

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

HOW TALL
WAS GOLIATH?

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

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

4th
Samaritan Pentateuch (SP)
TORAH TRANSLATED INTO SAMARITAN

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

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

"How art thou fallen
from heaven, O Lucifer,"

ISAIAH 14:12

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

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

3rd oldest

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

DISCOVERED
IN 1946/47

There is no single original "MT", "LXX", "SP", or "V" Bible.
Rather, there is a collection of manuscripts in scrolls and fragments that are Biblical texts.
The "oldest" labels are just for general dating of these listed manuscripts.
The history of Biblical manuscripts with exact dates for each text is complex.

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

GOSPELS & LETTERS

What Else Was Written?

NEW TESTAMENT AUTHORS
PRIMARILY QUOTED AND REFERENCED
OLD TESTAMENT HEBREW SCRIPTURES
USING THE SEPTUAGINT TEXT

HYPOTHETICAL
WRITTEN COLLECTION
PRIMARILY OF JESUS'
SAYINGS

THE
"SYNOPTIC PROBLEM"

Mark

Matthew

Luke

+

MARK 16:9-20
JOHN 7:53-8:11

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MATT. 17:21

Chapter and verse numbering
was NOT part of any original texts
[Book]-[Chapter]:[Verse]

SCROLLS → CODEX →



Corinthians
1 CORINTHIANS 5:9

Laodiceans
COLOSSIANS 4:16

GREEK
100%

Table of Nations
GENESIS 10

LUKE 10

70

OR

72

Really?

THIS PROPER NAME
OCCURS NOWHERE IN THE
HEBREW OR GREEK TEXT -
LATIN TRANSLATION FOR
THE 'MORNING STAR'

Why one of these?

Where'd this thing
come from?



Which gospel was
written first?

Too late for some edits?