

# TORAH...TORAH...

## WHAT IS TORAH?

### Part 1



# Torah



- What is Torah?
- Is Torah the same thing as the “Old Covenant”?
- Is Torah no longer valid?
- If it is still valid, what role does Torah play in our faith walk as followers of Jesus?



# Torah



- Does Paul teach that believers who follow Torah are practicing legalism and not grace?
- Does Yeshua's command and Paul's teaching to love fulfill all the commandments of Torah and make them obsolete?
- Are people "Judaizing" if they teach that Torah remains essential?
- What about the sacrifices and ceremonial laws? What was their purpose and are they still valid for us today?



# Scripture

- What is scripture?
- How do we utilize scripture in our lives as believers?



# Scripture



- Is the bible to be consumed like any other book – that is, be read as if it were a novel?
- Is it merely a collection of stories, historical narratives, and poetry to be used as personal inspiration?
- Or is it something more? Is it something different? Something deeper?





# In His Image

## Genesis 1

26 Then God said, “Let Us make humankind **in Our image, in the likeness of ourselves**; and let them rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the animals, and over all the earth, and over every crawling creature that crawls on the earth.” 27 So God created humankind **in His own image; in the image of God**, He created him: male and female, He created them.



# The Word of God

## John 1

1 In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God.

λόγος  
Logos

Something spoken, including its meaning, reasoning and purpose



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# Hebrews 4



12 See, **THE WORD OF GOD IS ALIVE!** It is at work and is sharper than any double-edged sword — it cuts right through to **where SOUL meets spirit** and joints meet marrow, and it is quick to judge **the inner reflections and attitudes of the heart.**

Gr. Ψυχή – psuchē  
Heb. נֶפֶשׁ – nephesh  
The expression of your  
life, WHO YOU ARE



# The Word of God

## Genesis 1

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.  
2 The earth was unformed and void, darkness was on the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God hovered over the surface of the water. 3 **THEN GOD SAID**, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

אָמַר

'âmar

To speak



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## Proverbs 18

20 A person's belly will be filled with the fruit of his mouth; with what his lips produce he will be filled. 21 The tongue has power over life and death; those who indulge it must eat its fruit.





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## Luke 6

45 The good person produces good things from the store of good in his heart, while the evil person produces evil things from the store of evil in his heart. For his mouth speaks what overflows from his heart.







# The Word of God

## Exodus 24

24 To Moshe [Adonai] said, “Come up to Adonai — you, Aharon, Nadav, Avihu, and seventy of the leaders of Isra’el. Prostrate yourselves at a distance, 2 while Moshe alone approaches Adonai — the others are not to approach, and the people are not to go up with him.” 3

**Moshe came and told the people everything Adonai had SAID, including all the rulings. The people answered with one voice: “We will obey every WORD Adonai has SPOKEN.” 4 Moshe wrote down all THE WORDS OF ADONAI.**

דָּבָר – davar

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מִשְׁפָּטִים – mishpâṭ[im]

Rulings, ordinances, legal judgments



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## Exodus 34

27 Adonai **SAID** to Moshe, “Write these **WORDS** down, because they are the terms of the covenant I have made with you and with Isra’el.” 28 Moshe was there with Adonai forty days and forty nights, during which time he neither ate food nor drank water. [Adonai] wrote on the tablets the **WORDS** of the covenant, the Ten **WORDS**.

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## Definition

- Hebrew תּוֹרָה = Torah: instruction, doctrine, teaching, guidance, principles, law
- Greek νόμος = Nomos: law, custom, rule, or principle



# YARA

- Root word of Torah: יָרָה = Yarah
  - Literally: “to shoot an arrow” (straight, to a target), implying targeted direction/hitting the mark
  - Figuratively: to show, to direct, to instruct





# *Sin*

**Greek:** *Hamartia*

**Hebrew:** *Chata*

**Meaning:** *to miss  
the mark, flawed*