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While the Bible is a Christian or secular book, the Torah is the speech of God to the Jewish people at Mt. Sinai. It is the only normative revelation, consisting of the written Torah and the oral Torah. God so loved the Jewish people that he commanded them with the Mitzvot. Commandment is love, and the Torah is the ultimate expression of God's love for Israel.