# HEBREW OLD TESTAMENT DIVISION\*

AT THE TIME OF CHRIST



# The Law (Torah)



# **The Prophets**

(Nebiim)



# The Writings

(Kethubim)

## The Pentateuch

#### Genesis \* Bereshit

Theme: Beginnings Author: Moses

Period Covered: ?-1804BC Date Written: 1450-1410BC

# **Exodus**

\* Shemot Theme: Deliverance Author: Moses

Period Covered: 1450-1446BC Date Written: 1446-1410BC

### Leviticus

₩ Wayigra Theme: Holiness Author: Moses

Period Covered: 1450-1410BC Date Written: 1450-1410BC

### Numbers

🎁 Bamidbar

Theme: Walking by faith journey

Author: Moses

Period Covered: 1450-1410BC Date Written: 1450-1410BC

# **Deuteronomy**

Debarim (meaning "words") Theme: Constitution for the Theocracy in the Land Author: Moses, then Joshua Period Covered: 1410BC Date Written: 1450-1410BC Key Word: Remembrance

# **Former Prophets**

*™* Joshua Yehoshua

Theme: God's faithfulness

Author: Joshua

Period Covered: 1400-1370BC Date Written: 1370BC

# Judges

Shofetim

Theme: Anarchy, Oppression

Author: Samuel?

Period Covered: 1380-1051BC Date Written: 1051-1004BC

### Samuel

\* Shemuel

Theme: Effects of sin between the people and their leaders.

Author: Samuel. Nathan.

Gad

Period Covered: 1105-970BC Date Written: 1105-931BC

# Kings

Melakim

Theme: A king's dependance results in success or

decline Author: Jeremiah?

Period Covered: 970-586BC Date Written: 560-538BC

# **Latter Prophets**

Jeremiah \*\*Yirmevahu

Theme: Judgment Author: Jeremiah

Period Covered: 627-585BC

## Isaiah

\*\* Yeshayahu Theme: Salvation Author: Isaiah Period Covered: 740-680BC

## Ezekiel

Yehezael

Theme: Judament, visions. future glory Author: Ezekiel

Period Covered: 592-570BC

#### **Book of the Twelve** + Tere Asar

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

# **Psalms**

Tehillim

Heb: "The book of Praises" LXX: "The book of Psalms" Author: David. Various Period Covered:

**Prophetical** 

The 5 Books:

1 (Psalm 1-41)

1450 (Moses) - 536BC

- 2 (Psalm 42-72) 3 (Psalm 73-89)
- 4 (Psalm 90-109 5 (Psalm 107-150)

# **Proverbs**

\* Mishle

Theme: Wisdom for living

Author: Solomon, Agur, Lemuel

#### Job TT IVVOb

Theme: Suffering, sovereignty of God Author: Moses?, Job?, Solomon?

Period Covered: Prior to 1500BC

## "Five Books"

Megalith Festival Scrolls

#### Song of Solomon Shir HaShirim

Theme: Love sona Author: Solomon

Period Covered: 965BC - (Read on Passover) -

### Ruth

Theme: Kinsman-Redeemer Author: Unknown? Written: 1000BC - (Read on Pentecost) -

# **M**Lamentations

T Ekah

Theme: Mourning over destruction of Jerusalem (9th of Ab)

Author: Jeremiah Period Covered: 588-586BC

## Ecclesiastes

† † Qoheleth

Theme: Futility when focused on this life. Author: Solomon Period Covered: 935BC

- (Read during Tabernacles) -

### **Esther**

Theme: God's control of events

Author: Nationalistic Jew? Period Covered: 465BC

- (Read during Feast of Purim) -

# Historical

### Daniel

Theme: Course of Gentile kingdoms Author: Daniel

Period Covered: 605-536BC

### Ezra-Nehemiah

Theme: Restoration. building

Author: Ezra-Nehemiah Period Covered:

Ezra 521-515BC Neh. 445-415BC

## Chronicles

Dibre Hayamim

Theme: Reign of David, decline Author: The "Chronicler"

Period Covered: (1Ch 1050-931BC

2Ch 991-538) Date Written: c.400BC



\* This is the Hebrew Bible arrangement at the time of Christ (Lk.24:44, cf. Mt.16:14; 27:9-10; Jn.12:34; 15:25)