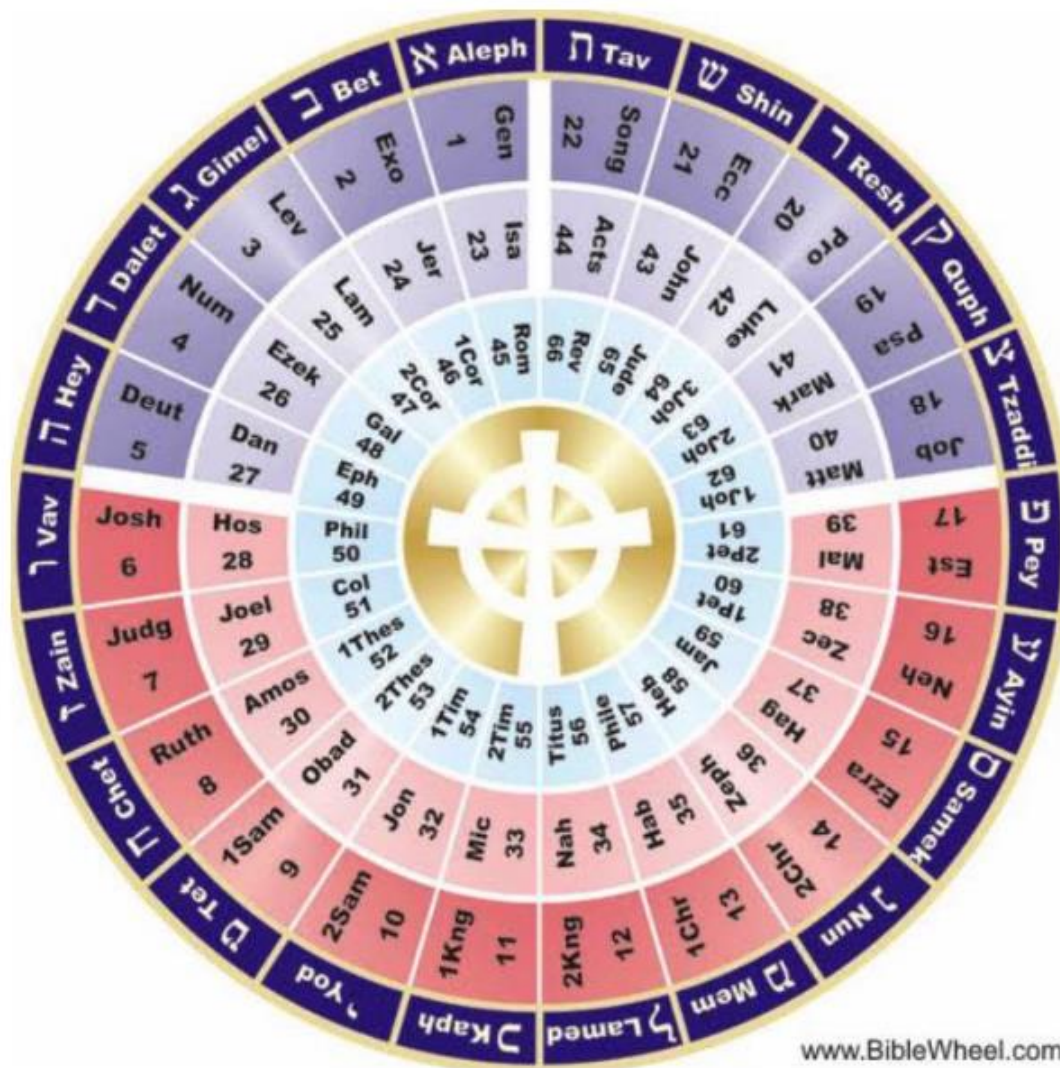


A Natural Basis for the Law of God.

The first 5 books of the Bible spell out the Law given by God to Moses. The basis for adhering to these laws was the authority of their purported source – demonstrated through the judgements God inflicted upon the Egyptian captors.

When we arrange the 66 books of the Bible as a roll, consisting of 3 cycles each of 22 books, then an unexpected symmetry arises.



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And the symmetry is not just in the number of books in each section – symmetry is also found semantically.

Whilst the principles of the law are espoused in the first 5 books of the first cycle, the natural basis of the law are outlined in the last 5 books of this cycle – in the 5 books of wisdom.

The 5 Books of Wisdom

Here are the 5 books of wisdom and the central message of each -

1. JOB : Walking in **faith** in commands of the Creator, even when experiencing suffering.
2. PSALMS : Dependence upon the **mercy** of God.
3. PROVERBS : The **rational consequences** of truth, diligence, righteousness and wisdom.
4. ECCLESIASTES : Finding **purposefulness** in the pursuit of what is eternal rather than transient – in righteousness and the kingdom of God.
5. SONG OF SONGS : Experience of union / **love** as intrinsically valuable.

The Importance of these 5 Pillars

Faith is important for carrying us through times of challenge, difficulty and inevitable suffering.

Humility and dependence upon the mercy of God are important for protecting us from the destructiveness of self-righteousness, pride, intolerance, and for fostering charity, forgiveness, compassion and love.

Wisdom and reason are important for strengthening belief in the benefits of ethics

Purpose, found through seeking first the kingdom of God, is important for finding meaning beyond the mindless repetition of empty tasks whose results are ultimately extinguished by death. The antidote to nihilism.

Love, and the experience of union, is important since it is the ultimate expression of the Law. It is a strongly positive emotional state that encompasses emotions such as fascination, exploration, beauty, joy, delight, compassion, peace.

These 5 pillars are important **pre-requisites** or **psychological conditions** necessary for maintaining an ethical life – they support and sustain an adherence to the Law – and describe the inner life and qualities of the righteous.

The 5 books of wisdom elevate us beyond blind adherence to an external law enforced through fear of punishment – instead describing how our heart, mind and soul become orientated and aligned with an **inner law**.