**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.)