**How we got the Bible *History of the Old Testament Canon*

 Timeline Probable Date for Writing Suggested History
 of National Events of Canonical Books of the Manuscripts and Copies
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1500 BC
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1450 BC Exodus from Egypt Original Pentateuch Original scrolls of Moses
 (first 5 books of the Old Testament; stored beside Ark
 *Genesis* through *Deuteronomy*)
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1400 BC Conquest of Canaan *Job* (?)
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1350 BC Ark kept at Shiloh *Joshua* Copy of Law available to Joshua
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1300 BC
1200 BC
1100 BC
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1050 BC Shiloh destroyed by Philistines Original scrolls dispersed
 and Tabernacle moved and new copies made (?)

 Israel’s Kingdom established *Judges* and *Ruth* Samuel, David and Levites
 distribute copies within Israel
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1000 BC David captures Jerusalem Davidic *Psalms* Apology for David’s reign and his
*1st* and *2nd Samuel* court annals
 *Proverbs*, *Ecclesiastes*, *Song of Solomon*
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950 BC Division of Kingdom
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900 BC
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850 BC Samaria made capital of *Obadiah* Copies brought to Northern
 Northern Kingdom *Joel* (?) Kingdom during Elijah’s reform (?)
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800 BC
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750 BC Assyrians capture Samaria *Jonah*  *Kings* written by a succession
*Amos*, *Hosea* **of** prophets**;** collected and
 *Micah* edited by Jeremiah (?)
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700 BC Revival under Hezekiah *Isaiah* Copies obtained for Samaritans
 by Israelite priest at order of
 Sargon II *(2nd Kings 17:27-28)* ?
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650 BC Revival under Josiah *Nahum* Copy of Book of the Law was
 *Zephaniah* recovered during Temple repair;
 *Habakkuk* and copies distributed to the
 people during Josiah’s reform
 *(2nd Chronicles 34:6-9, 21)* ?
 Daniel taken hostage
 to Babylon *Jeremiah*, *Lamentations* Copies taken to Babylon=======================================================================================================
600 BC Ezekiel *et al.* taken captive
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587 BC Jerusalem destroyed *1st* and *2nd Kings, Ezekiel*=======================================================================================================
550 BC Cyrus captures Babylon *Daniel*
 Jewish returnees rebuild Temple *Haggai, Zechariah*
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500 BC
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450 BC Ezra returns to Jerusalem *Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther* Copies brought back from
 Babylon

 Nehemiah rebuilds walls *Malachi, 1st* and *2nd Chronicles* Copies taken to Samaria at time
 of Nehemiah’s exclusion
 *(Nehemiah 13:28-30)* ?
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400 BC
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