistently examining the Torah? What old lessons might need to be re-learned every year, and what are some new lessons for God's people to be considering? How will the Torah form a major part of the emerging Messianic movement's understanding of the mission of God, and with what He wants to do with His people? Will we really be able to understand the admonition, "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law?" (Deuteronomy 29:29)?

TorahScope, Volume III is a third, special year's compilation of insightful, reflective commentaries on the weekly Torah readings, gleaned from the studies and notes of William Mark Huey. Written from a Messianic perspective, this volume shares his conviction that a Believer's life and walk with the Messiah Yeshua can be viewed through the grid and lens of consistent Torah study. *Volume III* is unique as it specifically focuses readers on the theme of faith, how figures in the Torah interacted with God in either a faithful or faithless manner, and how their example carries through to the Tanakh and Apostolic Writings.

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Abbreviation Chart and Special Terms

Special terms unique to this publication that may be used have been provided in this chart:

Apostolic Scriptures/Writings: the New Testament	KJV: King James Version
ATS: ArtScroll Tanach (1996)	LXE: <i>Septuagint with Apocrypha</i> by Sir L.C.L. Brenton (1851)
b. Babylonian Talmud (<i>Talmud Bavli</i>)	LXX: Septuagint
BDAG: <i>A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature</i> (Bauer, Danker, Arndt, Gingrich)	LS: <i>A Greek-English Lexicon</i> (Liddell & Scott)
BDB: <i>Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon</i>	m. Mishnah
CHALOT: <i>Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament</i>	NASU: New American Standard Update (1995)
CJB: Complete Jewish Bible (1998)	NEB: New English Bible (1970)
ESV: English Standard Version (2001)	NIV: New International Version (1984)
EXP: <i>Expositor's Bible Commentary</i>	NJPS: Tanakh, A New Translation of the Holy Scriptures (1999)
Grk: Greek	NRSV: New Revised Standard Version (1989)
HALOT: <i>Hebrew & Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament</i> (Koehler and Baumgartner)	RSV: Revised Standard Version (1952)
HCSB: Holman Christian Standard Bible (2004)	t. Tosefta
Heb: Hebrew	Tanakh: the Old Testament
	TNIV: Today's New International Version (2005)
	TWOT: <i>Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament</i>
	YLT: Young's Literal Translation (1862/1898)

Annual Torah Reading Schedule

These are the weekly Torah and Haftarah portions, as employed in both the traditional Synagogue and today's Messianic Jewish congregations

KEY:

A: Ashkenazic S: Sephardic*

[] denote differences between traditional Jewish and Christian verse order

GENESIS

Bereisheet "In the beginning"

Genesis 1:1-6:8

Isaiah 42:5-43:10 (A); 42:5-21 (S)

Lekh-Lekha "Get yourself out"

Genesis 12:1-17:27

Isaiah 40:27-41:16

Chayei Sarah "Sarah's life"

Genesis 23:1-25:18

1 Kings 1:1-31

V'yeitzei "He went out"

Genesis 28:10-32:2

Hosea 12:12-14:10 (A); 11:7-12:12 (S)

V'yeishev "He continued living"

Genesis 37:1-40:23

Amos 2:6-3:8

V'yigash "He approached"

Genesis 44:18-47:27

Ezekiel 37:15-28

Noach "Noah"

Genesis 6:9-11:32

Isaiah 54:1-55:5 (A); 54:1-10 (S)

V'yeira "He appeared"

Genesis 18:1-22:24

2 Kings 4:1-37 (A); 4:1-23 (S)

Toldot "History"

Genesis 25:19-28:9

Malachi 1:1-2:7

V'yishlach "He sent"

Genesis 32:3-36:43

Hosea 11:7-12:12 (A); Obadiah 1:1-21 (S)

Mikkeitz "At the end"

Genesis 41:1-44:17

1 Kings 3:15-4:1

V'yechi "He lived"

Genesis 47:28-50:26

1 Kings 2:1-12

EXODUS

Shemot "Names"

Exodus 1:1-6:1

Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23 (A);

Jeremiah 1:2-3 (S)

V'eira "I appeared"

Exodus 6:2-9:35

Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

* Ashkenazic Jews are largely those from Eastern and Northern Europe, and Sephardic Jews are largely those from Spain and Muslim lands.

Bo “Go”

Exodus 10:1-13:16
Jeremiah 46:13-28

Yitro “Jethro”

Exodus 18:1-20:23[26]
Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6[6-7] (A); 6:1-13 (S)

Terumah “Contribution”

Exodus 25:1-27:19
1 Kings 5:26-6:13

Ki Tisa “When you take”

Exodus 30:11-34:35
1 Kings 18:1-39 (A); 18:20-39 (S)

Pequdei “Accounts”

Exodus 38:21-40:38
1 Kings 7:51-8:21 (A); 7:40-50 (S)

B’shalach “After he had let go”

Exodus 13:17-17:16
Judges 4:4-5:31 (A); 5:1-31 (S)

Mishpatim “Rulings”

Exodus 21:1-24:18
Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:25-26

Tetzaveh “You shall command”

Exodus 27:20-30:10
Ezekiel 43:10-27

V’yak’heil “He assembled”

