



Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

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Introduction to the Bible, 1934.

1. Bible - greatest - print - literature -
most extensive.

2. name - Prob. clay - currier form
Holms - skin - parchment - 501A
Reels - papyrus.

3. Number of Books
Divisions

Sequence.

5 Books - canonized 5 C.

Other - 2 A

Continuing. Ecclesiastes - heaven
Song, Songs - Love - Gifts
Ezra - Book

4. Age . 1200 - 165

5. Author - Known & Unknown.
① Revisers - editing - Strata.

6. Types & Literature -

① Myths - Creation - Eden - Flood.

② Legendary History - Patriarchs, Joseph
- Superb variations

- (3) Authentic History - Knips etc. Chron
- (4) Memoirs - Wahenach. 1st person
- (5) Laus -
- (6) Poetry - Psalms.
 (1) Syne - Says; Says (2) Dirge Lamentable
- (7) Proverbs - Wisdem Inter alia
- (8) Drama - Job.
- (9) Philosophy - Kohelit.
- (10) Prophetic Proverbs

7- Laus - Ser. 19.

Proverbs - Chap. 42

Poetry - Psalms - 23 - 27 - 46
 - Says; Says - Chap. 2

Philosophy - Kohelit - Chap. 1

Prophetic - Ser. 7

Miscals 3 ff.

Poetry. No Rhm. - No Rhythms - No View of Value: Quantity

Based on Accent - Succession of accented
and unaccented syllables - Gravities of no.
of unaccented intervening ones.

Parallelistic - Gen. 4:23 "Everything"
Prov. 31

Acrostics Ps. 25; ~~34~~; 34; 37; 111; 112; 119
~~122~~

Prov. 31.

Lam. 1-4

WRHS



Processional - Hilkah -
Chorus

Ex 15, Judges 5 ✓

Elegy - II Sam. 1; Lamentations ✓

Love Lyric - Song & Songs ✓

Antiphon -

21/16 - ✓

History -

Ps { 136 -
105 -
78 -
106 -
137 -

Wilderness

Promised Land

Kingdom | Judah

Captivity -

Babylon

Wreck taken - Psalm -

150-5 Bibles - many centuries - Pent - Maroccan - 2c - older collections

1. Not of King David - few if any - Most post-exilic

Final ed. Maroccan

(1) ענין - 6 books 56 to and 16 - Persian

ענין, gold - "gems"

(2) שירים - 13 books - Persian - Meditative
Ps. 32; 42-45 etc

Authors

2. Name of "David" in 74 titles - credited - first
minor Psalms, gathered under name, David - Persian -
later included in Major Psalms
313/1 belongs to that collection -

(3) נתיב 192 - 11 Ps. Greek (Ps. 42-49) (84-5-7-8)

(4) גורל - 12 Ps. - Italy in Int. Period (73-83)

(5) Solomon (72) Moses (90) Heman (88) Ethan (89) Ami (102)

נתיב - 57 Ps. for singing in pub. worship - Greek

רבי - "Directa" - Choir Master - Synagogue

Choral Directa - 29 Ps.

Ps. 56

Ps. 22

Ps. 60

Ps. 6 -

Ps. 53

ענין 16 - on the octave

(3) Hallel - Temple Service - Greek -

ענין

~~Ps 104, 105, 115, 116, 117~~

104-107

111-117

135-136

146-150

(4) Psalms - Greek - 120-134 -

Psalm - 5 Books - a collection, collection -
end of 2nd book. 72. 20.

