

Old Testament Canon: Hebrew Book Order vs. English Book Order

(Same Books, Different Organization)

The Hebrew Bible - Three Sections, Twenty-Four Books, Arranged by Authorship

The Law (5)	Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
The Prophets (8)	The Former Prophets: Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings The Latter Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, The Twelve
The Writings or Psalms (11)	Poetical Books: Psalms, Proverbs, Job The Five Scrolls: Song of Solomon, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther The Historical Books: Ezra, Nehemiah, Chronicles

The English Old Testament - Four Sections, Thirty-nine Books, Arranged by Topic

The Law or Pentateuch (5)	Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
History (12)	Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Ester,
Poetry (5)	Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
The Prophets (17)	Major Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel Minor Prophets: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

The Premillennial Order of the English Old Testament

Bible Book	Ancient Historical Theme	Historical/Prophetic Connection
Judges	Records Israel in a season of general apostasy, in and out of servitude to Gentile nations.	During the church age, Israel is in national apostasy having rejected their rightful King, and suffers at the hands of the Gentiles.
Ruth	In the period of the Judges, a wealthy Jewish husbandman redeems a Gentile bride.	In the midst of Israel's apostasy, Christ takes a predominantly Gentile bride.
1 Samuel	Records the reign of Saul who usurps the throne of David while seeking to murder all those associated with him.	At the close of the church age, the Antichrist will take over the kingdoms of the world and persecute the people of God.
2 Samuel	Records the enthronement of David, the subjugation of his enemies, and the beginning of a kingdom of peace.	Christ will conquer the kingdom of Antichrist and inaugurate a season of peace and righteousness ruling from the throne of David.

2 Chronicles	Ends with a Gentile king issuing an edict for the Jews to return to their homeland.	In 1917, Lord Balfour's declaration set aside the land of Palestine for independent Jewish state.
Ezra	Records the return of the Jewish people to the land of Palestine.	Following the Balfour Declaration the Jewish people would begin to return to Palestine en masse.
Nehemiah	Records the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem.	A major rebuilding and entrenchment effort kicked off with the independence of the state of Israel in 1948.
Esther	The king's Gentile bride is set aside and a Jewish bride is appointed. The Jewish people are miraculously spared from destruction.	At the rapture the predominantly Gentile bride of Christ will be removed from earth and Jewish bride of Jehovah will take center-stage being spared destruction by the Antichrist.
Job	Records the tribulations and restoration of Job in the Land of Uz over the course of 42 chapters.	The Jewish people will experience great suffering during the Great Tribulation over the course of 42 months.
Psalms	Many of the Psalms are written by David as he flees from Saul, awaiting the establishment of the Kingdom. Many more Psalms celebrate the establishment and blessing of the Davidic kingdom.	The Jews will flee from the Antichrist until the rightful King appears and establishes his reign with Israel at the head of the nations.
Proverbs & Ecclesiastes	Records the wisdom of King Solomon upon his throne reigning in peace over all the house of Israel.	Christ's kingdom will be established bringing in worldwide peace with the nations of the earth seeking His wisdom.
Song of Solomon	Records the romance and honeymoon of Solomon and his unlikely bride.	Christ and His church will honeymoon upon the earth for one-thousand years.
Jeremiah	Records the captivity of the nation of Judah under Nebuchadnezzar.	Israel is captive among the Gentile nations of the world.
Lamentations	Records the sorrows of Israel's tribulation at the hands of a cruel Gentile king.	Israel will experience terrible tribulation under the reign of Antichrist.
Ezekiel	Records many events related to the Second Coming of Christ and the construction of the Millennial Temple.	Christ will return to earth and re-establish the ancient Jewish worship.