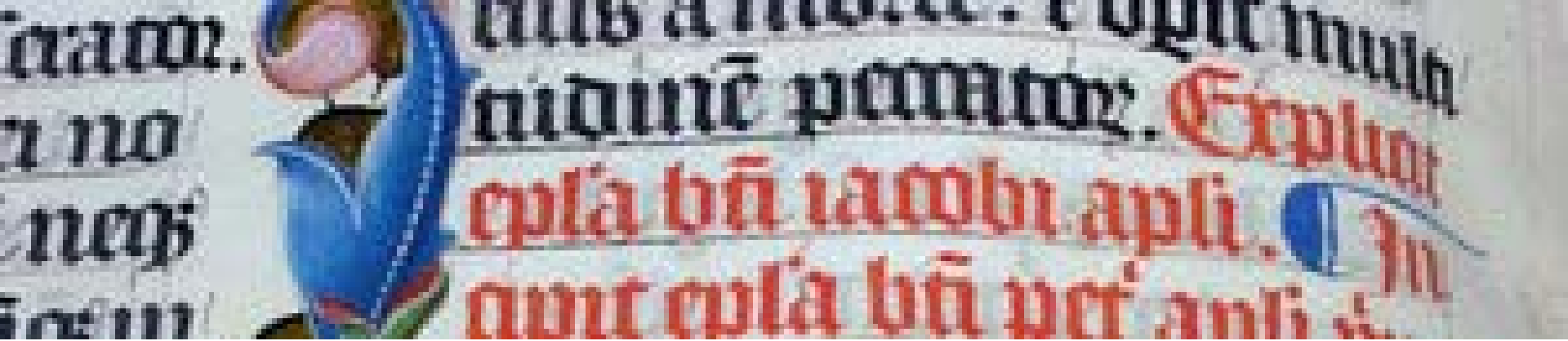


# Christian Bible

For Christians, the term Bible refers to the Sacred Scriptures of Judaism plus books about Jesus and Christianity that the early Church considered sacred. It consists of two sections:

**Old Testament** (also called Hebrew Scriptures)

**New Testament** (also called Christian Scriptures)



# Christian Canon of Scripture

The Canon of Scripture varies among the three major divisions of Christianity (Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant).

All three accept the same 27 books as part of the New Testament. The number of books in the Old Testament varies (Protestant = 39, Catholic = 46, Orthodox = 46+)

The Catholic and Orthodox canon is based on the books found in the Greek Septuagint Version of the Bible used by the early Christian Churches. This canon was formalized by the time of St. Jerome's Latin Vulgate translation of the Bible in the 5<sup>th</sup> century CE.

During the Protestant Reformation Martin Luther and others rejected the books of the Old Testament that the Jews had not included in the Masoretic Text of the Old Testament.

# Old Testament Hebrew Scriptures








## The Pentateuch

- [Genesis](#)
- [Exodus](#)
- [Leviticus](#)
- [Numbers](#)
- [Deuteronomy](#)

# Old Testament Hebrew Scriptures

## The (Catholic) Historical Books






- [Joshua](#)
- [Judges](#)
- [Ruth](#)
- [1 Samuel](#)
- [2 Samuel](#)
- [1 Kings](#)
- [2 Kings](#)
- [1 Chronicles](#)
- [2 Chronicles](#)
- [Ezra](#)
- [Nehemiah](#)
-  [Tobit](#)
-  [Judith](#)
- [Esther](#) (  *some of Esther is not in the Protestant Bible* )
-  [1 Maccabees](#)
-  [2 Maccabees](#)

 are considered part of the Sacred Scriptures by the Catholic





# The (Catholic) Prophetic Books

- [Job](#)
- [Psalms](#) (  *Psalm 151 is not in the Protestant Bible*)
- [Proverbs](#)
- [Ecclesiastes](#)
- [Song of Songs](#) (aka Song of Solomon)
-  [Wisdom](#)
-  [Sirach](#)
- [Isaiah](#)
- [Jeremiah](#)
- [Lamentations](#)
-  [Baruch](#)
- [Ezekiel](#)
- [Daniel](#) (  *some of Daniel is not in the Protestant Bible*)
- [Hosea](#)
- [Joel](#)
- [Amos](#)
- [Obadiah](#)
- [Jonah](#)
- [Micah](#)
- [Nahum](#)
- [Habakkuk](#)
- [Zephaniah](#)
- [Haggai](#)
- [Zechariah](#)
- [Malachi](#)

# Old Testament Hebrew Scriptures

## The Catholic Deuterocanonical Books

Deuterocanonical = second canon

- [Tobit](#)
- [Judith](#)
- [1 Maccabees](#)
- [2 Maccabees](#)
- [Wisdom](#)
- [Ecclesiasticus](#)
- [Baruch](#)

Often called the the Apocrypha or Apocryphal Books by Protestants and Jews. Apocrypha = hidden.

These books were primarily written in Greek or Aramaic.



# Old Testament Hebrew Scriptures

## The Orthodox Anagignoskomena

Some Orthodox Christian Churches include some or all of these books, as well as others.

- [3 Maccabees](#)
- [4 Maccabees](#)
- [1 Esdras](#)
- [Odes](#)
- [Jubilees](#)
- [Enoch](#)
- [Prayer of Manassas](#)
- [Psalms of Solomon](#)

These books were primarily written in Greek.



# New Testament Christian Scriptures

## The Gospels

Narrative accounts of the life and teaching of Jesus written by early Christian communities.

- Gospel according to Mark  
written 60-80 CE
- Gospel according to Matthew  
written 60-100 CE
- Gospel according to Luke  
written 70-100 CE
- Gospel according to John  
written 90-100 CE

There are various theories about dates and who the actual authors of each of the gospels were.



# New Testament Christian Scriptures

## History

The Acts of the Apostles is the sequel to Luke's Gospel. It chronicles the life of the early Church after Jesus' resurrection.

- **Acts of the Apostles**  
written 70-100 CE

## Apocalyptic Literature

The Revelation of John

