



1. Structure of Bereishit

<p>Literary Organization: The Toladot (Generations of the World)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction the Generations, 1:1-2:3 2. Heaven and Earth, 2:4-4:26 3. Adam, 5:1-6:8 4. Noah, 6:9-9:29 5. Sons of Noah, 10:1-11:9 6. Shem, 11:10-26 7. Terah, 11:27-25:11 8. Ishmael, 25:12-18 9. Isaac, 25:19-35:29 10. Esau, 36:1-37:1 11. Jacob, 37:2-50:26. 	<p>Thematic Summary</p> <p>From Creation to Avraham:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Creation (Genesis 1-2) B. Sin (Genesis 3-5) C. Flood (Genesis 6-9) D. Tower of Bavel (Genesis 10-11) <p>2. The Creation of the Jewish People</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Abraham (Genesis 12-24) B. Isaac (Genesis 25-26) C. Jacob (Genesis 27-36) D. Joseph (Genesis 37-50)
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2. Structure of Shemot (tanach.org – Rabbi Menachem Leibtag)

<p>Sefer Shmot - Table of Contents</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Yetziat Mitzrayim - The Exodus [including the journey to Har Sinai] (1-17) 2) Ma'amad Har Sinai - The Theophany [including the mitzvot of Parshat Mishpatim] (18-24) 3) Tzivui Ha'Mishkan - The Command to Build the Tabernacle [God's commandment to build the Mishkan] (25-31) 4) Chet Ha'Egel - The Sin of the Golden Calf [including the story of the second luchot] (32-34) 5) Binyan Ha'Mishkan - The Construction of the Tabernacle [concluding with the "shchina" dwelling thereupon] (35-40) 	<p>The Double Ending of Sefer Shemot</p>
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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 l'sha'ah)	The Mitzvot (L'dorot)
1-4	Organizing the camp ("sidur hamachanot")	
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 Sheini); Travelling following the Anan	
10	Gathering camp by trumpet (chatzotrot); Leaving Har Sinai (on 20th of Iyar)	
11	Complaints during the journey ("mitoninim," "mitavim," etc.)	
12	Complaints against Moshe ("chet Miriam")	
13	Sin of the 'spies' ("chet ham'taglim")	
14	The punishment: 40 years of wandering	
15		Laws of Shlamim, chalah, chatat, shabbat and tzitzit
16-17	Korach's rebellion	
18		Laws relating to the Kohen's reward for his service
19		Laws of "tumat mey"
20-21	Events of the 40th year: death of Miriam; "Mei mtiva" 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 T'midim Umusafim
30		The laws of n'darim
31	War against Midyan	
32	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