

Fifth Day of Christmas, 12/29 – Five Golden Rings



Scripture:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. **Genesis 1:1-5**

Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses. Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel. **Deuteronomy 34:9-12**

These passages are the beginning and ending of the “Pentateuch” or “Torah”. Pentateuch means five books in Greek. The Torah is the foundation of scripture for the Hebrew people of old, our Jewish friends today. It is sometimes called the Book of Moses and contains the law for the people. It was the source of contention between the Pharisees and Jesus many times because of the way Jesus interpreted the law as he saw it through the mission God had given him. **So, the five golden rings represent these five important books in our history.**

The books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy are important to us as

Christians because we are part of the Judeo-Christian heritage. The books of Genesis and Exodus are filled with familiar stories. Which ones do you know and love?