

# HEBREW WORDS FOR LAW / *Romans 10:5*

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

| Word    | Meaning                          | Examples                                                | Significance                                                                                                 |
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| Torah   | Direction, Guidance, Instruction | Exodus 24:12; Isaiah 30:20                              | Need for law in general; a command from a higher person to a lower                                           |
| Mitsvah | Commandment, Command             | Genesis 25:5; Exodus 15:26; 20:2-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21 | God's specific instruction to be obeyed rather than a general law; used in reference to the Ten Commandments |
| Mishpat | Judgment, Ordinance              | Genesis 18:19; Deuteronomy 16:18; 17:19                 | This refers to the civil, social, and sanitation laws                                                        |
| Huqqim  | Statutes, Ordinances             | Leviticus 18:4; Deuteronomy 4:1                         | Dealt with the royal pronouncements—mainly connected to worship and festivals                                |