

The Books of the Pentateuch:

Genesis: A Narrative of the origins of the people of Isreal, focusing primarily on the Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. It falls into four sections:

Beginnings - From Adam to Abram - Genesis 1 - 11
Abraham - a covenant and promises - Genesis 12- 25
Isaac and Jacob - wrestling with God - Genesis 26 - 36
Joseph - how the family came to Eygpt - Genesis 37 - 50

Exodus - Narrative of God's Deliverance of His people from slavery in Eygpt and giving them the Laws that make them a nation.

God's Redemption of Isreal: Exodus 1 - 15
 God's Man - Moses 1 - 4
 God's Deliverance - The Exodus 5 - 11
Six Types of Salvation: God's provision for his people 12 - 18
God's Law Given at Sinai for His People: Chapters 19 - 24
Perspectives on Living with God in their midst : Chapters 25 -40
 The Tabernacle 25 - 31
 Failure and repentence 32 - 33
 The sacrifices 34 - 40

Leviticus - A book of Ceremonial and Religious Laws - dealing with two fundamental principles for a people "between two worlds" - Eygpt and the Promised Land: 1. How do I deal with my sin and failures? and 2. What do I have to look forwards to beyond the wilderness? These were given to a people living as nomads in tents and worshipping at the Tabernacle.

How to deal with sin and failure: Chapters 1 - 17

- Specialized Sacrifices Chapters 1-7: The Burnt offering, Meal offering, Peace offering, Sin offering and Trespass offering.
- The Servant Priesthood: Chapters 8 - 10
- Symbolic Dietary and Hygiene Laws: Chapters 11 - 15
- The Annual National Sacrifice: Chapters 16 - 17

What to Look Forward to in the World to come

- The Kind of People we will be: Chapters 18 - 20
- The Kind of Priest who will represent us: Chapters 21 - 22
- Special Holidays: Chapters 23 - 24
- Regulations for the new land: Chapters 25 - 27

Numbers: The nation of Israel in the wilderness, wandering. After a census of the tribes and the delineation of tasks to them; this narrative book covers thirty eight years - a generation that rebels and wanders until the covenant and the promised land is passed to the next.

The Rebellious Generation: Thirty years of wandering

The census and organization of the nation Chapters 1- 10

The rebellion of the people Chapters 11 - 20

The Next Generation: Preparations

Victories enroute to crossing the Jordan Chapters 21 - 25

The battles between Israel and the Midianites Chapters 25 - 31

Final Preparations for entering the Land Chapters 32 - 36

Deuteronomy - Moses' address to the nation on the brink of entering the Promised Land - a reaffirmation of the Covenant. It takes the form of a Covenant with: *a Preamble: 1: 1 - 6; Historical Prologue 1:6 - 4:49; Stipulations: 5:1 - 26: 19; Sanctions for ratification 27 - 30; and a disposition for continuity 32 - 34.*

Remember...

Your History (1 - 3) and Learn from it

Your Unique Faith (4 -16) Loving God and Neighbor

Your Unique Moral and Civil Code (17 - 26)

Renew...

Your relationship to the Covenant (27 -30)

Your commitment to the leadership of the future. (31 -34)

Steve Laug's Titles for the Books of Moses:

(Key passage: Exodus 3:13 - 17)

Genesis: "Roots, The family album revisited"

Exodus: "Birth of a Nation, or the way out remembered"

Leviticus: "Life between two worlds, or no longer a slave, but not yet freed."

Numbers: "Every person gifted, or you all can't be janitors"

Deuteronomy: "A time to remember, or same words, new generation"

(Above outlines suggested in Stepping Stones, by Steve Laug)