

The Canon of Scripture

the Old Testament

1 the Septuagint

Greek Old Testament BC 300-100
early fragments · 2nd century BC complete text · 4th century AD

2 the Dead Sea Scrolls

Hebrew · Aramaic · Greek BC 150 – AD 70
40% Old Testament 30% second Temple period 30% secular

3 the Latin Vulgate

Latin Bible AD 404
39 Old Testament books 16 Apocryphal “*hidden, secret*” books

4 the Masoretic Text

Hebrew Bible AD 600-800
the authoritative text added accents and vowel pointings

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