

# 1 new testament canon the early lists

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**What is the earliest list of the New Testament canon?** The earliest known complete list of the 27 books is found in a letter written by Athanasius, a 4th-century bishop of Alexandria, dated to 367 AD. The 27-book New Testament was first formally canonized during the councils of Hippo (393) and Carthage (397) in North Africa.

**What is the canon of the New Testament?** The canon contained four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), Acts, 21 letters, and one book of a strictly revelatory character, Revelation. These were not necessarily the oldest writings, not all equally revelatory, and not all directed to the church at large.

**What is the list of the Old Testament canon?** The five books of Moses (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy), Josue, Judges, Ruth, the four books of Kings, two of Paralipomenon, the first and second of Esdras (which latter is called Nehemias), Tobias, Judith, Esther, Job, the Davidic Psalter (in number one hundred and fifty Psalms), Proverbs, ...

**What is the earliest New Testament?** The first complete copies of single New Testament books appear around 200, and the earliest complete copy of the New Testament, the Codex Sinaiticus, dates to the 4th century.

**Why do we receive only 27 books as the New Testament canon?** The 27 books were canonized in the council of Hippo in year 393. This was later affirmed in the council of Carthage in year 397 and 419. Evidence corroborates the claims of the fourth century church councils that their canonical list are the same 27 books that the church received from the earliest bishops.

**What are the 7 extra books in the Catholic Bible called?** Seven books are accepted as deuterocanonical by all the ancient churches: Tobias, Judith, Baruch, Ecclesiasticus, Wisdom, First and Second Maccabees and also the Greek additions to Esther and Daniel.

**Why is the Bible called a canon?** The term canon, from a Hebrew-Greek word meaning “cane” or “measuring rod,” passed into Christian usage to mean “norm” or “rule of faith.” The Church Fathers of the 4th century ce first employed it in reference to the definitive, authoritative nature of the body of sacred Christian scripture.

**Is the Old Testament still canon?** The Old Testament is the first section of the two-part Christian biblical canon; the second section is the New Testament. The Old Testament includes the books of the Hebrew Bible (Tanakh) or protocanon, and in various Christian denominations also includes deuterocanonical books.

**Is the canon the entire Bible?** Bible may contain books that are not part of the inspired writings, such as the book of wisdom, and others. The Biblical Canon contains only those books that are inspired.

**What are the first four books of the New Testament called?** The first four books of the New Testament are known as the gospels, and each provides a different perspective on the life of Christ. The first four books are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Each book is named for its author.

**What year was the New Testament canon finalized?** Christian canons. The canon of the Catholic Church was affirmed by the Council of Rome (AD 382), the Synod of Hippo (AD 393), two of the Councils of Carthage (AD 397 and 419), the Council of Florence (AD 1431–1449) and finally, as an article of faith, by the Council of Trent (AD 1545–1563).

**Who canonized the Old Testament?** there was never even a “canonization process”. The Old Testament Canon was established by the Jews at the reconstituted Sanhedrin in Jamnia, circa AD 85, though all three branches of Christianity (Latin, Greek, and “Oriental”) used the Septuagint as they had received it from the Hellenistic Jews.

### **What is the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament?**

The concise answer is that the Old Testament occurs first and shows us how the world began and how the people of Israel came to be. Whereas, the New Testament comes after and documents how the world is saved through what Jesus did for his people.

**Which New Testament was written first?** Most scholars believe that the earliest of the New Testament books are the Pauline Epistles, with 1 Thessalonians believed to be the first—originally written in 52 CE. On the whole, the letters found in the New Testament were written early on.

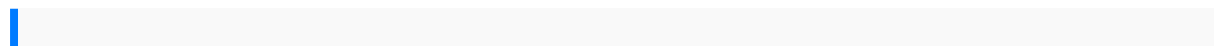
**Who is the oldest in the New Testament?** Methuselah is mentioned a single time in the New Testament, when the Gospel of Luke traces Jesus' lineage back to Adam in Luke 3.

**Is the earliest canon list the Muratorian canon?** The Muratorian fragment, also known as the Muratorian Canon (Latin: Canon Muratori), is a copy of perhaps the oldest known list of most of the books of the New Testament.

**What is the oldest canon of the Bible?** Evidence suggests that the process of canonization occurred between 200 BC and 200 AD, and a popular position is that the Torah was canonized c. 400 BC, the Prophets c. 200 BC, and the Writings c. 100 AD perhaps at a hypothetical Council of Jamnia—however, this position is increasingly criticised by modern scholars.

**Did the early church create the New Testament canon?** Thus, the church did not "produce" the canon. Three principal criteria seemed to emerge which the early church used in recognizing books that had been God-inspired and thus canonical: (6) apostolic origin, recognition by the church, and apostolic content.

**What was the Old Testament canon divided into?** The Hebrew canon The Hebrew Bible is often known among Jews as TaNaKh, an acronym derived from the names of its three divisions: Torah (Instruction, or Law, also called the Pentateuch), Nevi'im (Prophets), and Ketuvim (Writings).



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