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Old Testament Canon (Tanakh)

- **Pentateuch (Torah)**: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- **Deuteronomic History**: Former Prophets: Joshua, Judges
- **Poetry & Wisdom (Writings)**: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs/Solomon
- **Latter / Major Prophets**: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Lamentations
- **Hebrew Bible Writings**: Daniel
- **The Five Scrolls**: Esther (LXX), Ruth
- **Historical Books**:
  - LXX: 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings
  - 1 Kingdoms, 2 Kingdoms, 3 Kingdoms, 4 Kingdoms
  - 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles
  - LXX: 1 Paralipomenon, 2 Paralipomenon
  - Ezra, Nehemiah
  - LXX: II Esdras / Esdras B'
- **Latter / 12 Minor Prophets**: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

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Deuterocanonical Books / The Apocrypha

- **Greek Additions to Daniel**: Prayer of Azariah & Song of the Three Holy Children; Susanna; Bel and the Dragon
- **Enochian Literature**: 1 Enoch (Book of the Watchers); 1 Enoch (Book of the Parables); 2 Enoch (Slavonic Enoch / Secrets of Enoch)
- Jubilees; Tobit / Tobias; Judith
- **Baruch**: Letter of Jeremiah / Baruch 6; Book of Baruch / 1 Baruch
- Prayer of Manasseh; Wisdom of Sirach; Wisdom of Solomon; Psalms of Solomon
- **Greek Additions to Esther (A-F)**
- **Greek Esdras**: I Esdras / Esdras A'; III Esdras / Esdras I'; Greek Esdras: 5th & 6th Ezra; Latin Esdras: 4 Ezra / 2 Esdras
- **Maccabees**: 1 Maccabees; 2 Maccabees; 3 Maccabees; 4 Maccabees

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Non-Canonical Writings

- Epistle of Barnabas
- Shepherd of Hermas
- 1 Clement
- Didache
- Ignatius
- Polycarp to the Philippians
- 2 Clement
- Martyrdom of Polycarp
- Epistle of Mathetes to Diognetus

The New Testament Canon

- **Pauline Epistles**: Romans; 1 Corinthians; 2 Corinthians; Galatians; Philippians; 1 Thessalonians; Philemon; Ephesians; Colossians; 2 Thessalonians
- **Pastoral Epistles**: 1 Timothy; 2 Timothy; Titus
- **Gospels (4) & Acts (1)**: Matthew; Mark; Luke; John; Acts
- **Catholic / General Epistles (7)**: James; 1 Peter; 2 Peter; 1 John; 2 John; 3 John; Jude
- **Anonymous Epistle**: Hebrews
- **Apocalypse of John**: Revelation

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Old Testament Text-Types

- Hebrew Masoretic Text Family (MT)
- Septuagint (LXX)
- Samaritan Pentateuch (SP)

***NOTE:** New Testament Textual Critics who adhere to the **Coherence-Based Genealogical Method** (**CBGM**) have largely abandoned the traditional categorization of manuscripts into "**text-types**" as presented in this timeline, preferring instead to group textual variants into **clusters**.*

New Testament Text-Types

- Eclectic or Unknown Text-Type
- Byzantine Text
- Byzantine / Caesarean Mix
- Caesarean Text
- Byzantine / Alexandrian Mix
- Alexandrian Text
- Western Text

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This beta version of the '**Timeline of the Bible**' only references a small portion of noteworthy Biblical manuscripts.
The size and placement of objects representing *original compositions* (such as the Old Testament and New Testament canons) is not necessarily indicative of proposed date ranges. This diagram is a work in progress that may contain mistakes and typos that we will correct as soon as we find them. We are open to community feedback with constructive criticism and helpful suggestions.
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Dead Sea Scrolls - Mixed Text-Types (MT+, LXX, SP)

Proto-Masoretic Texts (MT+)

Nash Papyrus

Judaean Desert Scrolls DJD (MT+)

Aquila (LXX - MT); Symmachus (LXX - MT); Origen's Hexapla (LXX - MT); Hesychius (LXX - MT); Lucian (LXX - MT)

Hebrew Masoretic Text (MT)

Aleppo Codex (MT); Codex Sassoon 1053 (MT); Codex Cairensis (MT); Leningrad Codex (MT)

Proto-Septuagint - Hebrew Sources (LXX)

Common Source?

Old Greek Septuagint Pentateuch (OG LXX); Old Greek Septuagint Expansion (OG LXX); kaige-Theodotion Revision (LXX - MT); Theodotion (LXX - MT); Papyrus 967 (OG LXX - Daniel); *Q - Codex Marchalianus (Th LXX); Syro-Hexaplar version (Syriac - Hexaplaric LXX); *Codex Chisianus 45 (OG LXX)

Proto-Samaritan Pentateuch (SP); Samaritan Pentateuch; Abisha Scroll (SP)

Mikraot Gedolot (Tanakh - MT)

Jewish Talmud: Authoritative Mishnah; Tosefta; Jerusalem Gemara; Babylonian Gemara

Aramaic Targums: Targum Onkelos; Targum Jonathan; Targum Neofiti; Targum Yerushalmi (Pseudo-Jonathan)

Masekhet Soferim (Talmud) - "The Tractate of the Scribes"

Rashi; Tosafot

Talmud (Bomberg)

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