

ORIGIN OF BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

OLD TESTAMENT

The Hebrew Bible **TaNaKh** =
Torah "Law" + **Nevi'im** "Prophets" + **Ketuvim** "Writings"

NEW TESTAMENT

Textus Receptus "Received Text" (Latin)
Greek New Testament

Original Writing
HEBREW
99%
ARAMAIC
1%

Original Writing
GREEK
100%

HOW TALL WAS GOLIATH?

! THESE MANUSCRIPTS CONTAIN SOME DIFFERENCES, EVEN BETWEEN TEXTS IN THE SAME LANGUAGE

MANUSCRIPTS

(Scroll or Piece of Scripture Written or Copied By Hand)

These are just a sample of various Biblical manuscripts:

Oldest texts
Masoretic Text (MT)
TANAKH IN HEBREW AND ARAMAIC

1 SAMUEL 17:4
"six cubits and a span"
9 feet 9 inches
2.97 metres

2nd oldest
Septuagint (LXX)
TANAKH TRANSLATED INTO GREEK

OR
"four cubits and a span"
6 feet 9 inches
2.06 metres

4th
Samaritan Pentateuch (SP)
TORAH TRANSLATED INTO SAMARITAN

TORAH = PENTATEUCH
"Law" HEBREW "Five Books" GREEK
(GENESIS, EXODUS, LEVITICUS, NUMBERS, AND DEUTERONOMY)

5th
Vetus Latina / Vulgate (V)
TANAKH TRANSLATED INTO LATIN

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer,"
ISAIAH 14:12

MIGHT NOT EXIST
Urtext
THEORIZED, ORIGINAL, UNIFORM TEXT OF THE **TANAKH**
HAS NEVER BEEN FOUND

MIGHT NOT EXIST
"Q"
HYPOTHETICAL WRITTEN COLLECTION PRIMARILY OF **JESUS'** SAYINGS
HAS NEVER BEEN FOUND

Laodiceans
COLOSSIANS 4:16

3rd oldest

DISCOVERED IN 1946/47

Dead Sea Scrolls (Qumran Caves Scrolls)
ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS OF PARTS OF THE **TANAKH** AS WELL AS TEXTS FROM SOME DEUTEROCANONICAL BOOKS SCROLLS IN HEBREW, SOME IN ARAMAIC, AND A FEW IN GREEK

! SOME MANUSCRIPTS INCLUDE LONGER COPIES OF BOOKS e.g. DANIEL AND ESTHER ARE LONGER IN THE LXX THAN THE MT

Chapter and verse numbering was NOT part of any original texts
[Book] [Chapter]:[Verse]
What's your favorite scroll?

Really?
Which gospel was written first?
Mark
Matthew
Luke

THERE ARE MULTIPLE HYPOTHESES TO EXPLAIN THE "SYNOPTIC PROBLEM" - SOURCE CONTENT SHARED BETWEEN GOSPELS