

Helping us ask the right questions

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What's the Bible for? We asked dozens of writers to respond to this question in seven words or less, as well as to expand on their response in a few sentences. To see all of the responses together as they are posted, bookmark this [page](#).

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Christians, addressing Old and New Testaments, may answer this question with “conveying the word of G-d,” “recording salvation history” or “G-d reconciling humanity.” The Tanakh (a post-biblical term) does not record a singular lesson. It invites multiple interpretations while grounding diverse Jewish experiences regarding ancestry, history, homeland and diaspora, ethics and theology, practice and belief. It is “for” uniting Jews in our diversity and provoking questions individuals and generations will answer differently.