1-41
42-72
73-89
90-106
107-150

Ps. 151 Ps. 42-49 (2nd)
Ps. 120-134 (5th)
Ps. 146-150 (11)

Authors. Ps. 90 = Moses
73 ~~hairs~~ = David - (David was musician)
2 " = Solomon. Ps. 72
26 to various Temple Surges
Asaph - Bnei Levi -

73

Psalm = song - instrument music. Poetry in exaltation
אשר - אלהים - אלהים - אלהים
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all style
Tunes. Acrostic 119 - 5 Hebrew
Ps. 137 - Baby Capt.
Pre- and post-exile

Subject - God - Trust - Help - Faith -
Pleading - Confession - Exaltation - All words

Exile 116 Kat. Confidence. 23; 27. Alas 22
Philosophy 46. Yearning 42
Ethical 15. Fortitude 90
Historical 105-106.

Parallelism of members - couplet

synonymus - Ps. 15.1 ; 19. 8-10.

synthetice - 410. 2-4

antithetice - 37. 9-11

Several kinds of meters.

Measure not of feet as in Greek & Latin

or of syllables

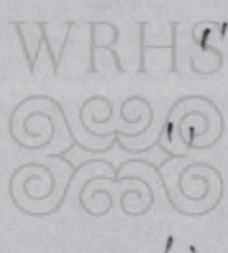
But of words, or word accents

Trimeter = 3 word accents (24) Assy. Chal. Egg

Tetrameter 4

Pentameter 5

Hexameter 6



Amos. 750 . Judah. (pro. in N.)

Hosea - 750-735

Isaiah - (Chap. 1-39) . 740-700

Micha 740 - 690

Zephaniah . 640-610.

Jeremiah 625-586

Nahum 625. (?)

Habakkuk . 625(2)

Ezekiel 590-570(?)

Deutero-Isa. (^{chap} 40-55). 540 (?)

Exili
Perio

Haggai 520.

Zechariah 520 (Chap. 1-8)

Malachi 460 (2)

Trito-Isaiah (56-66) 460-445

Obadiah (only 1 chap.) 5th c.

Joel 4th
Jonah 3rd
(chaps 5-36)

1. Purpose - Essence of Judaism - of Bible - Contribution
→ Queen gave ports etc. we gave prophets.

2. Meaning & word - prophet - נביא - נביא נביא
נביא נביא נביא נביא.

3. Interpreters & values - hiddenness; Theocracy -
Ag. Taras.

4. Not professionals - נביא נביא - lay people =
no techniques / prophecy
moral passions.
Amos 7. 12-17.

(1) Struggle bet. priests & prophets.

5. Wd not want to prophecy - Topic destroy - Jerusalem -
נביא נביא נביא נביא
Jer. 19. 15
20. 1-12
Hard message

6. Message. All on - It's different
Humble beginnings - polydemonism - polytheism, henotheism
① Monotheism. Elijah - Ahab (1 K. 18. 17-21)
opposed to syncretism. 3 n/c - 1 n/c & 1 n/c

② Therefore, of course, opposed to idolatry. Unique
Is. 44. 9-20. Humanity. Is. 4. 12-14

③ A 1000 yrs. struggle, classic - Rings with it

Job. - Greatest -

Part Ex. he. 52 - a 4c.

Authorship - Moses (?)

Themes -

- disinterested pity -

- poverty, wretched - suffering of righteous -

- Is suffering punishment for sin -

- How can suffering of man be reconciled with the moral
guilt, God -

- Pres. Duties - 3 friends come - End speaks - J. replies - (3 times)

Kohelith - gentle of mi -

- Pennance -

- Scandal -

(Elihu. 13236) Authorship

God. Pres Epiphany

Daniel.

Apocalyptic - revelations - visions - event of future

authored - dates -

Antiochus Epiphanes

① Daniel & his 3

comrades

(16) Babyl. - dictating from
prison

② Visions of Daniel

(7-12)

Emper. - Babyl. - Pers. -

Book

Lamentations

Full Jer. 556 - (Jeremiah) (Chap. 2 and 4
but)

but of no author -

Proverbs

"Proverbs, Solomon to David". Solomon famous for wisdom

General collection - 30.1 Sayings of Agur

31.1 - Sayings of Lemuel, King of Ursa

- Egypt - marked

(B) "Spiritual: God-concept."