Exodus 35:1-38:20
1 Kings 7:40-50 (A); 7:13-26 (S)

LEVITICUS**Vayikra** “He called”

Leviticus 1:1-5:26[6:7]
Isaiah 43:21-44:23

Shemini “Eighth”

Leviticus 9:1-11:47
2 Samuel 6:1-7:17 (A); 6:1-19 (S)

Metzora “Leper”

Leviticus 14:1-15:33
2 Kings 7:3-20

Kedoshim “Holy Ones”

Leviticus 19:1-20:27
Amos 9:7-15 (A); Ezekiel 20:2-20 (S)

B’har “On Mount”

Leviticus 25:1-26:2
Jeremiah 32:6-27

Tzav “Give an order”

Leviticus 6:1[8]-8:36
Jeremiah 7:21-8:3; 9:22-23

Tazria “She conceives”

Leviticus 12:1-13:59
2 Kings 4:42-5:19

Acharei Mot “After the death”

Leviticus 16:1-18:30
Ezekiel 22:1-19 (A); 22:1-16 (S)

Emor “Speak”

Leviticus 21:1-24:23
Ezekiel 44:15-31

B’chuqotai “By My regulations”

Leviticus 26:3-27:34
Jeremiah 16:19-17:24

NUMBERS

Bamidbar “In the wilderness”

Numbers 1:1-4:20

Hosea 2:1-22

Beha’alot’kha “When you set up”

Numbers 8:1-12:16

Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Korach “Korah”

Numbers 16:1-18:32

1 Samuel 11:14-12:22

Balak “Balak”

Numbers 22:2-25:9

Micah 5:6-6:8

Mattot “Tribes”

Numbers 30:2[1]-32:42

Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

Naso “Take”

Numbers 4:21-7:89

Judges 13:2-25

Shelakh-Lekha “Send on your behalf”

Numbers 13:1-15:41

Joshua 2:1-24

Chukat “Regulation”

Numbers 19:1-22:1

Judges 11:1-33

Pinchas “Phinehas”

Numbers 25:10-30:1[29:40]

1 Kings 18:46-19:21

Mas’ei “Stages”

Numbers 33:1-36:13

Jeremiah 2:4-28; 3:4 (A);

2:4-28; 4:1-2 (S)

DEUTERONOMY

Devarim “Words”

Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

Isaiah 1:1-27

Ekev “Because”

Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

Isaiah 49:14-51:3

Shoftim “Judges”

Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

Isaiah 51:12-52:12 (or finish at 53:12)

Ki-Tavo “When you come”

Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

Isaiah 60:1-22

V’yeilekh “He went”

Deuteronomy 31:1-30

Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27

V’et’chanan “And I besought”

Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

Isaiah 40:1-26

Re’eih “See”

Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17

Isaiah 54:11-55:5

Ki-Teitzei “When you go out”

Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

Isaiah 54:1-10 (or finish at 52:13)

Nitzavim “Standing”

Deuteronomy 29:9[10]-30:20

Isaiah 61:10-63:9

Ha’azinu “Hear”

Deuteronomy 32:1-52

2 Samuel 22:1-22:51

V'zot Ha'berakhah "This is the blessing"

Deuteronomy 33:1–34:12

Joshua 1:1–18 (A); 1:1-9 (S)

INTRODUCTION

*“Then he believed in the LORD; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness”
(Genesis 15:6).*

The walk of faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, through heartfelt saving belief in the atoning blood of Yeshua the Messiah—is definitely a pursuit for truth that sets people free from the constraints of the sin nature each has inherited in Adam (Romans 5:12). Thankfully, the Creator God, the Holy One of Israel, has revealed Himself to humanity by choosing different vessels to receive, record, and persevere down through the ages—the written words that communicate not only who He is, but how He wants His people to interact with Him. However, because the Lord God is the Eternal One, who chose in eternity past to create the cosmos and everything that exists, He ultimately formed human beings in His image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-27), with the necessity that every individual make a choice to secure the justification He requires for intimate communion with Him. This was widely epitomized by the Patriarch Abraham, often regarded to be the father of the faith (Romans 4:11-16), who believed wholeheartedly in the Almighty, and was regarded as one of His own. The followers of Abraham’s God must exhibit faith in Him alone, and the many promises found in the entire counsel of God from Genesis to Revelation—as key components of being regarded as His own, and receiving His redemption. It is with this premise, **of how critical faith was and is to those who believe**, that this edition in the TorahScope series has been compiled. As is noted by the author of Hebrews, “without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6). If one is truly seeking communion with God, it must be done by faith, *without any reservations...*

My personal walk of faith began in the Fall of 1978, when I finally understood that I was a bankrupt sinner with a desperate need for a Savior. Gratefully, I was led to a Bible Church which systematically taught the Word of God, and through His providence, was able to hear three consecutive sermons on the life of Samson found in Judges 14-16. Because I could identify with some of Samson’s personal problems, I was able to confess the folly of my ways, admit that I was a sinful person, cry out to the Lord Jesus for His grace, and wholeheartedly believe that His blood sacrifice at Calvary atoned for my transgressions. With great joy that I was forgiven for my sins and made a new creation in the Messiah, my pursuit to know
