

Composition of the Hebrew TaNaK

Preliminaries:

1. The Jewish ordering of the books merges Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, thus reducing their total number by three.
2. Overall layout is TaNaK: Law, Prophets and Writings
3. Books do not follow, exactly, the ordering that we have in our English Bibles. This can be significant, as we will see.

Hebrew Ordering

TORAH

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy (Torah)

PROPHETS

Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings (Former Prophets)

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel (Major Prophets - (First part of Latter Prophets)

Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah,

Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi (Minor Prophets - 2nd part of Latter Prophets)

WRITINGS

Psalms, Job, Proverbs, Ruth, Song of Solomon (songs), Ecclesiastes,

Lamentations, Esther, Daniel, Ezra-Nehemiah, Chronicles (Writings or

Hagiographa)

Greek-English Ordering

TORAH - Gen-Deut (same)

Historical Books (former prophets) and Wisdom Books

Joshua, Judges, RUTH, Samuel, Kings, CHRONICLES, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

Latter PROPHETS +Lamentations

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi