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**Week 1:**

**Words Versus Images**

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"Josiah Smashing Idols." *God loves Kids*. By Mary Vee. II Chronicles 34  
<http://mimaryvee.blogspot.com/2014/09/josiah-smashing-idols.html>



Does anyone else see the irony that this blog uses an IMAGE to condemn idolatry?

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At the height of the period of the so-called "literary" prophets, a long lost copy of the law was discovered and bought to Josiah, king of the Southern Kingdom of Judah.

Confirmed as legitimate by the prophetess Huldah, the book was used to justify many reforms, including the destruction of the "high places," actually places declared sacred in an earlier period.

This began a concerted attempt to remove idol worship from Judaism, but the earliest archaeological evidence indicates that the worship of idols was part of Hebrew culture before and after this event.

A cultural war had begun between word and image....

**The Book of Deuteronomy** (the second book of the law).

"Presented as the words of Moses delivered before the conquest of Canaan, a broad consensus of modern scholars see its origin in traditions from Israel (the northern kingdom) brought south to the Kingdom of Judah in the wake of the Assyrian conquest of Aram (8th century BC) and then **adapted to a program of nationalist reform in the time of Josiah** (late 7th century BC), with the final form of the modern book emerging in the milieu of the return from the Babylonian captivity during the late 6th century BC.<sup>[31]</sup>

Many scholars see the book as **reflecting the economic needs and social status of the Levite caste**, who are believed to have provided its authors;<sup>[4]</sup> those likely authors are collectively referred to as the Deuteronomist.

Wiki "Deuteronomy"

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- “a prophet spoke **God’s word** to people who had in one way or another distanced themselves from God.”
- “In one sense, a prophet is a preacher. But in marketplace terms, a prophet is often a **whistle-blower**, particularly when an entire tribe or nation has turned away from God.”
- **One fundamental complaint concerned the worship of idols, reflected in the prohibition on images in the Ten Commandments.**

**Exodus 20: 4** “You shall not make for yourself an **image** in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

**5** You **shall not bow down to them or worship them**; for I, the LORD your God, am a **jealous God**, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, **6** but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

**7** “You shall not misuse the **name** of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Introduction to the Prophets “Who Were the Prophets?” Bible Commentary / Produced by TOW Project <https://www.theologyofwork.org/old-testament/introduction-to-the-prophets>

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- “Israel’s religious worship was organized around the labor of priests, first in the tabernacle and later in the temple.
- The day-to-day job description of priests lay in **slaughtering, butchering, and roasting the sacrificial animals brought by worshipers.**
- A priest was also responsible to be a **spiritual and moral guide** to the people. While the priest was often seen primarily as the mediator between the people and God in the temple sacrifices, his larger duty was to **teach God’s law to the people** (Lev. 10:11; Deut.17:8-10; 33:10; Ezra 7:10).”
- “In Israel’s history, however, the priests themselves often became corrupt and turned away from God, leading the people in the worship of idols.
- **Prophets arose when the priests failed to teach God’s law to the people, and kings and judges failed to govern the country justly.”**

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Chronological List of Prophets in the Old Testament

