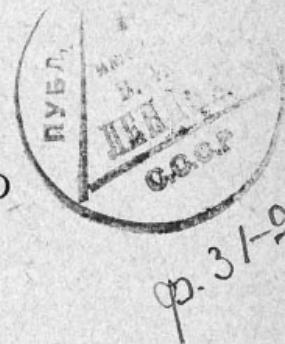


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## A CHRONOLOGICAL ARRANGEMENT OF THE BOOKS OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS.

	When written.		When written.		When written.
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Genesis . . . .	1491	I Kings I.—XI.	1004	II Chron. X. &c. .	623
Job . . . .	1491	II. Chrcia. I.—IX.	1000	II Kings . . . .	590
Exodus . . . .	1491	Proverbs . . . .	1000	Jeremiah . . . .	588
Leviticus . . . .	1490	Ecclesiastes . . . .	975	Lamentations . . . .	588
Deuteronomy . . . .	1451	I Kings, XII. &c. .	897	Obadiah . . . .	587
Numbers . . . .	1451	Jonah . . . .	862	Ezekiel . . . .	574
Joshua . . . .	1427	Joel . . . .	800	Daniel . . . .	534
Judges . . . .	1406	Amos . . . .	787	Haggai . . . .	527
Ruth . . . .	1312	Micah . . . .	750	Zechariah . . . .	520
I Samuel . . . .	1055	Hosea . . . .	740	Esther . . . .	509
II Samuel . . . .	1018	Nahum . . . .	713	Ezra . . . .	457
I Chronicles . . . .	1015	Isaiah . . . .	698	Nehemiah . . . .	430
Psalms . . . .	uncertain	Zephaniah . . . .	630	Malachi . . . .	397
Song of Solomon . . . .	1013	Habakkuk . . . .	626		
	A.D.		A.D.		A.D.
Matthew . . . .	38	Ephesians . . . .	63	II Peter . . . .	65
Galatians . . . .	52	Philippians . . . .	63	Titus . . . .	66
I Thessalonians . . . .	54	Colossians . . . .	63	II Timothy . . . .	66
II Thessalonians . . . .	55	Philemon . . . .	63	I John . . . .	69
I Corinthians . . . .	57	Luke . . . .	63	II John . . . .	69
Romans . . . .	58	Hebrews . . . .	63	III John . . . .	69
II Corinthians . . . .	58	Mark . . . .	63	Jude . . . .	70
I Timothy . . . .	58	Acts . . . .	64	Revelation . . . .	96
James . . . .	61	I Peter . . . .	64	John . . . .	97

The Hebrews formed all the books of the Old Testament, which with us amount to thirty-nine, into twenty-two; so as to correspond w'th the number of letters in the alphabet, several books being put together, as in the following arrangement—

THE LAW. 1, Genesis.—2, Exodus.—3, Leviticus.—4, Numbers.—5, Deuteronomy.

THE EARLY PROPHETS. 6, Joshua.—7, Judges.—8, Samuel, I and II.

THE LATTER PROPHETS. 10, Isaiah.—11, Jeremiah and Baruch.—12, Ezekiel.—13, The twelve minor Prophets in one book, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.

HAGIOGRAPHIA. 14, The Psalms.—15, The Proverbs.—16, Job.—17, Solomon's Song.—18, Ecclesiastes.—19, Esther.—20, Daniel.—21 Ezra and Nehemiah.—22, Chronicles.

It is generally supposed that our Saviour referred to this division of the Sacred Writings in his address to the disciples, as recorded by Luke, when he says, "that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses, and in the Prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning me."—ch. xxiv., v. 44.