

# A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE BIBLE

## OLD TESTAMENT

The Hebrew Bible **TaNaKh** =  
**Torah** "Law" + **Nevi'im** "Prophets" + **Ketuvim** "Writings"

## NEW TESTAMENT

**Textus Receptus** "Received Text" (Latin)  
Greek New Testament

Original Writing  
**HEBREW**  
99%  
**ARAMAIC**  
1%

Original Writing  
**GREEK**  
100%

**HOW TALL WAS GOLIATH?**

**! THESE MANUSCRIPTS CONTAIN SOME DIFFERENCES, EVEN BETWEEN TEXTS IN THE SAME LANGUAGE**

### MANUSCRIPTS

(Scroll or Piece of Scripture Written or Copied By Hand)

These are just a sample of various Biblical manuscripts:

**Oldest texts**  
**Masoretic Text (MT)**  
TANAKH IN HEBREW AND ARAMAIC

**1 SAMUEL 17:4**  
"six cubits and a span"  
9 feet 9 inches  
2.97 metres

**2nd oldest**  
**Septuagint (LXX)**  
TANAKH TRANSLATED INTO GREEK

**OR**  
"four cubits and a span"  
6 feet 9 inches  
2.06 metres

**4th**  
**Samaritan Pentateuch (SP)**  
TORAH TRANSLATED INTO SAMARITAN

**TORAH** "Law" HEBREW  
**PENTATEUCH** "Five Books" GREEK  
(GENESIS, EXODUS, LEVITICUS, NUMBERS, AND DEUTERONOMY)

**5th**  
**Vetus Latina / Vulgate (V)**  
TANAKH TRANSLATED INTO LATIN

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer,"  
**ISAIAH 14:12**

**! MIGHT NOT EXIST**  
**Urtext**  
THEORIZED, ORIGINAL, UNIFORM TEXT OF THE TANAKH  
**HAS NEVER BEEN FOUND**

**! MIGHT NOT EXIST**  
**HYPOTHETICAL WRITTEN COLLECTION PRIMARILY OF JESUS' SAYINGS**  
**HAS NEVER BEEN FOUND**  
**John** "Q"  
**THE "SYNOPTIC PROBLEM"**  
Why are these 3 so similar?  
**Mark**  
Which gospel was written first?  
**Matthew**  
**Luke**  
Too late for some edits?

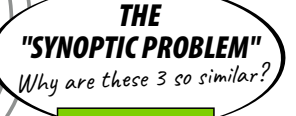
There is no single original "MT", "LXX", "SP", or "V" Bible. Rather, there is a collection of manuscripts in scrolls and fragments that are Biblical texts. The "oldest" labels are just for general dating of these listed manuscripts. The history of Biblical manuscripts with exact dates for each text is complex.

**DISCOVERED IN 1946/47**  
**Dead Sea Scrolls (Qumran Caves Scrolls)**  
ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS OF PARTS OF THE **TANAKH** AS WELL AS TEXTS FROM SOME DEUTEROCANONICAL BOOKS SCROLLS IN HEBREW, SOME IN ARAMAIC, AND A FEW IN GREEK

**! SOME MANUSCRIPTS INCLUDE LONGER COPIES OF BOOKS**  
e.g. DANIEL AND ESTHER ARE LONGER IN THE LXX THAN THE MT

**Chapter and verse numbering was NOT part of any original texts**  
**[Book]-[Chapter]:[Verse]**

**SCROLLS → CODEX →**



**70**

**72**

Really?

**THIS PROPER NAME OCCURS NOWHERE IN THE HEBREW OR GREEK TEXT - LATIN TRANSLATION FOR THE 'MORNING STAR'**

Why one of these?

Where'd this thing come from?

**Table of Nations**  
**GENESIS 10**  
**LUKE 10**

### GOSPELS & LETTERS

What Else Was Written?

**NEW TESTAMENT AUTHORS PRIMARILY QUOTED AND REFERENCED OLD TESTAMENT HEBREW SCRIPTURES USING THE SEPTUAGINT TEXT**

**John**

**1 CORINTHIANS 5:9**

**COLOSSIANS 4:16**

**THE "SYNOPTIC PROBLEM"**  
Why are these 3 so similar?

**Mark**

**Luke**

**Matthew**

**MARK 16:9-20**  
**JOHN 7:53-8:11**

**MATT. 17:21**  
**JOHN 5:4**