

**Written Law (*Torah She'bichtav*) = TaNaKH**  
**TaNaKH = Torah (Bible) - Nevi'im (Prophets) - Kesuvim (Writings)**

**Torah (Bible) = "Five Books of Moses" (*Chumash*) (0 - 2488/3761 BCE - 1273 BCE):**

1) **GENESIS (*B'reishith*)** = Creation (3761 BCE), Adam and Eve, Noah and the Flood (1656/2104 BCE), Abraham-Sarah → Isaac-Rebecca → Jacob (Israel)-Rachel & Leah → 12 Tribes, Joseph sold to Egypt, Jacob and family go to Egypt.

2) **EXODUS (*Sh'moth*)** = Slavery in Egypt, Ten Plagues, Exodus of approx. 2.5 million Jews from Egypt (2448/1313 BCE), Revelation at Sinai-"Ten Commandments" (2448/1313 BCE), Golden Calf, building of Tabernacle.

3) **LEVITICUS (*Va'Yikra*)** = Laws of Festivals, Sacrifices, Social Laws

4) **NUMBERS (*Bamidbar*)** = Israelites travel in desert, spies sent to Land of Israel, Israelites travel 40 years in desert.

5) **DEUTERONOMY (*Devarim*)** = Israelites conquer parts of east side of Jordan river, Joshua appointed leader, Moses dies (2488/1273 BCE).

**Nevi'im (Prophets) (2488 -3448/1273 BCE - 273 BCE):**

**JOSHUA** = Conquering the land, Jericho, Joshua dies 2516/1245 BCE

**JUDGES** = Deborah the prophetess, Samson (2832/929 BCE), Samuel born.

**SAMUEL** = King Saul, David and Goliath, David anointed King, King David dies

**KINGS** = King Solomon, First Temple built (2928/833 BCE), Division of Israel, Exile of Ten Tribes (3206/553 BCE), Destruction of First Temple by Nebuchadnezzar (3338/423 BCE).

**ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, EZEKIEL, HOSEA, YOEL, AMOS, OBADIAH, JONAH (and the whale, 3148/613 BCE), NACHUM, HABBAKUK, TZEAFANIA, HAGAI, ZECHARIA, MALACHAI.**

**Kesuvim (Writings) = (not chronological order)**

**PSALMS (*Tehilim*)** by King David.

**PROVERBS, SONG OF SONGS, ECCLESIASTES,** by King Solomon.

**JOB**

**RUTH**

**LAMENTATIONS**

**ESTHER (Purim story 3405/356 BCE)**

**DANIEL (and the lion den)**

**EZRA**

**NECHEMIA (dies 3448/273 BCE, Biblical Canon closed, end of era of prophecy)**

**CHRONICLES**

**Chanuka 3622/138 BCE**

**Destruction of Second Temple by Romans 3830/70 CE**

**Oral Law (*Torah She'baal Peh*) = Mishna & Talmud (*Gemara*)**

**TANNAITIC PERIOD = COMPILERS OF MISHNA = Hillel, Rabbi Akiva = 3768 - 3960/8 CE - 200 CE**  
**Bar Kochba Revolt 3892/132 CE**

**MISHNA compiled 3948/188 CE**

**AMORAITIC PERIOD = COMPILERS OF TALMUD = 3960 - 4235/200 CE - 475 CE**

**TALMUD COMPILED 4260/500 CE**

**Expulsion from Arabia - 4400/ 640 CE**

**Crusades - 4856/1096 CE, 4907/1147 CE**

**Maimonides born - 4895/1135 CE**

**Expulsion from Spain - 5252/1492 CE**

**Code of Jewish Law (*Shulchan Aruch*) - Rabbi Joseph Caro - 5316/1556 CE**

**Chmielnicki Pogroms - 5408/1648 CE**

**Hasidism-5460/1700 CE**

**State of Israel - 5708/1948CE**

1) Deuteronomy 12:20-21

<sup>20</sup> When G-d expands your borders as He promised you, and you will say, "I want to eat meat," because your will craves meat, you may eat as much meat as you wish. <sup>21</sup> Since the place chosen by G-d to be dedicated to His name (i.e. the Temple) is far from you, you need only slaughter your cattle and sheep in the manner that I have commanded you. You may then eat them in your settlements . . .

2) Exodus 31:12-15

<sup>12</sup> G-d told Moses <sup>13</sup> to speak to the Israelites and say to them: . . . <sup>14</sup> And you shall keep the Sabbath, for it is sacred to you. Those who desecrate it shall be put to death; anyone doing work on it, that soul shall be cut off from among its people. <sup>15</sup> Six days shall work be done, but the seventh shall be kept as a Sabbath of Sabbaths, holy to G-d. Whoever does any work on the seventh day shall be put to death.

3) a. Exodus 13:9

<sup>9</sup> These words must also be a sign on your arm and a reminder between your eyes — so that the teaching of G-d will be in (i.e. the content of) your mouth — that with a strong hand did G-d bring you out from Egypt.

b. Exodus 13:16

<sup>16</sup> And it shall be a sign also upon your arm and an ornament (or insignia) between your eyes, that by the strength of hand did G-d bring us out of Egypt.

c. Deuteronomy 6:4-9

<sup>4</sup> Hear O Israel: (*Shma Yisrael*) . . . <sup>5</sup> Love G-d your L-rd with all your heart . . . <sup>6</sup> These words which I am commanding you today must remain on your heart. <sup>7</sup> Teach them to your children . . . <sup>8</sup> And bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be an ornament (or insignia) between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> Also, write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates.