The Prophets	The Dates	Bible History	Kings and Events
<b>Prophets of Israel</b>			
Jonah	810-790 BC	<a href="#">2 Kings 13-14</a>	Jehoash, Jeroboam II (Amaziah)
Joel	790-760 BC	<a href="#">2 Kings 11-15</a>	Uzziah
Amos	780-760 BC	<a href="#">2 Kings 14-15</a>	Jeroboam II (Uzziah)
Hosea	785-725 BC	<a href="#">2 Kings 15-18</a>	Jeroboam II to Hoshea (Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz)
<b>Prophets of Judah</b>			
Isaiah	750-695 BC	<a href="#">2 Kings 15-20</a>	Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah
Micah	745-725 BC	<a href="#">2 Kings 15</a>	Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah
<b>Prophets of Judah</b>			
Nahum	660-630 BC	<a href="#">2 Kings 15-18</a>	Manasseh, Amon, Josiah
Zephaniah	630-620 BC	<a href="#">Isaiah 10</a>	Josiah
Habakkuk	620-610 BC	<a href="#">2 Kings 21</a>	Josiah, Jehoiach
Jeremiah	628-588 BC	<a href="#">2 Kings 22-25</a>	Josiah to Zedekiah. The Captivity
<b>Prophets of the Captivity</b>			
Daniel	606-534 BC	<a href="#">2 Kings 21-25</a>	The Captivity (Reign of Nebuchadnezzar to Cyrus)
Obadiah	587 BC	<a href="#">2 Kings 25</a>	After Jerusalem's Destruction (Reign of Nebuchadnezzar)
Ezekiel	596-574 BC	<a href="#">2 Kings 24</a>	to the Jews Before and During the Captivity (Reign of Nebuchadnezzar)
<b>Prophets of the Return to Jerusalem</b>			
Haggai	520-518 BC	<a href="#">Ezra 5-6</a>	Rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem (Reign of Darius I)
Zechariah	520-510 BC	<a href="#">Ezra 5-6</a>	Rebuilding and Dedication of the Temple (Reign of Darius I)
Malachi	420-397 BC	<a href="#">Nehemiah 13</a>	Second Reformation by Nehemiah (Reign of Artaxerxes I)

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Chronology of the Prophets in the Old Testament. Bible History Online  
<https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/prophets-chronology.html>

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“One of the stunning tragedies of the people of God was their persistence in pursuing the worship of the many gods of their pagan neighbors. The common practices of this idolatrous worship included offering their children in the fires of Moloch and ritual prostitution with every imaginable lewd practice ‘on the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree’” (2 Chr. 28:4).

- Keel and Uehlinger (*Gods, Goddesses and Images of God in Ancient Israel*) describe **hundreds of artefacts found in Israel and Judah throughout the entire monarchical period, many of them images of gods.**
- **The early Hebrews not only practised idolatry but polytheism right up to the late monarchical period.**
- When Israel was destroyed in 722 BCE, **there is no evidence that the Israelite people were moving away from the use of images in worship.**
- Archaeological evidence shows that Judah, in the south, also continued using images of gods until the seventh century, when images disappear from the record and early Judaism seems to have become aniconic.
- The clear exception is that **images of a fertility goddess continue to be found in private homes until the time of the Babylonian Exile,** after which they too cease.

**Text Box: When did the Israelites turn to idolatry? Answers.com**  
[http://www.answers.com/Q/When\\_did\\_the\\_Israelites\\_turn\\_to\\_idolatry](http://www.answers.com/Q/When_did_the_Israelites_turn_to_idolatry)

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Gayle, Damien Gayle **How idolatry continued in the Kingdom of Judah:Israeli dig uncovers temple and icons dating back to Old Testament era.** Daily Mail.com.  
 Published: 08:32 EST, 27 December 2012 | Updated: 10:48 EST, 27 December 2012

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'What we can say for sure is the figurines served for religious purposes, and that Tel Motza was a Judaeen kingdom.'

The findings date to the 9-10th century BC, when **the First Temple would have already been built in its Jerusalem location.**

The Jews of that era seemed to have kept some of the prevalent pre-Judaism practices **alongside the mainstream worship in the Jerusalem temple...**

Anna Eirikh, director of site



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'The finds recently discovered at Tel Motza provide rare archaeological evidence for the **existence of temples and ritual enclosures** in the **Kingdom of Judah** in general, and in the **Jerusalem region** in particular, prior to the religious reforms throughout the kingdom at the end of the monarchic period (at the time of **Hezekiah** and **Isaiah**), which abolished all ritual sites, **concentrating ritual practices solely at the Temple in Jerusalem.'**

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<https://www.alamy.com/stock-photo-falcon-god-horus-opening-mouth-ceremony-on-deceased-ramses-ramesses-43787662.html>

**Opening of the mouth ceremony.** From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Opening\\_of\\_the\\_mouth\\_ceremony](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Opening_of_the_mouth_ceremony)

- The ceremony involved a **symbolic animation of a statue or mummy by magically opening its mouth so that it could breathe and speak.**
- There is evidence of this ritual from the Old Kingdom to the Roman Period. Special tools were used to perform the ceremony, such as a ritual adze, an arm shaped ritual censer, a spooned blade known as a *peseshkaf*, a serpent-head blade, and a variety of other amulets.

