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 many. Jewish Believers and non-Jewish Believers alike, who are looking to Moses' Teaching to tell them something about the relationship we are to have with Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah, and how we are to grow in holiness.

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Abbreviations and Special Terms

The following is a list of abbreviations for reference works and special terms which are used in publications by Outreach Israel Ministries and Messianic Apologetics. Please familiarize yourself with them as the text may reference a Bible version, i.e., RSV for the Revised Standard Version, or a source such as *TWOT* for the *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*, solely by its abbreviation. Detailed listings of these sources are provided in the Bibliography.

ABD: *Anchor Bible Dictionary*
AMG: *Complete Word Study Dictionary: Old Testament, New Testament*
ANE: Ancient Near East(ern)
Apostolic Scriptures/Writings: the New Testament
Ara: Aramaic
ASV: American Standard Version (1901)
ATS: ArtScroll Tanach (1996)
b. Babylonian Talmud (*Talmud Bavli*)
B.C.E.: Before Common Era or B.C.
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*
C.E.: Common Era or A.D.
CGEDNT: *Concise Greek-English Dictionary of New Testament Words* (Barclay M. Newman)
CGL: *Cambridge Greek Lexicon* (2021)
CHALOT: *Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament* (Holladay)
CJB: Complete Jewish Bible (1998)
CJSB: Complete Jewish Study Bible (2016)
DRA: Douay-Rheims American Edition
DSS: Dead Sea Scrolls
EDB: *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*
EJ: *Encylopaedia Judaica*
ESV: English Standard Version (2001)
Ger: German
GNT: Greek New Testament
Grk: Greek
HALOT: *Hebrew & Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament* (Koehler and Baumgartner)
HCSB: Holman Christian Standard Bible (2004)
Heb: Hebrew
HNV: Hebrew Names Version of the World English Bible
IDB: *Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*
IDBSup: *Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible Supplement*
ISBE: *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*
IVPBBC: *IVP Bible Background Commentary (Old & New Testament)*
Jastrow: *Dictionary of the Targumim, Talmud Bavli, Talmud Yerushalmi, and Midrashic Literature* (Marcus Jastrow)
JBK: New Jerusalem Bible-Koren (2000)
JETS: *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*
KJV: King James Version
Lattimore: The New Testament by Richmond Lattimore (1996)
LITV: *Literal Translation of the Holy Bible* by Jay P. Green (1986)
LES: *Lexham English Septuagint* (2019)
LS: *An Intermediate Greek-English Lexicon* (Liddell-Scott)
LSJM: *Greek-English Lexicon* (Liddell-Scott-Jones-McKenzie)
LXE: *Septuagint with Apocrypha* by Sir L.C.L. Brenton (1851)
LXX: Septuagint
m. Mishnah
MT: Masoretic Text

NASB: New American Standard Bible (1977)
NASU: New American Standard Update (1995)
NBCR: *New Bible Commentary: Revised*
NEB: New English Bible (1970)
Nelson: *Nelson's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament Words*
NETS: New English Translation of the Septuagint (2007)
NIB: *New Interpreter's Bible*
NIDB: *New International Dictionary of the Bible*
NIV: New International Version (1984)
NJB: New Jerusalem Bible-Catholic (1985)
NJPS: Tanakh, A New Translation of the Holy Scriptures (1999)
NKJV: New King James Version (1982)
NRSV: New Revised Standard Version (1989)
NLT: New Living Translation (1996)
NT: New Testament
OT: Old Testament
REB: Revised English Bible (1989)
RSV: Revised Standard Version (1952)
t. Tosefta
Tanach (Tanakh): the Old Testament
Thayer: *Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*
TDNT: *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*
TLV: Messianic Jewish Family Bible—Tree of Life Version (2014)
TNIV: Today's New International Version (2005)
TWOT: *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*
UBSHNT: United Bible Societies' 1991 Hebrew New Testament revised edition
v(s). verse(s)
Vine: *Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words*
Vul: Latin Vulgate
YLT: Young's Literal Translation (1862/1898)
WMB: World Messianic Bible (2020)

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)

Noach "Noah"
Genesis 6:9-11:32
Isaiah 54:1-55:5 (A); 54:1-10 (S)

