

THE WRITING OF THE PENTATEUCH

OT101 GENESIS-RUTH

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A. Statements within the Pentateuch affirming Mosaic authorship:

1. **Exodus 17.14:** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven."
2. **Exodus 24.4,7:** 4 Moses then wrote down everything the LORD had said. He got up early the next morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and set up twelve stone pillars representing the twelve tribes of Israel. 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey."
3. **Exodus 34.27:** 27 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write down these words, for in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel."
4. **Numbers 33.1-2:** 1 Here are the stages in the journey of the Israelites when they came out of Egypt by divisions under the leadership of Moses and Aaron. 2 At the LORD's command Moses recorded the stages in their journey. This is their journey by stages:
5. **Deuteronomy 31.9-11:** 9 So Moses wrote down 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. 10 Then Moses commanded them: "At the end of every seven years, in the year for canceling debts, during the Feast of Tabernacles, 11 when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing."

B. OT Statements attributing the Pentateuch to Moses:

1. **Joshua 1.8; 8.31-32**
2. **1 Kings 2.3**
3. **2 Kings 14.6**
4. **Ezra 6.18**
5. **Nehemiah 13.1**
6. **Daniel 9.11-13**
7. **Malachi 4.4**

C. NT Evidence

1. **Matt 19.8**
2. **John 5.46-47; 7.19**
3. **Acts 3.22**
4. **Rom 10.5**

D. Internal evidence

1. Emphasis on Egypt
2. Archaisms

E. Moses' Qualifications

SOURCES IN THE PENTATEUCH:

1. The Decalogue
2. Law Codes
3. Journey itinerary
4. Census Lists
5. Booty lists
6. Inventories of materials
7. Book of the Wars of Yahweh
8. Songs