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- What empty minds be theirs, that idols fashion! What help found any of them yet in his own darling inventions? Confess they, and to their shame, that these have neither sight nor thought. 10 Who was it framed this god, moulded this image that nothing avails? 11 What can they do, yonder whole conspiracy, but stand there blushing? They are but craftsmen with human power. See them met there in a body, all struck dumb, every one abashed as his neighbour! 12 Here is blacksmith that works away with his file, beats out image with furnace and hammer, his strong arm the whole author of it; faints he, like other men, if he be hungry, tires at his task if water he have none to drink! 13 Here is carpenter unfolding his rule; plane smooths the wood, square and compasses must do their work; and what has he made for you? The figure of a man, that has but human beauty, a man that must have a roof to shelter him. 14 For such ends, cedar must fall, ilex and oak be cut away from their place in the forest; for this, pine-tree was planted where rains should nourish it. 15 Logs yonder carpenter will cut, a human hearth to feed; some he brings in to warm himself, kindles more when the bread is a-baking; and the rest? With the rest he makes himself a god to worship, **bows down before the thing his own hands have carved!** 16
- Well enough that hearth and oven should claim a share, that he should brew broth and fill his belly, that he should warm him, and boast of the warmth, at sight of his own chimney-corner. 17 But that he should take the rest to make a god for himself! **That he should fall down before an image, worship it, cry out to it, "Save me, thou art my god!"** 18 **Ignorance and folly,** bleared eyes that cannot see, dull hearts that cannot understand! 19 Minds without reason, or sense, or thought, that cannot learn their lesson! **Logs that fed the flame, embers that baked for me; now that my dinner is cooked and eaten, shall I take the rest and make an idol of it, fall down before a stump of wood?** 20 Dust and ashes are his portion; the fool goes on worshipping, cannot free his own soul from bondage, nor ask if he shelters himself under a lie.

Why did people persist in idolatry?

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- It is amazing to me that there is so much writing about the prophets condemning idol worship -- berating Hebrews for becoming involved in it, and mocking other peoples who believed in it – **but there is little talk until the modern period about WHY idol worship was so attractive.**
- Many explanations offer that priests and kings promoted idol worship as an avenue to social and political power.
- Others say that the Hebrews caved into peer pressure from the surrounding cultures.
- But these explanations **beg the question**, where does this idea come from that not only are there gods, but that we can make images of them that could speak to us?

Why We Need To Know Why. *Psychology Today* “knowing the reason for things shapes how we respond to them”  
Posted Nov 15, 2010

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- *I have often been asked why I bother about religion, because people cannot understand how a neurosis could have to do with religion....Nowadays we have such a foolish conception of religion. One is a Catholic, or a Jew, or some other denomination, and people think that is religion, but that is only a specialization of a certain creed which has nothing to do with the religious attitude.*
- *The religious attitude is quite different and it is not conscious. You can profess whatever you like in your consciousness but your unconscious attitude is perhaps quite different... (p. 24)*
- Jung, C.G. (1976). *The Visions Seminars* (Book One). Zurich, Switzerland: Spring Publications.

One cannot “argue away” people’s “religious attitude,” nor their association of it with particular places and objects.

Background: Why Are There Two Different Accounts of Creation? by Ascension Media | Nov 16, 2018 | Church Teaching, Guest <https://www.magiscenter.com/why-are-there-two-different-accounts-of-creation/>

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- Rudolf Otto showed that **the vast majority of human beings have a natural sense – or feeling of spiritual mystery** – that he called the **“numinous experience.”** He delineated several elements of that experience, including:
    - **A sense of a mysterious power** – which is beyond us, and incomprehensible. Though it could be overwhelming, it also feels **“inviting** – as if it is drawing us towards itself.”
    - This mysterious, overwhelming and inviting power is **both fascinating and enchanting** – it interests us and holds our attention at the deepest levels (**children are frequently mesmerized by religious pictures, symbols, and architecture**).
- Sometimes our spiritual awareness presents a sense of a **“ghost-like” presence** – which can be haunting or scary.
- This mysterious, fascinating, uncontrollable, and inviting presence within us and outside of us seems to hold the key to our **ultimate purpose in life**, and to our ultimate dignity and destiny. We don’t know how, but it feels like it has the power to do this, and **this makes us search for the spiritual and the religious in the world around us.**
  - This complex feeling of spiritual and sacred presence is common to most people throughout the world, and it is thought to be the reason why over 90% of the world today (and almost 100% of the world a century ago) is conscientiously religious.

