

The Old Testament Canon

*A Comparison of the English and
Hebrew Bible Arrangements*

English Bible

Pentateuch

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Historical Books

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1-2 Samuel
1-2 kings
1-2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

Poetry

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Songs

Prophets

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel
12 Minor

Hebrew Bible

Law

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Prophets

Joshua
Judges
Samuel
Kings

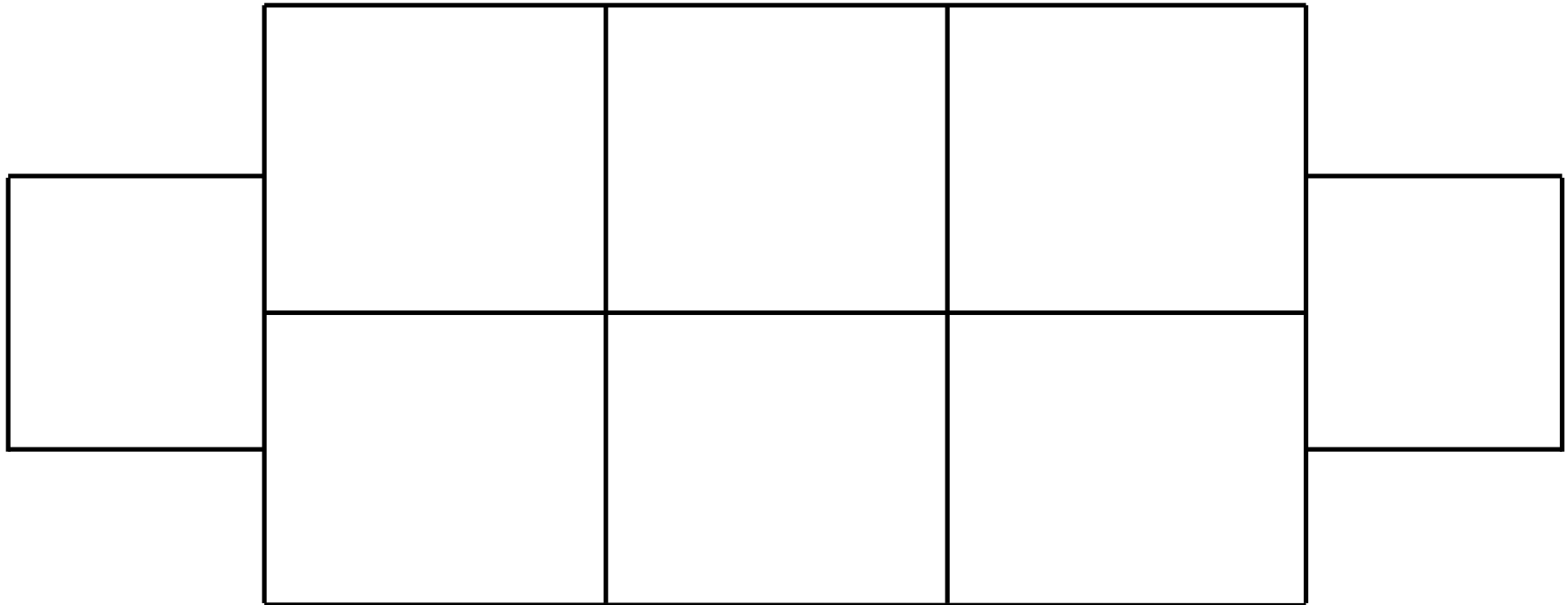
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Ezekiel
Book of the Twelve

Writings

Psalms
Job
Proverbs
Ruth
Song of Songs
Ecclesiastes

Lamentations
Esther
Daniel
Ezra
Nehemiah
Chronicles

The Covenantal Arrangement of the Christian Bible



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	The Law	Prophets	Writings	
Covenant Prologue	Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Joshua Judges Samuel Kings	Isaiah Jeremiah Ezekiel 12 Minor	Covenant Epilogue
<i>Genesis</i>			Psalms Job Proverbs Ruth S of Songs Ecclesiastes Lamentations	<i>Revelation</i>
	Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts of the Apostles	Paul's Epistles Hebrews James 1, 2 Peter 1, 2, 3 John Jude	
	Covenant	Covenant History	Covenant Life	

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COVENANT: PART 1

REVIEW

INTRODUCTION

The BIG question: What is the Bible about and how is that message communicated?

Acts 28:23 – When they had set a day for Paul, they came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets.

1. The Kingdom of God – Thematic Framework
2. Jesus – Theological Center
3. Law of Moses and the Prophets – Canonical Structure

The Kingdom of God (thematic framework) and Jesus (theological center) constitute the message of the Bible and answer the first part of the BIG question. The reference to the Law of Moses and the Prophets (canonical structure) answers the second part of the BIG question – how is the biblical message communicated?

CANON AND COVENANT

Luke 24:44-45 – He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures (cf. Luke 11:49-51; Matt 23:33-35).

1. Identifies the three-fold arrangement of the Hebrew Old Testament: Law, Prophets, and Writings (Psalms).
2. The Hebrew divisions and ordering are recognized by Jesus, Paul, and Luke in the New Testament.
3. The principles that govern this arrangement are covenant and theology / theme (as opposed to genre, chronology, and authorship with the English Bible order).
4. The three divisions of the Hebrew OT are covenantal divisions (covenant, covenant history, covenant life).