(c) Universal = (Am. 9.7)

(Is. 54.5) → (Is. 2.2) → (Is. 6.1)

(d) Moral God - Sacred - fulf Nature

g g moral nature in man

① Is. 1.10-17

② Jer. 7.15

~~③ High moral code~~

④ Detached rel. from cult - ritual
disseminated " " Protestant.

⑤ Inner faith - moral conduct

step.
May. 2.
↓

(E) High moral code

① Justice

Amos 5.4-15

Also Am. 2.6-7

~~E. 4.5.1~~

Isaiah 5.1-10

Micah .3

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② Love

Hosea 2.18ff.

14.2ff.

~~Is. 1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.11.12.13.14.15.16.17.18.19.20.21.22.23.24.25.26.27.28.29.30.31.32.33.34.35.36.37.38.39.40.41.42.43.44.45.46.47.48.49.50.51.52.53.54.55.56.57.58.59.60.61.62.63.64.65.66.67.68.69.70.71.72.73.74.75.76.77.78.79.80.81.82.83.84.85.86.87.88.89.90.91.92.93.94.95.96.97.98.99.100.~~

③ Peace

Is. 2.2ff.

Micah 4/

? ④ Brotherhood

(F). Selection of Israel - phil. of J. history

~~Is. 43.1-3~~

~~Is. 43.1-3~~

Is. 42.1-7 = selection

43.1-3 = protection

step Mar. 9 → 53 = Suffering Servant

1. Bible - ~~from~~^{then} Latin from Greek - Τὸ βιβλία = books = collection
 ↳ of books or rolls - Byblos -

⑤ → 1 Macc . 12.9: "For we have the holy books & scriptures in our hands to comfort us" -

(b) Ecclesiastical (130 B.C.) - my grandfather Jesus, when he had much given himself to the reading of the law, and the prophets, and other books of our fathers" ("and the rest of the books") - τὴν ἑλπίαν πλῆθους βιβλίων. —

(c) Babylonian wrote with sharp point on clay.
(cuneiform)

Hebrews - nests on skins - to this day still
leather - roll -

Snacks - wrote on papyrus - from Byblos.

2. Answer you know as (1) $\rho_{1200} \approx \frac{\text{size of } \text{set } N}{\text{size of } \text{set } M}$
 ρ_{12002} - So in Kushna - all

Later ବ୍ରହ୍ମା 1210. to distinguish from ବ୍ରହ୍ମା 1210
= apara uha n ବ୍ରହ୍ମା 1210

(2) for PN - 'that which is used' - Sub. & that.

③ 271x - enter Bibb - N.T. VO' MOS
part for whole

④ ΧΙΖΤΗ ΖΩΟ - ΒΙΒΛΙΟΣ ΔΙΔΘΗΚΗΣ = covenant = Testament
O.T. + N.T.

(5) פסוקים של תורה

(6) 7" -

(2)

3. Number . Present Web . Arrangement

5 - Books, the Pentateuch - TEUXUS = tool = book

8 - " " " " Prephet

11 - " " " " Itogiographa

24
= Baraita

{	Songs & Songs	Eschmades
	Ruth	Es the
	the Lamentation	almond Ezra + Neh. Chronicles

① Book on Samuel, Kings, Ezra = divided

4. Sequence . Baraita B.B.

As now for 27 12 ~~and 12~~

For psalms - Ruth, Psalm, Jb, Proverbs,
Ecclesiastes, Song, Sol, Lamentation, Wail,
Es the, Ezra, Chronicles.

For Prophets: Joshua, Judges, Samuel
Kings, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah
12 Numbers

= Size - ratio 41-36-32-30

① not arranged according to chronology

5. Canonization - inspired by divine spirit - written by prophet
5712 (5) just to be canonized (5C)

Others not until 2C. A.D.

Philo - no mention of Canon + 5 scrolls.

