

## II. THE MEANING AND PURPOSE OF THE MOSAIC LAW

### A. The Meaning of the Torah of Moses, the Mosaic Law, the Law of Moses

#### 1. A survey of scriptural usage

Deuteronomy 31:9 -- "So Moses wrote this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and to all the elders of Israel."

Joshua 1:7 -- "Only be strong and very courageous to be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you" (i.e., Joshua)

Joshua 8:30-31 -- "Then Joshua built an altar to the Lord, the God of Israel, in Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded the sons of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses."

I Kings 2:1-3 -- "As David's time to die drew near, he charged Solomon his son, saying, I am going the way of all the earth. Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man. And keep the charge of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, according to what is written in the law of Moses."

II Kings 23:25 -- "And before him (Josiah) there was no king like him, who turned to the Lord with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; nor did any like him arise after him."

Ezra 7:6 -- "This Ezra went up from Babylon, and he was a scribe skilled in the law of Moses, which the Lord God of Israel had given."

Nehemiah 8:1 -- "And all the people gathered as one man at the square which was in front of the Water Gate, and they asked Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses which the Lord had given to Israel."

Malachi 4:4 -- "Remember the law of Moses My servant, even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel."

Luke 2:22-24 -- "And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him (Jesus) up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord. (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord.'), and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, 'A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.' "

Luke 24:44-45 -- "Now He (Jesus) said to them, 'These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.' Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."

John 1:17 -- "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ."

Acts 13:39 -- "and through Him (Jesus) everyone who believes is justified from all things, from which you could not be justified through the Law of Moses."