Rudolf Otto (25 September 1869 – 6 March 1937) was an eminent German Lutheran theologian, philosopher, and comparative religionist. He is regarded as one of the most influential scholars of religion in the early twentieth century and is best known for his **concept of the numinous, a profound emotional experience he argued was at the heart of the world's religions.**

The Numinous Experience (Indication of the Interior Sense of God: #1) by Magis Center | Jan 4, 2017 | <https://www.magiscenter.com/numinous-experience/>

The very prophets that forbid idolatry employ vivid metaphors, which create *mental* images.

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- “Metaphor is for most people a device of the poetic imagination and the rhetorical flourish—a matter of extraordinary rather than ordinary language. Moreover, metaphor is typically viewed as characteristic of language alone, a matter of words rather than thought or action. For this reason, most people think they can get along perfectly well without metaphor.
- We have found, on the contrary, that **metaphor is pervasive in everyday life, not just in language but in thought and action.** Our ordinary conceptual system, in terms of which we both think and act, is fundamentally metaphorical in nature. “

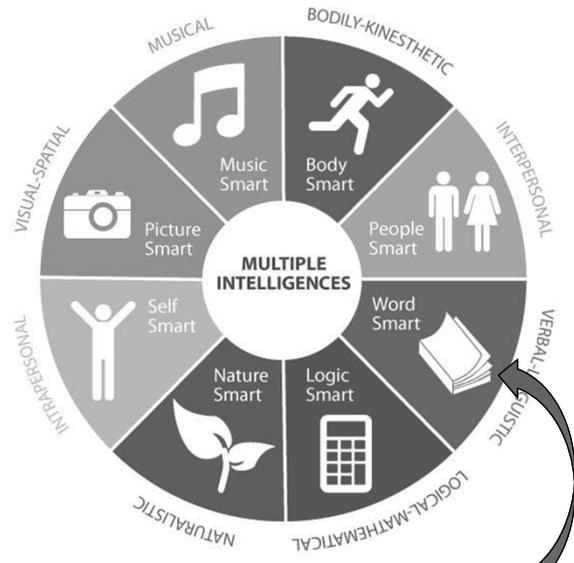
Isaiah 64:8 “But now, O Lord, **You are our Father, We are the clay, and You our potter;** And all of us are the work of Your hand.”

They called them, the more they refused obedience; gods of the country-side must have their victims, dumb idols their incense! 3 Yet it was I, none other, guided those first steps of theirs, and **took them in my arms**, and healed, all unobserved, their injuries. 4 **Sons of Adam**, they should be drawn with **leading-strings of love**; never **wagoner was at more pains to ease bridle on jaw, fed beast so carefully.**  
 Hosea 11:2-3

George Lakoff and Mark Johnsen (2003) *Metaphors we live by*. London: The university of Chicago press.

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- Prohibition of images reflects a truncated view of human understanding.
- Verbal intelligence is *only one of eight ways of understanding the world.*
- Why try to eliminate a valid mode of perception?



*Learning through written words is a subset of verbal intelligence..*

Learning Style Theories [Learning to Teach. Teaching to Learn. UPOU e-Journal | owel butin https://www.owelpaper.com/2014/02/23/learning-style-theories/](https://www.owelpaper.com/2014/02/23/learning-style-theories/)

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● **Jeremiah 17:18-20** See the children gathering sticks, the father lighting a fire, the mother kneading dough, and all to make cakes for the **queen of heaven!** See how they offer libation to alien gods, to despite me! 19 Yet not to me they do despite, the Lord Says, rather to themselves; every hope of theirs shall fail them. 20 This warning, then, the Lord God Sends them: Fury and indignation of mine are brewing against this place, man and beast, woodland tree and growing crop; and when that fire is lit, there shall be no quenching it.

