

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 II is a second 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. It provides contemporary examples of the relevancy of the Torah to all Messiah followers, and how we are to all be conformed to His image (Romans 8:29).

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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

ATS: ArtScroll Tanach (1996)

b. Babylonian Talmud (*Talmud Bavli*)

BDAG: *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (Bauer, Danker, Arndt, Gingrich)

BDB: *Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon*

CHALOT: *Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*

CJB: Complete Jewish Bible (1998)

ESV: English Standard Version (2001)

EXP: *Expositor's Bible Commentary*

Grk: Greek

HALOT: *Hebrew & Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament* (Koehler and Baumgartner)

HCSB: Holman Christian Standard Bible (2004)

Heb: Hebrew

KJV: King James Version

LXE: *Septuagint with Apocrypha* by Sir L.C.L. Brenton (1851)

LXX: Septuagint

LS: *A Greek-English Lexicon* (Liddell & Scott)

m. Mishnah

NASU: New American Standard Update (1995)

NEB: New English Bible (1970)

NIV: New International Version (1984)

NJPS: Tanakh, A New Translation of the Holy Scriptures (1999)

NRSV: New Revised Standard Version (1989)

RSV: Revised Standard Version (1952)

t. Tosefta

Tanakh: the Old Testament

TNIV: Today's New International Version (2005)

TWOT: *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*

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

TorahScope, Volume II is a second compilation of written commentaries that compliments the teachings compiled in *TorahScope, Volume I*, first published in 2004. These teachings were assembled by employing the traditional, annual Jewish Torah reading schedule, which has divided the first five books of the Bible into fifty-four separate *parashot* or *sidrot*, coupled with corresponding readings from the Prophets and Writings (Haftarah). For all of our time in full time ministry since 2002, our ministry has sent weekly Torah reflections to our e-mail update subscribers. This volume is a selection of messages that was largely written and transmitted within for the 2005-2006 Torah cycle, later updated and revised for the 2010-2011 Torah cycle.

Since becoming Messianic, our family has discovered that studying the Torah is a dynamic and active part of our pursuit of the Holy One of Israel. In 1995 as our family began attending a Messianic Jewish congregation, I first became acquainted with the Jewish tradition of studying through the Torah on an annual basis. Needless to say, it only took a few months before I realized the profound value of studying and analyzing what makes up the foundational stories and accounts of our faith. After all, if one does not have a solid, foundational knowledge of these ancient texts, what kind of spiritual house is one really building?

For nearly two decades as a Believer in Yeshua the Messiah (1978-1995), I found that the history of the world and Israel communicated in the Biblical books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy was interesting reading. For years I had been taught and I certainly read the stories of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses with remote spiritual connections made to my personal walk with the Lord Jesus. It was not until I entered into the Messianic community, and understood that non-Jewish Believers are a part of the Commonwealth of Israel via their faith in the Messiah (Ephesians 2:10-22; Romans 11:13-21), that the heritage of the Torah was a part of my spiritual heritage as well.

Understanding that as Believers in Messiah Yeshua we were a part of Israel, the consistent study of the Torah became a part of our family's weekly routine. As relative newcomers to this practice, we concluded that following the annual pattern established by the Jewish community made the most practical sense. After all, since the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, when the Jews were allowed to return to the Land of Israel after their Babylonian exile, the example of studying the Torah had been refined for nearly 2,500 years:
