

TaNaK Canon with Zechariah Note

Josephus ( <i>Contra Apion</i> 40-41) <sup>1</sup>	Talmud (Baba Bathra 14b-15a)	Leningrad Codex B19a	BHS	Codex Vaticanus <i>italics</i> only Cath/Orth <sup>2</sup>	Jerome <i>Prolugus galeatsu</i> adopted by Reformation <sup>3</sup>	Council of Trent <sup>4</sup>
1 <sup>st</sup> cent. A.D.	2-5 <sup>th</sup> cent. A.D.	10 <sup>th</sup> cent. A.D.	20 <sup>th</sup> cent. A.D.	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> cent. A.D.	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> cent. A.D.	16 <sup>th</sup> Century
Books of Moses	Torah	Torah	Torah	Law	Law	Bks of Moses
Genesis	Genesis	Genesis	Genesis	Genesis	Genesis	Genesis
Exodus	Exodus	Exodus	Exodus	Exodus	Exodus	Exodus
Leviticus	Leviticus	Leviticus	Leviticus	Leviticus	Leviticus	Leviticus
Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers	Numbers
Deuteronomy	Deuteronomy	Deuteronomy	Deuteronomy	Deuteronomy	Deuteronomy	Deuteronomy
<b>Prophets<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Prophets</b>	<b>Prophets</b>	<b>Prophets</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>History</b>
Joshua	Joshua	Joshua	Joshua	Joshua	Joshua	Joshua
Judges-Ruth	Judges	Judges	Judges	Judges	Judges	Judges
Samuel	Samuel	Samuel	Samuel	Ruth	Ruth	Ruth
Kings	Kings	Kings	Kings	1-2 Kings	1-2 Samuel	1-2 Kings
Ezra-Nehemiah				3-4 Kings	1-2 Kings	3-4 Kings
Esther	Jeremiah <sup>6</sup>	Isaiah	Isaiah	1-2 Paral.	1-2 Chronicles	1-2 Paral.
Chronicles	Ezekiel	Jeremiah	Jeremiah	<i>1 Esdras</i> ( <i>Apoc.</i> )	Ezra-Nehemiah	2 Esdra ( <i>Ezra-Nehe.</i> )
Job	Isaiah	Ezekiel	Ezekiel	2 Esdra ( <i>Ezra-Nehe.</i> )	Esther	
Isaiah	Hosea	Hosea	Hosea			
Jeremiah-Lament.	Joel	Joel	Joel	Poetic/Wisdom	Poetic/Wisdom <sup>7</sup>	Poetic/Wisdom
Ezekiel	Amos	Amos	Amos	Psalms	Job	Tobias
Daniel	Obadiah	Obadiah	Obadiah	Proverbs	Psalms	Judith
The Twelve <sup>8</sup>	Jonah	Jonah	Jonah	Ecclesiastes	Proverbs	Esther
	Micah	Micah	Micah	Canticles	Ecclesiastes	Job
<b>Hymns &amp; Precepts<sup>9</sup></b>	Nahum	Nahum	Nahum	Job	Song of Solom.	Psalms
Psalms	Habakkuk	Habakkuk	Habakkuk	Wisdom of Solomon		Proverbs
Proverbs	Zephaniah	Zephaniah	Zephaniah	Ecclesiasticus		Ecclesiastes
Ecclesiastes	Haggai	Haggai	Haggai	Esther		Canticles
Song of Solomon	Zechariah	Zechariah	Zechariah	<i>Judith</i>		<i>Wisdom</i>
	Malachi	Malachi	Malachi	<i>Tobias</i>		<i>Ecclesiasticus</i>
	<b>Hagiographa</b>	<b>Writings</b>	<b>Writings</b>	<b>Prophets</b>	<b>Prophets</b>	<b>Prophets</b>
	Ruth	Chronicles	Psalms/Tehilim	Osee	Isaiah	Isaiah
<b>Jesus Christ (NT)</b>	Psalms	Psalms	Job	Amos	Jeremiah	Jeremiah
	Job	Job	Proverbs	Micheas	Lamentations	<i>Baruch</i>
	Proverbs	Proverbs	Ruth	Joel	Ezekiel	Lamentations
	Ecclesiastes	Ruth	Song of Solom.	Abdias	Daniel	Ezekiel
	Song of Solomon	Song of Sol.	Ecclesiastes	Jonas	Hosea	Daniel + (ch. 3 addd)
	Lamentations	Ecclesiastes	Lamentations	Nahum	Joel	Osee
	Daniel	Lamentations	Esther	Habacuc	Amos	Amos
	Esther	Esther	Daniel	Sophonias	Obadiah	Micheas
	Ezra-Nehemiah	Daniel	Ezra-Nehemiah	Aggeus	Jonah	Joel
	Chronicles	Ezra-Nehe.	Chronicles	Zacharias	Micah	Abdias
				Malachias	Nahum	Jonas
				Isaiah	Habakkuk	Nahum
				Jeremiah	Zephaniah	Habacuc
				<i>Baruch</i>	Haggai	Sophonias
				Lamentations	Zechariah	Aggeus
				Epistle of Jeremiah	Malachi	Zacharias
				Ezekiel		Malachias
				<i>Susanna Bel, the</i>		<i>Maccabees 1-2</i>
				<i>Dragon Daniel +</i>		

<sup>1</sup> According to Thackeray, *LCL*.

<sup>2</sup> List based on Codex Vaticanus. Strictly speaking, LXX (Septuagint) refers only to the first five books.

<sup>3</sup> Where the Deuterocanonical/Apocryphal books were included in the binding, they were separated and a note similar to Jerome's added, "[the church] does not receive them among the canonical books, so let it also read these two volumes for the edification of the people but not for establishing the authority of ecclesiastical dogma."

<sup>4</sup> Council of Trent: Session IV: *Decretum de canonicis scripturis*. "They are as set down here below: of the Old Testament: the five books of Moses, to wit, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy; Josue, Judges, Ruth, four books of Kings, two of Paralipomenon, the first book of Esdras, and the second which is entitled Nehemias; Tobias, Judith, Esther, Job, the Davidic Psalter, consisting of a hundred and fifty psalms; the Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, the Canticle of Canticles, Wisdom, Ecclesiasticus, Isaia, Jeremias, with Baruch; Ezechiel, Daniel; the twelve minor prophets, to wit, Osee, Joel, Amos, Abdias, Jonas, Micheas, Nahum, Habacuc, Sophonias, Aggaeus, Zacharias, Malachias; two books of the Machabees, the first and the second. . . But if any one receive not, as sacred and canonical, the said books entire with all their parts, as they have been used to be read in the Catholic Church, and as they are contained in the old Latin vulgate edition; and knowingly and deliberately contemn the traditions aforesaid; let him be anathema."

<sup>5</sup> The order for these books seems to be given by Josephus in chronological order, "but as to the time from the death of Moses till the reign of Artaxerxes, king of Persia, who reigned after Xerxes, the prophets, who were after Moses, wrote down what was done in their times in thirteen books." The order in this table comes from Roger Beckwith, *The Old Testament Canon of the New Testament Church and its background in Early Judaism* (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1985), 451 with a modification putting Chronicles last as per his p. 159 discussion where he notes that it found its way there "as a recapitulation of the whole biblical story" because it goes from Adam to the return.

<sup>6</sup> "Isaiah was prior to Jeremiah and Ezekiel. Then why should not Isaiah be placed first? — Because the book of Kings ends with a record of the destruction and Jeremiah speaks throughout of destruction and Ezekiel commences with destruction and ends with consolation and Isaiah is full of consolation; therefore we put destruction next to destruction and consolation next to consolation."

<sup>7</sup> Move Job to the historical section (James 5.11 gives an historical note to Job) and the Poetry to the end of the TNK and you have Josephus's and the NT canonical order.

<sup>8</sup> Scott Hahn, on his note on Matthew (*Ignatius Catholic Study Bible: New Testament*) pointed to the father issue, identified the Zechariah of Matthew with the prophet Zechariah and then pointed to the Targum on Lamentations 2.20 where it is said that Zechariah the Prophet was murdered. "Targum Lamentations 2.20 See, O LORD, and observe from heaven against whom you have turned. Thus is it right for the daughters of Israel to eat the fruit of their wombs due to starvation, the lovely boys wrapped in fine linen? The Attribute of Justice replied, and said, "Is it right to kill priest and prophet in the Temple of the LORD, as when you killed Zechariah son of Iddo, the High Priest and faithful prophet in the Temple of the LORD on the Day of Atonement because he admonished you not to do evil before the LORD?"

<sup>9</sup> "The remaining four books contain hymns to God, and precepts for the conduct of human life." Order is from Beckwith.