



Introduction to Covenant, תורה, Tenach

Covenants A better name for the Testaments is Covenants. A testament is a decision made by one person, such as a Last Will and Testament. A covenant is an agreement between parties. The Old and New Covenants are agreements between God and **ישראל** *Yisra'el* Israel. Foretold in the Old Covenant is the New, introduced about 600 years before **ישוע** *Yeshua* Jesus/salvation. In [Jeremiah 31.30-33](#), God promises to write His **תורה** *Torah* Law/Instruction/Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Number, and Deuteronomy on our hearts. This is confirmed in [Hebrews 8.8-12](#).



Tenach What Christians call the Old Testament, Jews call the Tenach, an acronym for the three divisions of the Old Covenant:

Torah **תורה**, Navi'im (Prophets), and

Ketuvim (Writings). Whenever **ישוע** or the writers of the New Covenant mention Scripture or “The Law and the Prophets” or “Moses and the Prophets,” they’re talking about the Tenach—there was no “New Testament” yet!

ישוע on the road to Emmaus and Paul on his journeys show **ישוע** revealed in the Tenach.

Foundation **תורה** and Tenach are the foundation God laid for the coming of Messiah.

A believer in **ישוע** who ignores this is like a builder who skips the foundation when building a home. It doesn't matter how well-constructed the upstairs is, it will collapse. As the Apostle Paul says in [Romans 3.2](#), “(The Jews) have been entrusted with the very words of God.” Written over a period of 1,100 years by different authors from various backgrounds, the Tenach tells the dramatic story of man's rebellion and God's salvation.

Prophecy The Bible is the only religious book in the world in which God foretells hundreds of future events. Of about 1000 prophecies in the Bible, about 500 have already been fulfilled. We are seeing some of these prophecies unfold before our eyes today. For example, [Ezekiel 37](#) and [Isaiah 66.8](#) tell of **ישראל** becoming a nation again in one day, which happened in 1948. God tells us the future so that we will know that we can trust His Word.



Glossary, in order of appearance:

ישראל	<i>Yisra'el</i>	Israel
ישוע	<i>Yeshua</i>	Jesus/salvation
תורה	<i>Torah</i>	Law/Instruction