Lekh-Lekha "Get yourself out"
Genesis 12:1-17:27
Isaiah 40:27-41:16

V'yeira "He appeared"
Genesis 18:1-22:24
2 Kings 4:1-37 (A); 4:1-23 (S)

Chayei Sarah "Sarah's life"
Genesis 23:1-25:18
1 Kings 1:1-31

Toldot "History"
Genesis 25:19-28:9
Malachi 1:1-2:7

V'yeitzei "He went out"
Genesis 28:10-32:2
Hosea 12:12-14:10 (A); 11:7-12:12 (S)

V'yishlach "He sent"
Genesis 32:3-36:43
Hosea 11:7-12:12 (A); Obadiah 1:1-21 (S)

V'yeishev "He continued living"
Genesis 37:1-40:23
Amos 2:6-3:8

Mikkeitz "At the end"
Genesis 41:1-44:17
1 Kings 3:15-4:1

V'yigash "He approached"
Genesis 44:18-47:27
Ezekiel 37:15-28

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

Bo "Go"
Exodus 10:1-13:16
Jeremiah 46:13-28

B'shalach "After he had let go"
Exodus 13:17-17:16
Judges 4:4-5:31 (A); 5:1-31 (S)

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

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

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

Tetzaveh "You shall command"
Exodus 27:20-30:10
Ezekiel 43:10-27

Ki Tisa "When you take"
Exodus 30:11-34:35
1 Kings 18:1-39 (A); 18:20-39 (S)

V'yak'heil "He assembled"
Exodus 35:1-38:20
1 Kings 7:40-50 (A); 7:13-26 (S)

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

LEVITICUS

Vayikra "He called"
Leviticus 1:1-5:26[6:7]
Isaiah 43:21-44:23

Tzav "Give an order"
Leviticus 6:1[8]-8:36
Jeremiah 7:21-8:3; 9:22-23

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

Tazria "She conceives"
Leviticus 12:1-13:59
2 Kings 4:42-5:19

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

Acharei Mot "After the death"
Leviticus 16:1-18:30
Ezekiel 22:1-19 (A); 22:1-16 (S)

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

Emor "Speak"
Leviticus 21:1-24:23
Ezekiel 44:15-31

B'har "On Mount"
Leviticus 25:1-26:2
Jeremiah 32:6-27

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

Naso "Take"
Numbers 4:21-7:89
Judges 13:2-25

Beha'alot'kha "When you set up"
Numbers 8:1-12:16
Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Shelakh-Lekha "Send on your behalf"
Numbers 13:1-15:41
Joshua 2:1-24

Korach "Korah"
Numbers 16:1-18:32
1 Samuel 11:14-12:22

Chukat "Regulation"
Numbers 19:1-22:1
Judges 11:1-33

Balak "Balak"
Numbers 22:2-25:9
Micah 5:6-6:8

Pinchas "Phinehas"
Numbers 25:10-30:1[29:40]
1 Kings 18:46-19:21

Mattot "Tribes"
Numbers 30:2[1]-32:42
Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

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

V'et'chanan "And I besought"
Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11
Isaiah 40:1-26

Ekev "Because"
Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25
Isaiah 49:14-51:3

Re'eih "See"
Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17
Isaiah 54:11-55:5

Shoftim "Judges"
Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9
Isaiah 51:12-52:12 (or finish at 53:12)

Ki-Teitzei "When you go out"
Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19
Isaiah 54:1-10 (or finish at 52:13)

Ki-Tavo "When you come"
Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8
Isaiah 60:1-22

Nitzavim "Standing"
Deuteronomy 29:9[10]-30:20
Isaiah 61:10-63:9

V'yeilekh "He went"
Deuteronomy 31:1-30
Hosea 14:2-10; Micah 7:18-20; Joel 2:15-27

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, which complements 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 much of our time in full time ministry since 2002, our ministry has sent weekly Torah reflections to our email update subscribers. This volume is a selection of messages which was largely written and transmitted within for the 2005-2006 Torah cycle, later updated and revised for the 2010-2011 Torah cycle (and now with some minor updates in 2024).

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.