An Introduction to the Torah and the Book of Exodus

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Pentateuch
πεντατεύχος
“five books”

Chumshah Chumshe Ha-Torah
“the five fifths of the law”
(the whole instruction)

The Torah
“Instruction”
or
“Teaching”

The Old Testament

Prophets
Wisdom Literature
Writings
(providing a theological interpretation of revelation of God in, with, and under history)

The Torah
is the theological foundation for both the prophets and wisdom literature.
The Torah establishes the trajectory of the promise that leads to the New Testament revelation of Jesus as the Messiah.

The Torah reveals the plan and purpose of God to redeem His fallen creation.

The Torah teaches that the material world is the creation of God.

The Torah explains the role of humankind as image of God and steward of creation.

The Torah explains why God needs to redeem His creation.

The Torah records the promise of God the promise of God to redeem His fallen creation.
The Torah records the actions of God to begin the fulfillment of His promise.

Key Questions

Who is God?

What does it mean to be the people of God?

How does Israel come to be the people of God?

What is Israel’s purpose?

How should Israel live as the people of God?
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How does Israel remain the people of God?

The Torah Proclaims the Gospel

... the good news of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

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One Gospel

The Old Testament → The New Testament

We are saved by the redemptive work of God in Christ alone.