

A Divine Play in Five Acts: The Torah

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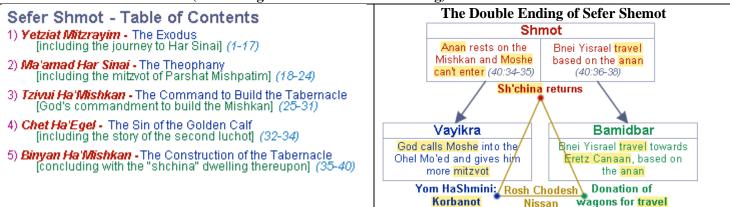
1. Structure of Bereishit

10. Esau, 36:1-37:1 11. Jacob, 37:2-50:26.

Literary Organization: The Toladot (Generations of the **Thematic Summary** World) From Creation to Avraham: 1. Introduction the Generations, 1:1-2:3 A. Creation (Genesis 1-2) B.Sin(Genesis 3-5) 2. Heaven and Earth, 2:4-4:26 3. Adam, 5:1-6:8 C. Flood (Genesis 6-9) D. Tower of Bavel (Genesis 10-11) 4. Noah, 6:9-9:29 5. Sons of Noah, 10:1-11:9 6. Shem. 11:10-26 2. The Creation of the Jewish People 7. Terah, 11:27-25:11 A. Abraham (Genesis 12-24) 8. Ishmael, 25:12-18 B. Isaac (Genesis 25-26) 9. Isaac, 25:19-35:29 C. Jacob (Genesis 27-36)

D. Joseph (Genesis 37-50)

2. Structure of Shemot (tanach.org – Rabbi Menachem Leibtag)



3. Structure of Vaykira (Wikipedia)

Laws on sacrifice (1:1–7:38)

- A. Instructions for the laity on bringing offerings (1:1–6:7)
- 1–5. The types of offering: burnt, cereal, peace, purification, reparation (or sin) offerings (ch. 1–5)
- B. Instructions for the priests (6:1–7:38)
- 1–6. The various offerings, with the addition of the priests' cereal offering (6:1–7:36)
- 7. Summary (7:37–38)
- II. Institution of the priesthood (8:1–10:20)
 - A. Ordination of Aaron and his sons (ch. 8)
 - B. Aaron makes the first sacrifices (ch. 9)
 - C. Judgement on Nadab and Abihu (ch. 10)
- III. Uncleanliness and its treatment (11:1–15:33)
 - A. Unclean animals (ch. 11)
 - B. Uncleanliness caused by childbirth (ch. 12)
 - C. Unclean diseases (ch. 13)
 - D. Cleansing of diseases (ch. 14)
 - E. Unclean discharges (ch. 15)
- IV. Day of Atonement: purification of the tabernacle from the effects of uncleanliness and sin (ch. 16)
- V. Prescriptions for practical holiness (the Holiness Code, chs. 17–26)
 - A. Sacrifice and food (ch. 17)
 - B. Sexual behaviour (ch. 18)

- C. Neighbourliness (ch.19)
- D. Grave crimes (ch. 20)
- E. Rules for priests (ch. 21)
- F. Rules for eating sacrifices (ch. 22)
- G. Festivals (ch.23)
- H. Rules for the tabernacle (ch. 24:1–9)
- I. Blasphemy (ch. 24:10–23)
- J. Sabbatical and Jubilee years (ch. 25)
- K. Exhortation to obey the law: blessing and curse (ch. 26)
- VI. Redemption of votive gifts (ch. 27)

4. Structure of Bamidbar - Rabbi Menachem Leibtag

Chapter	The Story (Narrative) (and mitzvot I'sha'ah)	The Mitzvot (L'dorot)
1-4	Organizing the camp ("sidur ha'machanot")	
5		Korban Chatat; Laws of Sotah
6		Laws of Nazir:
_		Birkat Kohanim
7	Dedication of Mishkan	
8	The appointment of Leviim	
9	Offering Korban Pesach in the desert (laws of Pesach Sheni); Travelling following the Anan	
10	Gathering camp by trumpet (chatzotrot); Leaving Har Sinai (on 20th of lyar)	
11	Complaints during the journey ("mitoninim," "mitavim," etc.)	
12	Complaints against Moshe ("chet Miriam")	
13	Sin of the 'spies' ("chet ham'raglim")	
14	The punishment: 40 years of wandering	
15		Laws of Shlamim, chalah, chatat, shabbat and tzizit
16-17	Korach's rebellion	
18		Laws relating to the Kohen's reward for his service
19		Laws of "tumat meyt"
20-21	Events of the 40th year: death of Miriam; "Mei mitiva" incident; Death of Aharon; Conquest of Trans-Jordan, etc.	
21-24	Story of Bilam and Balak	
25	Sin of Ba'al P'or and the act of Pinchas	
26	The census for inheriting the Land	
27	Transfer of leadership from Moshe to Yehoshua	
28-29		Korbanot Tmidim Umusafim
30		The laws of n'darim
31 32	War against Midyan Inheritance of Reuven and	
	Gad	
33	Summary of the journey through the desert	
34-36		Laws in preparation for conquest and inheritance of the land ("nachalot" and "arei miklat")

5. Structure of Devarim: 4 Speeches

Speech 1	Chaps. 1-4	Introductory speech
Speech 2	Chaps. 5-26	Main speech
Speech 3	Chaps. 27-28	Tochacha & Covenant
Speech 4	Chaps. 29-30	Teshuva