

Law – Defined

Mosaic Law
Pentateuch
Old Testament

“the word 'law' always refers to the Mosaic law.”

— “Law, in the New Testament,” International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia (Chicago: Howard-Severance, 1915), III, 1844, 1848.

“the whole of the Pentateuch.”

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“speaking generally, the word with or without the article is used in reference to the law of Moses.”

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“It is true that occasionally “the law” seems to refer to the entire Old Testament. Compare John 10:34 with Psalm 82:6 and I Corinthians 14:21 with Isaiah 28:11-12. But even in this rare usage it must be remembered that the whole of Old Testament Scripture assumes the existence of the law, calls men back to the law and threatens the penalties of the law for its violations. Thus the idea of an original Mosaic law is probably never wholly absent from such references.”

— Alva J. Mcclain, Law and Grace (Winona Lake, Ind., Bmh Books, 1973), 8.