Contrary / Ezekiel - contraction to pentateuch

Proverbs "

Ecclesiastes - heavy -

Song of Songs - love - Alti - perfect & spiritual

Others - God -

6. 5" not, equal importance with 5712

- inferior from 5" lost to be authenticated
by 5712 -

No by al distinctions are to be drawn from 5"

5712 = 6 tenet - & for himself -

7. First printed Bible - 1477 Jerusalem - Psalms - Abraham b.
Haggin dei Tintori - Italy -

1480 - All Psalms

1482 - 5712 - Holy men
x1/120

1485 - public prints - Imprints

1486 - public " - "

1488 - Complete Bible " (5 scrolls follow)

1514-17 Polyglot " Heb - Grek - Lat Vulgate 5712)

1517 - Kablani Kibb. - 1132 אלהים נ - Vence
Kibb + Dinkles + Rashi + Tarjuman Jonathan
and Kunchi on p. 122 + Job + Nachmanides
+ x. 1221 + Ser. 6. person

8. Manuscripts

many old Mss. known to old authors + lost

2 very old ~~believed to be still extant~~

Wawancu Codex - 3c. - Paris

" Ishah Taur / Ishah, was Wawancu.

(1) Oldest Collection, Mss. in Tennipad
oldest about 600 A.D.

" (in Wikipen) 900 A.D.

(2) British Museum. 165 Babel Mss.
oldest - Maschke Kibb 820 A.D.

(3) Bodleian Library, Oxford, 146.
oldest 1104

(4) Cambridge - 32
oldest 10 c.

(5) Bibliothèque Nationale - 132
oldest 1286

9/1. Translations. As Jew lost knowledge of Hebrew

Arabic - Greek - Arabic - Diaspora

① Peshitta, ^{2 C - 13 C.} ^{1 N 2 1 1 N - 3 7 3 9} Arabic (David, Ezra)

② ~~Trans.~~ Oldest, Septuagint - Alexandria.

Greek 3 C. (285-247). Revised

Before by C. Era whole translation

- N.T. draws upon Sept -

② Revised by Aquila, proselyte, (2.C. AD)
more literal - few fragments.

③ Syriac - 1 C. - Jerusalem - Peshitta

④ Arabic - Saadia Sam - 10 C.

⑤ Targum - Arabic - Second Temple -
infernal

① Orkelos - (Babyl. T.) - proselyte -
confused with Aquila, - Targum

1313 - Ork. T. -
2 C. A.D. Palestine -

② Targum Jerusalem

③ " Sonathan - Peshitta -

David. Reign 10 13-980

- (1) Strongly hit 116 112 & 313 112
- (2) Abner - General of Saul - xlz b. h.
around King
vs. Joab - Gen. of David, Killed Abner
- (3) Wants to build Temple. Nathan
- (4) His wars.
- (5) Bath Sheba (11) Uriah - Nathan (2)
- (6) Tamar - Sister of Absalom
Annon - son, David, Killed by As' son
- (7) Revolt of Absalom (15) King
Lament . 18.32
- (8) Dad - Abishag
- (9) Court Intrigue Solomon (Bath Sheba)
Adonijah

II K. Solomon, Used, Temple (Chap 8)

Genesis

Contents

1. Creation - Beginning. Gen. 1-11. - J - largely - P(1-2, 4a)(5.1-28)
Creation - Garden, Eden - Fall - Cain Abel - (6.9-22)
Early men (very old - 969 yrs. Methuselah). Flood - Early races (10)
Tower of Babel

2. Patriarchal History - Beginning of J. people - Gen. 12-50

Abraham (12.1-25.18) . J. largely.

Ur - Lot (nephew) - shepherds; Amraphel 19c; Hagar;

Circumcision (17); Birth of Isaac; Sodom & Gomorrah;

Sacrifice of Isaac; Cave of Machpelah; Eliezer - Rebecca

Isaac ^{Isaac} 25-38

Birth of Jacob - Esau; Blessing; Flight, dream.

