

PENTATEUCH

Introduction

“Pentateuch” means “five books.” It is called this way because it is composed of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. These are very different books: we find in them stories, legends, legislations, traditions, theology... Its origin is also varied: to put it in writing old traditions were compiled, some of them very old written and oral traditions that were retouched and re-written... We are not making references to these sources in the present exposition. We have only chosen the most interesting texts of Genesis, Exodus and Deuteronomy. These are famous writings for the universal literature and history (or rather pre-history) of our faith.