

Doctrine of Scripture Lesson #1 Handout

The Old Testament Canon

Intro:

Why study the canon?

Preliminary Comments:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Q. Why do we call the Old Testament the Old Testament?

1. What is the OT canon

- a. Canon is the result of covenant.

Q. How many books are in the Protestant Old Testament? A. 39. Q. What do we notice about the similarities and differences between these canon lists?

- b. We need to be able to tell the story of the Old Testament and we can do so through the idea of covenants.

i. Covenant at Creation:

1. People
2. Place
3. Promise

ii. Covenant with Noah:

1. People
2. Place
3. Promise

iii. Abrahamic Covenant:

1. People
2. Place
3. Promise

iv. Mosaic Covenant:

1. People -
2. Place -
3. Promise -

v. *Davidic Covenant:*

1. People -
2. Place -
3. Promise -

2. How did we receive the OT canon

a. A few witnesses -

i. *Septuagint:*

ii. *Qumran*

iii. *Josephus -*

Q. Josephus mentions 22 books in Hebrew canon but our OT has 39. Whats the difference?

iv. *Melito -*

3. Why is the OT canon arranged in this way

a. 1.

b. 2.

Interactive Questions:

Q. What does the word “bible” mean?

Q. What does the word Pentateuch mean?

Q. What eight OT books are not cited in the NT?

Q. Do the NT authors only cite OT books?

Q. What Bible would Jesus have read?

Hebrew Bible**TaNaK**

[Masoretic Text or MT]

THE LAW**[TORAH]**

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

THE PROPHETS**[NEVIIM]**

Joshua
Judges
Samuel
Kings
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Ezekiel

(The Book of the
Twelve)

Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

THE WRITINGS**[KETUVIM]**

Psalms
Proverbs
Job
Song of Songs
Ruth
Lamentations
Ecclesiastes
Esther
Daniel
Ezra
Nehemiah
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles

[See Luke 24:44]

Greek Septuagint

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy
Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles
[Prayer of Manasseh]
1 Esdras
Ezra
Nehemiah
Tobit
Judith
Esther (with insertions)
1 Maccabees
2 Maccabees
[3 Maccabees]
[4 Maccabees]
Job
Psalms
[Psalm no. 151] [Odes]
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Songs
Wisdom of Solomon
Ecclesiasticus
(Psalms of Solomon)
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Baruch
Epistle of Jeremiah
Ezekiel
Daniel (with insertions)
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi
[The Scriptures Jesus and the 12
Apostles used]

Latin Vulgate**Old Testament**

[Catholic]
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King James**Old Testament**

Genesis
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APOCRYPHA [D&C 91]
1 Esdras
2 Esdras
Tobit
Judith
Additions to Esther
Wisdom of Solomon
Ecclesiasticus
Baruch
Epistle of Jeremiah
Song of the Three Children
Story of Susanna
Bel and the Dragon
Prayer of Manasseh
1 Maccabees
2 Maccabees