

The Five Books of the Torah

Sefer Bereishis	Sefer Shemos ³	Sefer Vayikra	Sefer Bamidbar	Sefer Devarim
<i>Bereishis</i> ¹	<i>Shemos</i>	<i>Vayikra</i>	<i>Bamidbar</i> ⁶	<i>Devarim</i> ⁹
<i>Noach</i>	<i>Va'eira</i>	<i>Tzav</i> ⁴	<i>Nasso</i>	<i>Va'eschanan</i> ¹⁰
<i>Lech-Lecha</i>	<i>Bo</i>	<i>Shemini</i>	<i>Beha'aloscha</i>	<i>Eikev</i>
<i>Vayeira</i>	<i>Beshalach</i>	{ <i>Tazria</i> ⁵ <i>Metzora</i>	<i>Shelach</i>	<i>Re'eh</i>
<i>Chayei Sarah</i>	<i>Yisro</i>		<i>Korach</i>	<i>Shoftim</i>
<i>Toldos</i>	<i>Mishpatim</i>	{ <i>Acharei Mos</i> <i>Kedoshim</i>	{ <i>Chukas</i> ⁷ <i>Balak</i>	<i>Ki Seitzei</i>
<i>Vayeitzei</i>	<i>Terumah</i>			<i>Pinchas</i> ⁸
<i>Vayishlach</i>	<i>Tetzaveh</i>	<i>Emor</i>	{ <i>Mattos</i> <i>Masei</i>	{ <i>Nitzavim</i> ¹¹ <i>Vayeilech</i>
<i>Vayeishev</i>	<i>Ki Sisa</i>	{ <i>Behar</i> <i>Bechukosai</i>		
<i>Mikeitz</i> ²	{ <i>Vayakhel</i> <i>Pekudei</i>			
<i>Vayigash</i>				
<i>Vayeichi</i>				

{ Indicates which *parshios* can be joined.

There are fifty-four (נ"ד) *parshios* of the Torah.

Notes

- Parshas Bereishis:** *Parshas Bereishis* is the first *parsha* in each new yearly cycle, read the first Shabbos after Simchas Torah, known as *Shabbos Bereishis*.
- Parshas Mikeitz:** *Parshas Mikeitz* almost always falls on Shabbos Chanukah. When the first day of Chanukah falls on Friday night, there will be two Shabbosos in Chanukah: Shabbos *Parshas Vayeishev* and Shabbos *Parshas Mikeitz*.
- Sefer Shemos:** The first six *parshios* of *Sefer Shemos* are referred to as *Shovevim* (שובבים), an acronym of their names... בשלח, בא, וארא, שמות. The period when they are read is a time particularly suited to *teshuvah*. In a leap year, the period is extended to include *Terumah* and *Tetzaveh*, and is then known as *Shovevim Tat* (שובבים ת"ת), an acronym of the first eight *parshios* of *Sefer Shemos*.
- Parshas Tzav:** In a non-leap year, *Parshas Tzav* is always read the Shabbos before Pesach, on *Shabbos HaGadol*. In a leap year, usually *Parshas Metzora* or sometimes *Parshas Acharei-Mos* is read on *Shabbos HaGadol*.
- In a non-leap year, the following five sets of *parshios* are always joined: *Tazria-Metzora*; *Acharei Mos-Kedoshim*; *Behar-Bechukasai*; *Vayakhel-Pekudei*; and *Mattos-Masei*. In a leap year, the first three sets of these *parshios* are always separate, and the last two (*Vayakhel-Pekudei* and *Mattos-Masei*) are sometimes separate.
- Parshas Bamidbar:** *Parshas Bamidbar* almost always falls on the Shabbos before Shavuos. On rare occasion it can fall on the previous Shabbos, and *Parshas Nasso* will be before Shavuos.
- Parshios Chukas and Balak:** *Parshios Chukas* and *Balak* can only be read together outside of the Land of Israel. This happens when the second day of Shavuos falls on Shabbos so that the Torah reading for that Shabbos will be the Yom Tov reading. Accordingly, a "double *sedrah*" -- *Chukas* and *Balak* -- will later be read, bringing all communities, both those in the Land of Israel and those outside it, back into alignment.
- Parshas Pinchas:** *Parshas Pinchas* almost always falls on the first Shabbos of the "Three Weeks," prior to Tishah b'Av. On rare occasion it can fall on the Shabbos before the "Three Weeks."
- Parshas Devarim:** *Parshas Devarim* always falls on the Shabbos before Tishah b'Av, called *Shabbos Chazon*.
- Parshas Va'eschanan:** *Parshas Va'eschanan* always falls on the Shabbos after Tishah b'Av, called *Shabbos Nachamu*.
- Parshas Nitzavim:** *Parshas Nitzavim* is always read before Rosh HaShanah. Most years, both *Parshas Nitzavim* and *Parshas Vayeilech* are read before Rosh HaShanah. The *haftarah* for *Nitzavim* is from the Book of *Yeshayah* (Isaiah), and is read even when *Nitzavim* and *Vayeilech* are joined. It is the last of the *Shiva d'Nechemta* -- The "Seven *Haftarahs* of Consolation" -- each one from *Yeshayah*, read during the seven weeks between Tishah b'Av and Rosh HaShanah.
- Parshas Ha'azinu:** Most years *Parshas Ha'azinu* is read on the Shabbos between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, on *Shabbos Shuvah*.
- Parshas VeZos Haberachah:** *Parshas VeZos Haberachah* is always read on Simchas Torah, irrespective of the day of the week. It is the only *parsha* of the Torah that was set to be read on a Yom Tov. The *haftarah* for *VeZos Haberachah* is from the beginning of *Yehoshua* (Joshua), the first of the Books of the Prophets.