

Carroll Norwood
Week 7 Assignment 7A
BI 108 Old Testament Literature

Assignment 7A:

Read the **article**: Old Testament Life and Literature

Read the **article**: The Canon

Question: What is meant by canon?

Answer: The word “canon” has two meanings, one is Greek and the other is Hebrew. The Greek meaning is a rod used for measuring. The Hebrew meaning is a “reed.” While metaphorically as it relates to religious matters, means measure or guide or a standard for principles of belief and practice.

Write a brief summary of each CANON that is outlined.

The Jewish Bible: Also called the Hebrew scriptures, Old Testament, or Tanakh, it is a collection of writings that is viewed as sacred by the Jewish people, and consist of twenty-four books. The sacred writings are the Law, history of Israel, wisdom, and prophecy. Events were between 1800 B.C. and 400 B. C. In the Greek, the Old Testament is called the Septuagint, during the period of 200 and 100 B. C. The Jewish books were in different versions in the Septuagint. The books of Apocrypha are in the Catholic versions in the Old Testament, but not Protestant. Those books are addressed as the deuterocanonical.

The Protestant Bible: Divided into two sections: The Old Testament and the Apocrypha. During 1800s the Protestant Bibles included the Apocrypha. The King James Version was also published with the Apocrypha. The Apocrypha was views as less important, therefore is was

The Eastern Orthodox Bible: Contains forty-three books these writings were not accepted as canonical by Jews and Protestants. They are known as “The Apocrypha” simply meaning applied writings known through the work of Clement of Alexandria (Stromataiii,5). He was a Christian theologian lived in Egypt during the period of second and beginning of the third centuries A.D.

2nd Question(A): Explain what happened at the Council of Jamnia.

Answer: This Council took place in Yavneh, this is where the canon of the Hebrew Bible was finalized. Jewish authorities made a decision to reject those that believe in Jesus as their Messiah.

Question (B): In what way did it contribute to the canon that we have today?

Answer: The contribution of the Council of Jamnia made to the canon today: Is that the canon is largely discredited. Other scholars have joined this theory. (L. M. McDonald & J. A. Sanders, (eds.), *The Canon Debate*, 2002, chapter 9: “Jamnia Revisited” by Jack P. Lewis).

Question (C): When did this Council take place?

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Answer: The Council of Jamnia took place during the period of A. D. 90.

3rd Question (A): Explain what happened at the Council of Trent?

Answer: When the council began, there were Bishops of the Catholic faith seeking reformation immediately. Their main goal was to show disbeliefs of the Protestants by refuting and condemning Martin Luther and John Calvin. They wanted to express the beliefs of Catholicism and make it clear. The reformers rejected the Apocrypha as part of the biblical canon.

Question (B): When did this Council take place?

Answer: This Council took place in 1545 at Tridentum Italy, it was the beginning of Catholic Reformation as to the Protestant Reformation.