

Explain what is meant by canon.

The Anglicized form of the Greek word Kanon designating a rod used for measuring, is related to a Semitic root appearing in Hebrew as Kaneh or qaneh, meaning a reed,

Then write a brief summary of each canon that is outlined.

Before the Flood – God created the sky, seas, and land, he created the plants, animals, fish, and birds, but he created human beings in his own image. Adam and Eve were created by God, they were without sin, but they became sinful when they disobeyed God and ate some fruit from the tree. Noah was spared from the destruction of the Flood because he obeyed God and built the boat.

After the Flood – God remembered Noah and all the animals in the boat. He sent a wind to blow across the waters, and the floods began to disappear. Occasionally Noah would send a bird out to test the earth and see if it was dry, but Noah didn't get out of the boat until God told him to. God blessed Noah and his sons and told them multiply and fill the earth. Chapter 10 talks about the descendants of Japheth, and Shem. The tower of Babel was most like a ziggurat, a common structure in Babylonia at this time.

Patriarchal – God promises a nation to Abraham ask him to leave his country, God promise a son to Abraham, Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed by fire. Jacob served Laban faithfully for 14 years. Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers and unjustly thrown into prison by his master. Joseph was placed in charge of Egypt.

Bondage in Egypt and Exodus – The Israelites were enslaved in Egypt, God heard their cries and rescued them. After crossing the Red Sea, the Israelites became quarrelsome and discontent. God chose Moses to lead the people out of Egypt, God use Moses to strike 10 plagues on Egypt in order to let his people go.

Wilderness Wanderings – The Israelites set out for the Promised Land, they soon began to complain about their hardships, and their complaining angered God and frustrated Moses. God showed both judgment and grace. After arriving at Kadesh Barnea along the southernmost part of the Promised Land, the Lord said to Moses, send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites

Conquest and Possession – Joshua and his army moved from city to city, cleansing the land of its wickedness by destroying every trace of idol worship. Joshua urged the Israelites to continue to follow the Lord and worship him alone, God commanded his people to conquer the Canaanites

and take all their land. Completing this mission would have fulfilled God's promise to Abraham and brought judgment on the evil people living there.

The Judges – Judah defeated the Canaanites and took Jerusalem. Joseph put Bethel to the sword, but the Canaanites were not driven out completely. Naomi, an Ephraimite, lived in Moab. Her husband and two sons died so she returned to Bethlehem with her daughter-in-law, Ruth. The elders of Israel asked Samuel to appoint a king. Samuel warned them what it would mean. The Lord told Samuel to give them a king.

The United Kingdom – Saul was King for 40 years, but most of his reign as king was fraught with spiritual oppression and insanity. David was anointed to be king, but did not officially reign until after Saul's death. David was 30 years old when he began to reign, and reigned 40 years. God blessed the temple and told Solomon, I have chosen and sanctified this house that my heart will be there perpetually, Solomon reign 40 years.

The Divided Kingdom – Solomon's wealth and power had cost the people of Israel a great deal. Solomon had become heavy-handed with them, at the beginning of Rehoboam's reign his subjects asked him to consider the severity of his father and to make the proper adjustments. Rehoboam turned to his cronies the young men with whom he had grown up with, and their advice was considerably different. Rehoboam was foolish. The brash young king turned a deaf ear to the requests of the people. The ten northern tribes of Israel walked out on Rehoboam and on the United Kingdom.

Judah Alone – Following the fall of Samaria, the southern Kingdom continued to exist, though surely in a weakened condition. Throughout the preceding turmoil, which eventually led to the destruction of Samaria. Judah tried diligently to keep peace with the Assyrians. With the northern Kingdom suffering the consequences of her sin, the editor's attention now shifts totally to Judah.

Babylonian Captivity/Exile – The forced detention of Jews in Babylonia following the latter's conquest of the Kingdom of Judah in 589/7 and 587/6 BCE. The Exile formally ended in 538 BCE. When the Persian conquered Babylonia, Cyrus the Great, gave the Jews permission to return to Palestine.

Restoration – Ezra had to ponder whether to trust an unbelieving ruler to protect the Jewish people as they returned to Jerusalem and began rebuilding the temple. Nehemiah had to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, which required him to both trust God and be pragmatic. Ezra, Nehemiah and Ester labored.

Explain what happened at the Council of Jamnia.

It was a hypothetical late 1st century council at which the canon of the Hebrew Bible was formerly believed to have been finalized and which may also have been the occasion when the Jewish authorities decided to exclude beliefs in Jesus as the Messiah from synagogue attendance as referenced by interpretations of John 9:22 in the New Testament.

In what way did it contribute to the canon that we have today?

In the course of time, the canon came to be applied to the catalogue or list of sacred books distinguished and honored as belonging to God's inspired Word.

When did this Council take place?

Consequently in 90 A.D. at Jamnia(Jabneh), situated west of Jerusalem near the Mediterranean, a council met under the leadership of Rabbi Johanan ben Zakkai, to determine the Jewish canon.

Explain what happened at the Council of Trent?

The Roman Catholic Church took the opposite stand at the Council of Trent and, partially on the basis of traditional usage among Christians.

When did this Council take place?

It was held in Tridentum, Italy from 1545 to 1563.

