

## THE CONTENT OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

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The Jewish community refers to their Bible as the *Tanakh*. The name consists of the first letters of the names for the three major divisions of the Hebrew Bible (our “Old Testament”):

<b>T</b>	>	<b>Torah</b> (the Law)
<b>N</b>	>	<b>Nebi'im</b> (the Prophets)
<b>K</b>	>	<b>Ketubim</b> (the Writings)

The following table is the Hebrew order for the Old Testament books.

SECTION	BOOK	THEME
<b>Torah / Law</b>	Genesis	Creation & Blessing: Covenant
	Exodus	Slavery & Redemption: Divine Presence
	Leviticus	Sacrifice & Sanctification: Being Holy
	Numbers	Wilderness Wandering: Unfaithfulness
	Deuteronomy	Exposition of the Law: Covenant Renewal
	<b>Nevi'im / Prophets</b>	Joshua
Judges		Cycles of Disobedience: Covenant Disloyalty
1 Samuel		Davidic History
2 Samuel		Davidic Covenant
1 Kings		Royal National History: David to Ahab
2 Kings		Royal National History: Ahaziah to Gedaliah
Isaiah		The Salvation of God
Jeremiah		The Word of God
Ezekiel		The Glory of God

SECTION	BOOK	THEME
	Hosea	An Example of Forgiveness: Call to Covenant
	Joel	The Day of the LORD: Call to Repentance
	Amos	The Divine Lawsuit: Promise of a Remnant
	Obadiah	Judgment on Israel's Enemies
	Jonah	God's Compassion & Grace
	Micah	The Divine Lawsuit: Covenant Fulfillment
	Nahum	Divine Judgment & Goodness
	Habakkuk	God's Justice with Nations
	Zephaniah	The Day of the LORD: Justice & Mercy
	Haggai	Restoration & Encouragement
	Zechariah	God's Imminent Presence & the Messianic King
	Malachi	Covenant Love & Loyalty
<b>Ketuvim / Writings</b>		
	Psalms	Prayer & Praise to the King of Kings
	Job	God's Justice with an Individual
	Proverbs	God's Wisdom
	Ruth	An Example of Faithfulness
	Song of Solomon	A Celebration of Marital Love
	Ecclesiastes	The Goodness of God & the Meaning of Life
	Lamentations	Unfaithfulness & Repentance
	Esther	The Sovereignty of God over Israel
	Daniel	The Sovereignty of God over Nations
	Ezra	Restoration of Temple & Community
	Nehemiah	Restoration of Jerusalem & Covenant
	1 Chronicles	History of Covenant: Adam to Solomon
	2 Chronicles	History of Covenant: Solomon to Cyrus

What is the overall theme or storyline or plot for the Old Testament?

**God calls His people to display His moral character in obedience to His covenant.**

*For next week fill out the following:*

- Be \_\_\_\_\_ as God is \_\_\_\_\_.
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How many of the above can you support from Scripture?