

Hebrew and Christian Bibles

Introduction: Although the "New Testament" used by almost all Christians contains the same twenty-seven books, there are several important differences between the "Old Testament" used by various Jewish and Christian groups:

The total number of biblical books is different (Jews count 24, Protestants 39, Catholics 46; for example, Jews count "The Twelve" minor prophets as one book, while Christians count these as twelve separate books).

The names used for some of the books are different (e.g. "Samuel" of the HB is split up into "1 Kingdoms" and "2 Kingdoms" in the LXX, but they are usually called "1 Samuel" and "2 Samuel" by Christians).

The categorization of some books is different (e.g. Daniel and Ruth are considered "Writings" in the HB, but in the other versions Daniel is one of the "Prophets" while "Ruth" is a "Historical Book").

The order of the books is different (e.g. in the HB the "Latter Prophets" come before the other "Writings", while in the other versions all the "Prophets" come after the "Wisdom" literature).

Notes:

HB = Hebrew Bible (books considered scriptural/biblical by ancient and modern Hebrew-speaking Jews)

LXX = Septuagint (larger version of the Bible used by ancient Greek-speaking Jews and Christians outside of Palestine)

Books in *Italics* are those found in Orthodox and Catholic Bibles, but not in Jewish or Protestant Bibles

Books in CAPITALS are those found in the Septuagint, but not considered biblical by most people.

Hebrew Bible	Most Orthodox Bibles	Catholic Bibles	Protestant Bibles
	(Similar to SEPTUAGINT)		
Torah / Law Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Law Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Law Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Law Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy
Former Prophets Joshua Judges Samuel (1&2) Kings (1&2)	Historical Books Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Kingdoms (=1Sam) 2 Kingdoms (=2Sam)	Historical Books Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel	Historical Books Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel
Latter Prophets Isaiah Jeremiah Ezekiel The Twelve: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi	3 Kingdoms (=1 Kings) 4 Kingdoms (=2 Kings) 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles 1 ESDRAS 2 Esdras(=Erza + Neh.) <i>Esther (longer)</i> <i>Judith</i> <i>Tobit</i> 1 Maccabees 2 Maccabees 3 Maccabees [4 Maccabees]	1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah <i>Tobit</i> <i>Judith</i> <i>Esther (longer)</i> 1 Maccabees 2 Maccabees	1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah Esther

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Writings Psalms (150) Proverbs Job Song of Solomon Ruth Lamentations Ecclesiastes Esther Daniel Ezra-Nehemiah Chronicles (1&2)	Wisdom Books Psalms (151) ODES (w/ Prayer of Manasseh) Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon Job <i>Wisdom of Solomon</i> <i>Sirach (Ecclesiasticus)</i> PSALMS OF SOLOMON	Wisdom Books Job Psalms (150) Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon <i>Wisdom of Solomon</i> <i>Sirach (Ecclesiasticus)</i>	Wisdom Books Job Psalms (150) Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Solomon
	Prophets Hosea Amos Micah Joel Obadiah Jonah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi Isaiah Jeremiah <i>Baruch</i> Lamentations <i>Letter of Jeremiah</i> Ezekiel	Prophets Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations <i>Baruch (w/ Letter of Jer.)</i> Ezekiel Daniel (<i>longer</i>) Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi	Prophets Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi