

1. After reading the article (1), explain what is meant by canon. Then write a brief summary of each CANON that is outlined. Canon, in a religious connotation, is “the measure or the guide or standard for principles of belief and practice.”

2. Explain what happened at the Council of Jamnia. In what way did it contribute to the canon that we have today? When did this Council take place?

The council under the direction of Rabbi Johanan ben akkai met in 90 AD to determine the Jewish Cannon. At the council they discussed the Song of Songs, Esther, Ecclesiastes and Ezekiel. The books were agreed to be a part of what is the Jewish Cannon today. It contributed to the canon we have today by being the apart of our Old Testament literature.

3. Explain what happened at the Council of Trent? When did this Council take place?

The Council of Trent took place in Tridentum, Italy from 1545 to 1563. The council formed to discuss the traditional usage among christens over the declared books of the Apocrypha. They declared the Apocrypha to be canonical, with the exception of I and II Esdras and the prayer of Manasseh. They used the term Deuterocanonical over Apocrypha.