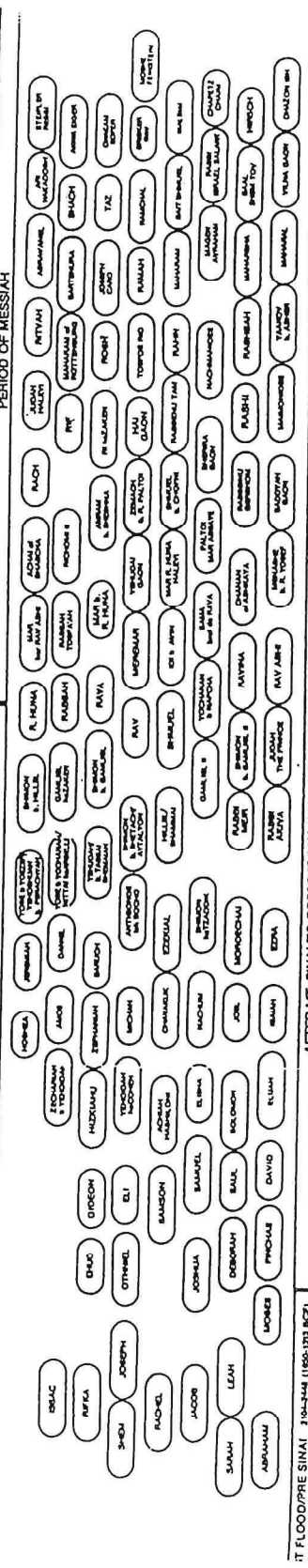
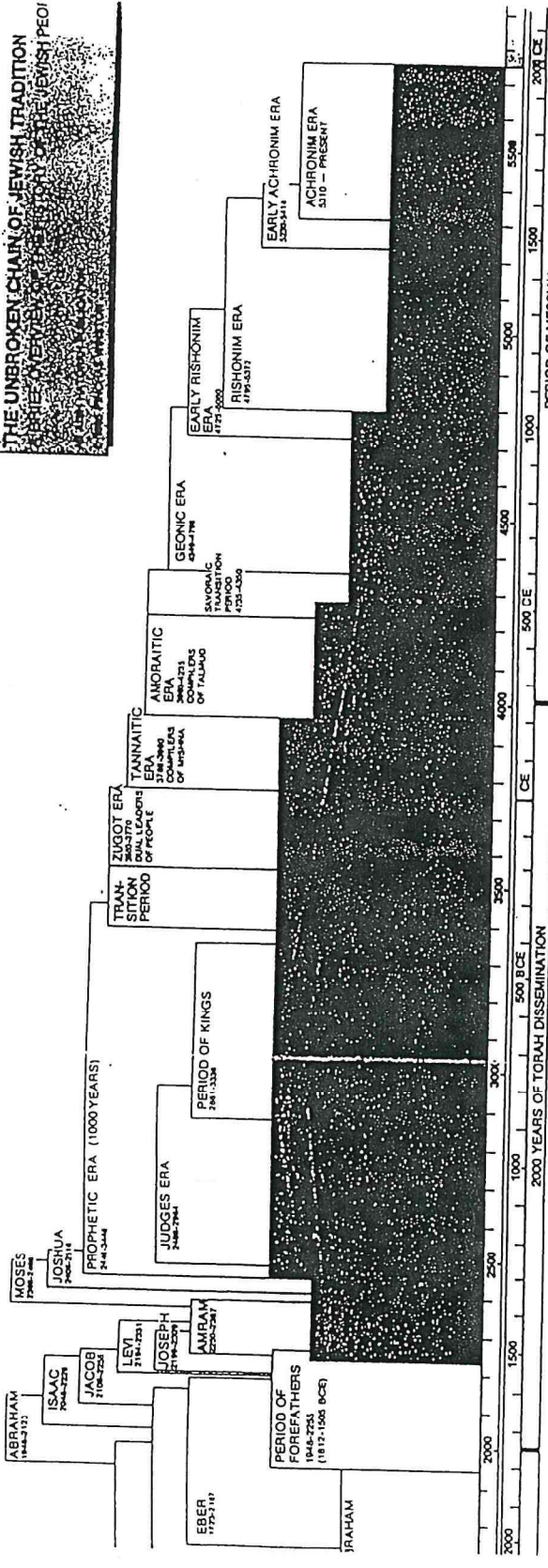
d. Deuteronomy 11:16-20

<sup>16</sup> Be careful that your heart not be tempted to go astray and worship other gods . . . <sup>18</sup> Place these words of Mine on your heart and soul. Bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be an ornament (or insignia) between your eyes. <sup>19</sup> Teach them to your children . . . <sup>20</sup> Also, write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates.

4) Maimonides: Introduction to his Commentary to the Mishna

And here is an example: When G-d gave the laws of *Sukkah* to Moses, He did not only say, "You shall dwell in *Sukkah*-booths seven days" (Leviticus 23:42). He added that all men . . . are obliged to eat, drink and sleep in the *Sukkah*; that the obligation does not apply to those who are on journeys, or to the sick; that the minimum measurements of the *Sukkah* are 7 by 7 by 10 *t'fachim*; and that certain materials are permissible for constructing the roof and others are not. And He gave all the other detailed instructions comprised in the Oral Law.

**THE UNBROKEN CHAIN OF JEWISH TRADITION**  
**AS PRESERVED BY THE HISTORY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE**



AFTER MT. SINAI TO PRESENT DAY (185 GENERATIONS)