Laban - Rachel - Leah - Return - Esau; Blindness, Shechem.

12 sons -

Joseph. Gen. 39-50

Exodus 1-12.

Moses - etc.

Passover -

JE 1400 B.C. - Tel-el-Amarna
"El-Amarna"

journey

Sinai -

12-18

("Song of the Sea" Chap. 16), Amalek, Jethro.

Sinai

19-24

(10 Comm. Chap. 20)

"C"

~~Ex. 20.1-23.19~~ 20; 22-23, 19

(¹¹²⁰⁻¹⁰⁰⁰ Num 24.7) 900

(Break)

Deuteronomy also D. 5.5 - 4-5-10th

History continued Num. 10 and D - March to Canaan

Gen. 25-31 and 35-40
Tahmache. P. - 5C - = P

Golden calf . 32-35

Little C Ex. 34.14 and 17-26 , 10 laws similar to Decalogue
and Book of Covenant " Oldest form
basis of "

Lev. Laws . P. 500 BC

Sacrifices - Priestly ordinances - Clean Throated Animals (11)

Health (12) Leprosy; - Consanguinity (18)

Law of Holiness . - 6C - Lev. 17-26 .

Ethics, idolatry, Holidays (23) → Civil (25)
and Jubilee

Numbers . P -

Wilderness (1-4) clean - Sotah (5) Wars

Priestly Benediction (6) earlier; offerings by tubes

Passover (9) meat (11) minian laws (12)

Spies (13) Korah (16) Balaak-Balaam (22-24)

Deuteronomy .

Historical Review (1-4.40) Cities of Refuge (4)

Introduction to Code (5-11) 10 Cms -

Laws (12f) idolatry - blood - Central Sanctuary

False prophet (13) Cham Animals (14) Tithes (14) 2nd (15)
Slaves (15) Passover (16) etc. (16) Justice (17) parents (18)
Cities of refuge (19) War (20) Marriage & family (21)
Sundry moral, ethical laws (22-5) Tithes (26)
Blessings & curses (27-8) Exhortation (29) Joshua's
~~death of Moses (31) Joshua's death (32)~~
Story of Moses (32) Blessing of Moses (33) etc.
Death of Moses (34)

Joshua - reason for separation - after death, Moses - 1200 B.C.
Crypt of Pabstine Joshua + Jud. 1-2.5

J.E.D. up to Chap. 12
P. after.

Idealized account of 12 tribes.

Actually Jud. 1.1-21 = Judah-Simeon

- ① Spies ② Crossing Jordan - miracle with Red Sea ③ Fall of Jericho - ④ Achan ⑤ Ac ⑥ Settlement with peace
- ⑦ Various other conquests ⑧ Unmission & Conquest ⑨ Shilo (15)
- ⑩ Cities of refuge (20) ⑪ Death of Joshua

Judges - to Saul Judges 2.6-21.25. I Sam. 1-7 (Ruth)

History proper - 2.6-16.31.

17-21. Stories connected with period.

Original 10c - revised by D.

✓ Lived among other peoples - worship their gods - warred

3. 5-6

① Othniel - Aram-Naharaim (?)

② Ehud - Moab

③ Deborah - Canaan

(Song of Deborah - chap. 5 - oldest extant poem, Hebrew -

✓ ④ Gideon - Midian
(12.1-14) - Wanted King - (202 Abn. 5) . 8.23

⑤ Abimelech - wants to be King - Kills 70 brothers - Shechem
Jotham's fable (9.8-20) - old . Wars - Abimelech & Ab

⑥ Tola ben Puah
gave 9 judges

✓ ⑦ Jephthah Ammonites

(HEbrews 11.24)

Jephthah's daughter . Human sacrifice (11.34-41)

