

C. What is the Evidence for the historicity of the canon?

1. Biblical data:
 - a. Old Testament
 - b. New Testament
2. Extra-biblical data:
 - a. Josephus, et al.
 - b. Literary notes
 - c. Church Fathers

D. What do we know About the Divisions in the Canon

1. There are two major schools of thought and they see the canon in this way:

Law
Prophets
Writings

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The first is a threefold division, the second, as I guess anyone can see, is a twofold division. Behind this are critical arguments and New Testament citations

The term "law" indicates the five books of the Pentateuch.

"Prophets" in group I includes Josh., Judges, Samuel, Kings, The major prophets and the Minor Prophets..but not Daniel. In Group II "prophets" indicates all of the O.T. besides the law.

"Writings" in group I include Psalms, Job, Prov., Lam. Eccl., Song, Ruth, Esther, Chronicles and Daniel.

2. There are various theories about this arrangement and we will briefly discuss some. The view that is held by the present teacher is that of the arrangement in accord with the synagogue service. But there are divergent views with good scholars and dedicated persons on many sides. The critical view is geared towards naturalistic development and we do not have a lot of time for that.

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