Two other advantages of so-called idol worship here:

- Both women and men had power in the feminine “cults.”
- Worshipping idols seemed to work.

**Jeremiah 44:17** We will burn incense to the queen of heaven and offer drink offerings to her, just as we, our fathers, our kings, and our officials did in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. At that time we had plenty of food and good things, and we saw no disaster. **But from the time we stopped burning incense to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have been perishing by sword and famine.** Berean Study Bible

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Ancient people's everywhere worshipped a Mother Goddess in very similar language to that found in the Bible. Her "cult" was imagistic.

W.H.Boulton, p. 154.  
<https://inanna.virtualave.net/ishtar.txt3.html>

- PRAYER TO ISHTAR
- Unto the queen of the gods, into whose hands are committed the behest of the great gods, unto the lady of Nineveh, the queen of the gods, the exalted one, unto the daughter of the moon-god, the twin sister of the sun god, unto her who ruleth all kingdoms, unto the goddess of the world who deetermineth decrees, unto the Lady of heaven and earth who recieveth supplication, unto the merciful goddess who hearkeneth unto entreaty, who recieveth prayer, who loveth righteousness,
- I make my prayer unto Ishtar to whom all confusion is a cause of grief. The sorrows which I see I lament before thee. Incline thine ear unto my words of lamentation and let thine heart be opened unto my sorrowful speech. Turn thy face unto me, O Lady, so that by reason thereof the heart of thy servant may be made strong!

I, Ashur-nasir-pal, the sorrowful one, am thy humble servant;  
 I, who am beloved of thee, make offerings unto thee and adore thy divinity  
 . . . . I was born in the mountains which no man knoweth;  
 I was without understanding and I prayed not of thy majesty.  
 Moreover the people of Assyria did not recognise and did not accept thy divinity.

But thou, O Ishtar, thou mighty Queen of the gods, by the lifting up of thine eyes did teach me, for thou didst desire my rule.  
 Thou didst take me from the mountains, and didst make me the Door of my peoples . . . and thou, O Ishtar, didst make great my name!  
 As concerning that for which thou are wrath with me, grant me forgiveness.  
 Let thine anger be appeased, and let thine heart be mercifully inclined towards me.  
 Assyria.

“Foreign” women were blamed for bringing in the worship of other deities.

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Jeremiah 14 <sup>19</sup> The women added, “When we burned incense to the Queen of Heaven and poured out drink offerings to her, **did not our husbands know that we were making cakes impressed with her image and pouring out drink offerings to her?**”

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- Malachi 2:11-13
- Here is great wrong in Judah, here are foul deeds done by Israel and Jerusalem! Judah, that was once content to be set apart for the Lord, has profaned that holy estate, **has taken wives that worship a god he knew not.** 12 Doer of such a deed, set he or followed the ill example, shall be lost to the dwelling-place of Jacob, for all his offerings made to the Lord of hosts. 13 And anon, weeping and wailing, you drench the Lord's altar with your tears! What marvel if I heed your sacrifices no more, gift of yours is none can appease me?

The Ishtar Gate: the eighth gate to the inner city of Babylon. It was constructed in about 575 BCE by order of King Nebuchadnezzar II on the north side of the city. <http://blog.zingarate.com/moleskineandbackpackers/pergamon-museum-berlino/>

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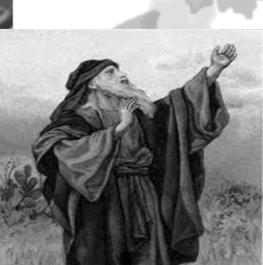
The “literary” prophets emerge precisely during the time that **alphabetic cultures strove for ascendancy**.

- The records of the earliest prophets are woven into the history of Israel in the books of Joshua through 2 Kings, rather than in a separate written record. Afterwards, the words and deeds of the prophets were preserved in separate collections corresponding to the final seventeen books of the Old Testament, Isaiah through Malachi, often called the “latter prophets” or, sometimes the **“literary prophets”** because their words of each were written down as separate pieces of literature, rather than being spread through books of history as the earlier prophets were.

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- In the Hebrew order, the Solomon is the last king to speak directly to God conversationally.
- The prophets then serve as mouthpieces, and their period lasts until the fall of Jerusalem.
- Ezra/Nehemiah establishes the *Tanakh* as the voice/word of God. God is now to be found almost exclusively in written words.

Abraham Receiving the Three Angels - Bartolome Esteban Murillo ...www.wikiart.org



#### The Law (Torah)

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy

#### The Prophets (Nebim)

- A. Former Prophets**
1. Joshua
  2. Judges
  3. Samuel
  4. Kings
- B. Latter Prophets**
1. Isaiah
  2. Jeremiah
  3. Ezekiel
  4. The Twelve

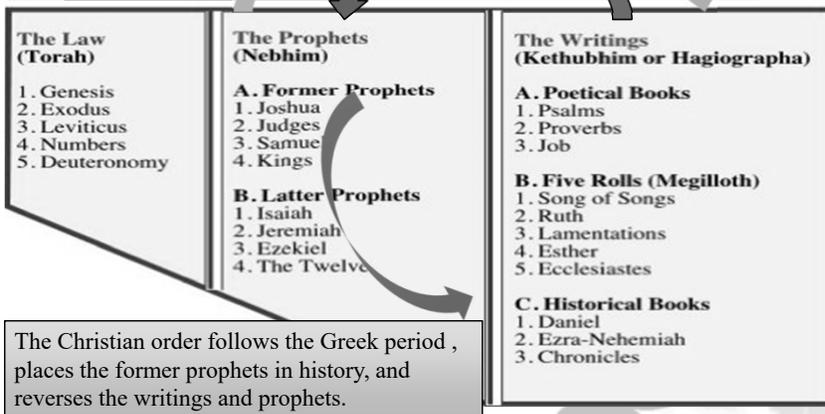
#### The Writings (Kethubhim or Hagiographa)

- A. Poetical Books**
1. Psalms
  2. Proverbs
  3. Job
- B. Five Rolls (Megilloth)**
1. Song of Songs
  2. Ruth
  3. Lamentations
  4. Esther
  5. Ecclesiastes
- C. Historical Books**
1. Daniel
  2. Ezra-Nehemiah
  3. Chronicles

The Hebrew Bible or *Tanakh* includes the *Torah* (“teachings,” first five books), *Prophets*, and the *Writings*.

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“In the Hebrew canonical order, as the Tanakh unfolds the course of (Biblical) Jewish history, God grows distant and increasingly removed from the human World.” Stephen Katz “The Hebrew Bible as Another, Jewish sophistic.”



The Christian order follows the Greek period, places the former prophets in history, and reverses the writings and prophets.

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The Jewish Order:

The history of God’s relationship the Hebrew people from creation to the return to Jerusalem.

Ending on Nehemiah re-establishes the authority of the Jerusalem priesthood, as well as the emerging Jewish canon.

Different Canons			
Hebrew	Septuagint	Catholic	Orthodox
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Law (Torah)</li> <li>The Prophets (Nevi'im)</li> <li>The Writings (Kethuvim)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pentateuch</li> <li>Historical Books</li> <li>Poetical Books</li> <li>Prophetic Books</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tobit</li> <li>Judith</li> <li>Wisdom of Solomon</li> <li>Ecclesiasticus</li> <li>Sirach</li> <li>Baruch</li> <li>Letter of Jeremiah</li> <li>1 &amp; 2 Maccabees</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Same as Catholic</li> <li>Includes 4 additional compositions (1 Esdras, Psalm 151, 3 and 4 Maccabees and prayer of Manasseh)</li> </ul>

- When the Hebrew Bible was translated into Greek in the Greek period (The Septuagint, 3rd century BCE), most Jews, now living under Greek rule and culture, did not speak or read Hebrew.
- Greek perspectives were shaping the way the Bible was read.

