**HUMA 3424 History of the Bible**

**January 8: A Brief Introduction to the Bible**

1. Hebrew Bible/Old Testament

* + - * 24 texts written over a period of around 1000 years (ca.1000-150 BCE)
			* Hebrew (some Aramaic); originally written without vowels
			* three sections (TaNaK):
			* Law (Torah)=Pentateuch
	+ Genesis: chs. 1-11 prehistory; ch. 12f. ancestral period
	+ Exodus
	+ Leviticus
	+ Numbers
	+ Deuteronomy
		- * Prophets (Neviim)
	+ Former Prophets
		- Joshua
		- Judges
		- 1 and 2 Samuel
		- 1 and 2 Kings: culminates in Babylonian Exile 597-538 BCE
	+ Latter Prophets
		- Isaiah
		- Jeremiah
		- Ezekiel
		- Book of the Twelve
			* Writings (Kethuviim)
	+ Chronicler’s History
		- Ezra-Nehemiah
		- Chronicles
	+ Psalms
	+ Job
	+ Proverbs
	+ Festival Scrolls (Megilloth)
		- Ruth
		- Song of Songs
		- Ecclesiastes
		- Lamentations
		- Esther
	+ Daniel
		- * translation of Hebrew texts into Greek: Septuagint; includes extra texts (Apocrypha or Deuterocanonical books)

2. The New Testament

* + - * 27 texts composed 50-120 CE in Greek
			* term New Testament comes from New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34)
	+ Gospels
	+ Synoptic Gospels
		- Matthew
		- Mark
		- Luke
	+ John
	+ Acts of the Apostles
* Letters of Paul
	+ Undisputed (most scholars believe Paul actually wrote them)
		- Romans
		- 1 and 2 Corinthians
		- Galatians
		- 1 Thessalonians
		- Philippians
		- Philemon
	+ Disputed (many scholars believe Paul did not write them)
		- Ephesians
		- Colossians
		- 2 Thessalonians
		- 1 and 2 Timothy
		- Titus
	+ Hebrews
	+ Catholic Letters
	+ James
	+ 1 and 2 Peter
	+ 1, 2 and 3 John
	+ Jude
	+ Revelation
		- * process of canon formation from 2-4th century
			* Christian Apocrypha (e.g., *Gospel of Thomas*, *Gospel of Judas*, *Letter of Jesus to Abgar*, etc.)