

## 16 Proofs Moses wrote the Pentateuch (Deu. 31:9, 22)

1. God commanded Moses to write a book (Exo. 17:14; 34:27).
2. Moses did write a book (Exo. 24:5-7; Num. 33:2; Deu. 31:9).
3. He called his book the book of the covenant (Exo. 24:7), the book of this law (Deu. 28:58 & 61, 29:20-27), and this book of the law (Deu. 30:10, 31:24-26). It Included the whole Pentateuch which was considered by Jews as one book in 5 sections.
4. Copies of Moses' book of the law were to be made for kings (Deu. 17:18-20).
5. God recognized the book of the law as being written by Moses and commanded it to be the rule of conduct for Joshua (Josh. 1:1-8, 8:30-35).
6. Joshua accepted the book of the law as being written by Moses and copied it upon two mountains (Deu. 11:26-32; Josh. 8:30-35). Although it is possible that God directed Joshua to add the account of Moses' death to close the law (Deu. 34), it is just as possible that the Lord directed Moses to write it in advance as He had already revealed to Moses the manner and time of his approaching death.
7. Joshua commanded all Israel to obey the book of the law of Moses (Josh.23:6).
8. During the kings, it was the law:
  - (a) David recognized it (I Chr. 16:40).
  - (b) Solomon was charged by David to keep it (I Ki. 2:3).
  - (c) It was found and obeyed by Josiah and Israel (II Ki. 22:8, 23:1-24; II Chr.34:14, 35:12)
  - (d) Jehosaphat had it taught to all Israel (II Chr. 17:9).
  - (e) Joash obeyed it (II Ki. 14:6; II Chr. 23:11 & 18).
  - (f) Amaziah obeyed it (II Chr. 25:4).
  - (g) Hezekiah obeyed it (II Chr. 30:1-18).
9. Prophets refer to it as God's law written by Moses (Dan. 9:11; Mal. 4:4).
10. Ezra and Nehemiah both ascribe the book of the law to Moses (Ezra 3:2; 6:18, 7:6, 10, 14, 21, 25; Neh. 1:7-9; 8:8, 14, 17, 10:28-29, 13:1).
11. Christ ascribed the whole law, all 5 books of the Pentateuch, to Moses (cp. Lk. 24:27 & 44 with Gen. 3:15, 12:1-3; Mk. 12:26 with Exo. 3 and Mk. 7:10 with Exo. 20:12 & 21:17. See also Jn. 1:17, 5:46, 7:19, 23).
12. The apostles ascribed the law to Moses (Acts 13:39; 15:1, 5 & 21, 28:23).
13. For more than 3, 500 years it has been the unified belief of all Jewish scholars and the common people that Moses wrote the Pentateuch. From their earliest history, the Jews never questioned it.
14. Heathen writers - Tacitus, Juvenal, Strabo, Longinus, Porphyry, Julian and others agree without question that Moses wrote the Pentateuch.
15. Religious leaders among the heathen – Mohammed and others, ascribe it to Moses.
16. Internal evidences prove one author:
  - (a) The Pentateuch was written by a Hebrew speaking the Hebrew language and cherishing the sentiments of his nation. Moses fulfilled this requirement.
  - (b) It was written by Hebrew acquainted with Egypt and Arabia, their customs and learning. Since Egyptian learning was carefully concealed from foreigners, and was for priests and the royal family only, Moses was the only known Hebrew who could have fulfilled this requirement (Acts 7:22; Heb. 11:23-29).
  - (c) Moses himself plainly declared that he wrote the law. See Exo. 24:4; Num. 33:2; Deu. 31:9, 22.