⑧ Ivlan
Elon

⑨ Abdon

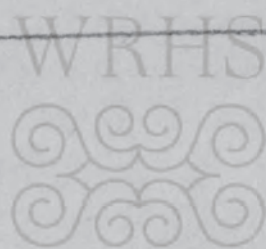
⑩ Samson - Philistine - Tion - Saga - Abilab
Riddler - death in Temple - pulling hair out

✓ Micah - local shrine - (chap. 17). Kind of religion

Trick, Man takes him for priest. 18.17

Benjamin - 8750 - Punishment Benjamin
would not marry them - just as Israel

Snatch wives from idol (End) v. 16 ff



①



A)

13-11 Century

(2) Present books - derived from earlier books -

⑤ David's Lament II S. 1. 19-26 לדוד בן ישי
anthology 7 poetry.

(k) Joshua's N. Kear Nguyen - Emontes - Josh 10.13 26.7 '0

(c) 200 מדינת ישראל, תל אביב
מדינת ישראל

(1) תימן 1/14/1979
(15 ") "

(3) Had not re-write as much copied, with Ed. Bureau
when there was 1 account. ① selected ② combined
both accounts.

(4) 2 or 3 versions of same story.

(1) Creation I ① Light ② Firmament ③ ~~Earth~~ Vegetation

(1) Sun, Moon, stars (5) Fish, Fowl (6) Animals
Man. (man + woman v. 2)

II Man created before Vegetables + Animals
Human created from red.

(2) Flood (Gen. 6.19) 2, every kind also 7.8.
(Gen. 7.2) 7 7 " clean heart

(3)

3. Four Sources ^{for Hexateuch} J. E. D. P.

(1) Can be distinguished ① words ② Phrasology ③ points of view
④ Religious concepts.

② yawist - Used from up to Ex. 3.14

① Vivid, picturesque style. Abraham ① 2nd Creat.

② Tower of Babel ③ Abraham - Sarah ^{Angels} Isaac, Sodom
(ch. 18) (19)

② Anthropomorphic ① Breathes in man ^(G. 2. 1)

② Walks in garden ⁽³⁸⁾ ③ Shuts the door

God is angry (6.6) 9 Ark ^(7. 16b)
③ Interested in history, law & theology
and institutions. / Flood - Patriarchs -

③ Elohist - Use of poetic up to Ex. 3.14.

① Smaller - Begins Gen. 20

② Less pictorial - less anthropomorphic

③ God revealed in Dreams - Visions - Angels

(4) Two combined by later writer J.E. - Most 9
Heracleus -

(5) E. Northern Kingdom - interest in places, IV.
Bethel - Shechem - Reuben in Joseph's story
J. probably in Southern Kingdom.

Hebron - Judah in Joseph's story.

(6) Dates. J. older - archaic
900 - 750 B.C.

- (1) Amos, Hosea use material of J.E.
- (2) Religious concepts more primitive > Amos

(7) D. - whole book & D. - Part of Joshua

- (1) Exalted sp. corruption & fort. ^{D. 4.12 6.4 = 12} Final idealism ^{110.12}
- oratorical phrases - hortatory - prophetic
- ✓ (2) Central Sanctuary (ch. 12) v. 5 - v. 11-13

✓ Date 621 - 18th year of Josiah's reign II K. 22.3

(8) P -

- (1) Formal - stereotyped
- (2) No authors - ^{no} wheams or angels - God speaks -
- Sinai - Cloud - Ex 24.15; Ex 16.10. Num. 9.15

③ Thesauri - Priestly -

① Sabbath, Creation Story -

② Circumcision (Gen. 17)

③ Chronology - genealogies Gen. 5

✓ ④ Sanctuary - Servants

Date. 500. ~~after~~ bet. Ezekiel - Ezra.

JE combined before 7621 - Memphite - JE17 - Exile -

Final Compilation { JE17? @ 450

Poems - oldest -



Isaiah 10:12 - Isaiah 10:12
Lamentations 2:14 - Lamentations 2:14

Song of Hannah - Gen. 4:23 / = oldest