

EIGHT WORDS FOR LAW / *Exodus 24:12*

Hebrew law served as the personal and national guide for living under God's authority. It directed the moral, spiritual, and social life. Its purpose was to produce better understanding of God and greater commitment to him.

Word	Meaning	Examples	Significance
Torah	Direction, Guidance, Instruction	Exodus 24:12	Need for law in general; a command from a higher person to a lower
Mitswah	Commandment, Command	Genesis 26:5; Exodus 15:26; 20:2-17	God's specific instruction to be obeyed rather than a general law; used of the Ten Commandments
Mishpat	Regulations, Judgment, Ordinance	Genesis 18:19; Deuteronomy 16:18; 17:9	Refers to the civil, social, and sanitation laws
Eduth	Testimony, Truth	Exodus 25:22	Refers to God's law as he deals with his people
Huqqim	Statutes, Laws	Leviticus 18:4; Deuteronomy 4:1	Dealt with the royal pronouncements; mainly connected to worship and feasts
Piqqudim	Orders, Commandments	Psalms 19:8; 103:18	Used often in the Psalms to describe God's orders and assignments
Dabar	Word, Terms	Exodus 34:28; Deuteronomy 4:13	Used to indicate divine oracles or revelations of God
Dath	Royal Edict, Public Law	Ezekiel 7:26; Daniel 6:8, 12	Refers to a public law or Jewish religious tradition