



ויהוה מציון ישאג ומירושלם יתז מולו ורעשו שמים וארץ ויהוה מחסה לעמו ומעוז
**THE LORD ALSO SHALL ROAR OUT OF ZION, AND UTTER HIS VOICE FROM JERUSALEM;
 AND THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH SHALL SHAKE: BUT THE LORD WILL BE
 THE HOPE OF HIS PEOPLE, AND THE STRENGTH OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.**

UNDERSTANDING THE CHRONOLOGY AND STRUCTURE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT (TANAKH):

For a purely chronological understanding of the Old Testament (Tanakh), simply read eleven ordinal books. The concurrent books, as listed, were either written in and/or cover material during the same timeframes. To rightly divide the prophetic books, note both their assigned timeframes and geographic locales.

ORDINAL BOOKS:

1. Genesis..... (Job)
2. Exodus..... (Leviticus)
3. Numbers..... (Deuteronomy)
4. Joshua
5. Judges..... (Ruth)
6. 1 Samuel..... (Psalms)
7. 2 Samuel..... (1 Chronicles) *Psalms**
8. 1 Kings..... (Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs) *Psalms/Chronicles**
9. 2 Kings..... (2 Chronicles, Lamentations) *Psalms**
10. Ezra..... (Esther)
11. Nehemiah

CONCURRENT BOOKS:

PROPHETIC BOOKS:

N. Kingdom of Israel 1 Kings 12 - 2 Kings 17 (931 BC - 722 BC) Conquered by Assyria	S. Kingdom of Judah 1 Kings 12 – 2 Kings 25 (931 BC - 586 BC) Conquered by Babylon	Babylonian Captivity Between 2 Kings-Ezra (586 BC – 516 BC) Captives exiled in Babylon	Post-Exilic Return Ezra-Nehemiah (516 BC - 200 BC) Captives freed by Persia
1. Amos 2. Hosea	1. Joel 2. Isaiah 3. Micah 4. Zephaniah 5. Jeremiah 6. Habakkuk	1. Daniel 2. Ezekiel	1. Haggai 2. Zechariah 3. Malachi
Excursus external to the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah Prophets sent to the Gentile powers during the time of 2 Kings:			
1. Obadiah (Sent to Edom , descendants of Esau, who allied w/ Babylon , judgment pronounced) 2. Jonah (1 st prophet sent to repentant Ninevah, capital of Assyria, judgment temporarily averted) 3. Nahum (2 nd prophet sent to defiant Ninevah, capital of Assyria , judgment pronounced)			

**Books that continued to be collected, written, and/or covered events through the ordinal period indicated*