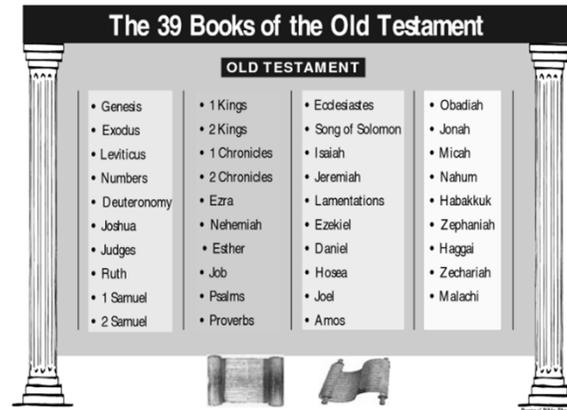
The new order still represents a shift from oral to literate culture, but it placed the literary prophets at the end:

This de-emphasizes the rule of kings and the priesthood.

It emphasizes the ascendancy of speech, especially as codified in writing, as the arbiter of human life.

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- The Christian version places an *even greater emphasis on the written word by ending with the literary prophets.*



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**New Testament writers relied on the Septuagint.**

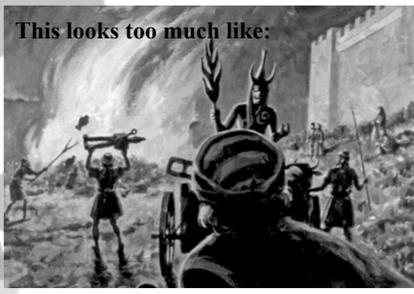
**In the Gospel of John the blending of a Greek view of the word (the divine *logos*) becomes NT doctrine: Jesus IS the WORD of GOD: “the Word WAS God.”**

The battle continues...

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- Pastor Richard Ritenbaugh writes:
- “But, you see my point. Spiritual concepts are hard to get across through images. But, in comparison, they are easy to get across in words.
- Words are far more descriptive than any picture! That is precisely what God has told us to do in His Word in terms of His way of life. We are to think of them in terms of words, and reason them through with words. Discuss them with words. Teach them with words.”
- **We Learn God's Way Through Words**  
**Richard T. Ritenbaugh Sermon; #645; 76 minutes Given 03-Jan-04**
- Church of the Great God
- <https://www.cgg.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Audio.details/ID/1115/Words-Versus-Images.htm>

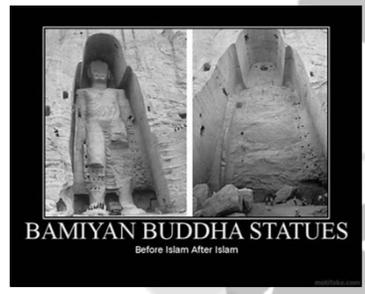




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<http://www.nobility.org/2013/11/21/christ-king/>



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Before Islam After Islam

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Completed in 1301, the Tintern Catholic abbey is the most famous ruin in Wales. King Henry VIII destroyed Catholic abbeys in the 15th century, when he created the Protestant Church of England, with himself at the head of this new church.  
<https://www.intrepidberkeleyexplorer.com/Page4N2.html>



Synagogues destroyed by Nazi Germany [quazoo.com](http://quazoo.com)

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- Jeremiah 27: 1 Early in the reign of Zedekiah a son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 2 This is what the Lord said to me: “Make a yoke out of straps and crossbars and put it on your neck. . .
- 8 ““If, however, any nation or kingdom will not serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon or bow its neck under his yoke, I will punish that nation with the sword, famine and plague, declares the LORD, until I destroy it by his hand. . . 11 But if any nation will bow its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him, I will let that nation remain in its own land to till it and to live there, declares the LORD.”””



... gave the same message to Zedekiah king of Judah. ... And to the “priests and all the people” (verse 16)

Jeremiah didn't just wear the yoke; over two thousand years later, people made a film about him.

Image: « Obeying Babylon A Great Calm » False Confidence. September 6, 2014 by Sarah Myers. <https://thanoontimes.com/2014/09/06/false-confidence/>



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And the people bowed and prayed

To the neon god they made

And the sign flashed out its warning

In the words that it was forming

And the sign said, "**The words of the prophets are written on the  
 subway walls,**

**And tenement halls"**

And whispered in the sounds, of silence"



from renowned British street artist Banksy

[Work of Art Season 2 Episode 6 \(Street Art\) - Daily Plate ...dailyplateofcrazy.com](#)

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Thank you!

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