

The Pentateuch

PENTATEUCH – A Greek term meaning “five-volumed”

■ Also known as:

- “The Law”
- “The Law of Moses”
- “The Law of the Lord”
- “The Book of the Law”
- “The Book of Moses”
- “The Book of the Law of the Lord”
- “The Book of the Lord”

■ Constituted the first five books of the Old Testament:

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy

■ Inspired by God and written by Moses.

■ In earlier times, the Torah referred directly to the five books of Moses.

■ Generally divided into six major sections.

1. The creation of the world and its inhabitants – Genesis 1-11
2. Period from Abraham to Joseph – Genesis 12-50
3. Moses and the departure of the Israelites from Egypt – Exodus 1-18
4. God’s revelation at Mt. Sinai – Exodus 19 - Numbers 10
5. The wilderness wanderings – Numbers 11-36
6. The addresses of Moses – Deuteronomy 1-34

