

The Structure of the Rambam's Mishneh Torah

Book One HaMadda (Knowledge):

- 1. Yesodei ha-Torah: Belief in God and other Jewish principles of faith**
- 1. De'ot: general proper behavior**
- 3. Talmud Torah: Torah study**
- 4. Avodah Zarah: The prohibition against idolatry**
- 5. Teshuvah: The law and philosophy of repentance**

Book Two Ahavah (Love): The precepts which must be observed at all times if the love due to God is to be remembered continually (prayer, tefillin).

- 1. Kri'at Shema**
- 2. Tefilah and Birkat Kohanim**
- 3. Tefillin, Mezuzah and Sefer Torah**
- 4. Tzitzit**
- 5. Berachot**
- 6. Milah**
- 7. Order of Prayers**

Book Three Zemanim (Times):

- 1. Shabbat**
- 2. Eruvin, a Rabbinic device that facilitates Sabbath observance**

3. Shevitat `Asor: laws of Yom Kippur, except for the Temple service (see Avodat Yom ha-Kippurim, below)
4. Yom Tov: prohibitions on major Jewish holidays that are different from the prohibitions of Sabbath
5. Hametz u-Matza: Passover
6. Shofar ve-Lulav ve-Sukkah: Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot
7. Shekalim
8. Kiddush Hachodesh
9. Taaniyot
10. Hanukah u-Megillah: see Hanukkah and Purim

Book Four Nashim (Women):

1. Ishut: laws of marriage, including kiddushin and the ketubah
2. Geirushin: laws of divorce
3. Yibum va-Chalitzah: laws of levirate marriage
4. Na'arah Betulah: the law of a man who seduces or rapes an unmarried woman
5. Sotah laws concerning a woman suspected of infidelity

Book Five Kedushah (Holiness)

1. Issurei Biah: forbidden sexual relations, including niddah, incest and adultery. Since intermarriage with non-Jews is forbidden, the laws of conversion to Judaism are also included.

2. **Ma'akhalot Assurot: laws of forbidden foods (see kashrut)**
3. **Shechitah: laws of ritual slaughter**

Book Six Hafla'ah (Separation): laws of vows and oaths

1. **Shevuot: Laws of vows (to refrain from doing an action)**
2. **Nedarim: Laws of oaths (to do an action)**
3. **Nezirot: Laws of Nazirites**
4. **Erachin: Laws of donations to the temple**

Book Seven Zera'im (Seeds): agricultural laws

1. **Kilayim: Laws of forbidden mixtures**
2. **Aniyim: Laws of obligatory gifts to the poor**
3. **Terumot: Laws of obligatory gifts to the priests**
4. **Maaser: Laws of tithes**
5. **Sheini: Laws of secondary tithes**
6. **Bikurim: Laws of first fruit offerings**
7. **Shemittah: Laws of the sabbatical year**

Book Eight Avodah (Divine Service): the laws of the Temple in Jerusalem[4]

1. **Hilchot Bet HaBechirah: Laws of (God's) chosen house**
2. **Hilchot K'lei HaMikdash: Laws of the temple utensils and those who serve within**

3. Hilchot Bi'at HaMikdash: Laws of entry to the sanctuary
4. Hilchot Issurei HaMizbe'ach: Laws of (entities) prohibited to be offered on the altar
5. Hilchot Ma'aseh HaKorbanot: Laws of the sacrificial procedures
6. Hilchot Temidim uMusafim: Laws of continual and additional offerings
7. Hilchot Pesule HaMukdashim: Laws of consecrated entities that have been disqualified
8. Hilchot Avodat Yom HaKippurim : Laws of the Yom Kippur service
9. Hilchot Me'ilah: Laws of the misappropriation (of consecrated property).

Book Nine Korbanot[5] (Offerings): laws for offerings in the Temple, excepting those of the whole community

1. Hilchot Korban Pesach
2. Hilchot Chagigah
3. Hilchot Bechorot
4. Hilchot Shegagot
5. Hilchot Mechussarey Kapparah
6. Hilchot Temurah

Book Ten Sefer Taharah Cleanness: the rules of ritual purity)

1. Hilchot Tumat Met
2. Hilchot Para Aduma
3. Hilchot Tumat Zara'at

4. Hilchot Metamei Mischkaw u-Moschaw
5. Hilchot She'ar Avot haTumot
6. Hilchot Tumat Ochalin
7. Hilchot Kelim
8. Hilchot Mikvaot

Book Eleven Sefer Nezikim (Injuries: criminal and tort law)

1. Hilchot Nizqei Mamon
2. Hilchot Geneivah
3. Hilchot Gezeilah vAvidah
4. Hilchot Hovel uMaziq
5. Hilchot Rotzeah uShmirat Nefesh

Book Twelve Sefer Kinyan Acquisition: laws of the marketplace)

1. Hilchot Mechirah
2. Hilchot Zechiyah uMatanah
3. Hilchot Sh'chenim
4. Hilchot Shluhin v'Shutafin
5. Hilchot 'Avadim

Book Thirteen Sefer Mishpatim (Rights: civil law)

1. Hilchot Schirut

2. Hilchot Sheilah uPiqadon
3. Hilchot Malveh v'Loveh
4. Hilchot To'en v'Nit'an
5. Hilchot Nahalot

Book Fourteen Sefer Shoftim (;Judges: the laws relating legislators, the Sanhedrin, the king, and the judges — it also addresses the Noahide Laws and those pertaining to Messianictimes)

1. Hilchot Sanhedrin
2. Hilchot 'Edut
3. Hilchot Mamrim
4. Hilchot Evel
5. Hilchot Melachim uMilhamoteyhem