

*"The Old Testament is the most widely read book in the history of the world, it has been translated in parts or in its entirety in over two thousand languages. Throughout history people have been willing to suffer and even die for the contents". **Joshua Whitaker***

(I) WHAT DOES THE OLD TESTAMENT CLAIM ABOUT ITSELF?

Exodus 31:18

Exodus 24:4

"Thus saith the Lord"

(II) WRITTEN OR ORAL ACCOUNTS

Pentateuch Historical Poetical Minor Prophets

Pentateuch	Historical	Poetical	Minor Prophets
<i>Genesis</i>	<i>1&2 Kings</i>	<i>Job</i>	<i>Hosea</i>
<i>Exodus</i>	<i>1&2 Chronicles</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>Joel</i>
<i>Leviticus</i>	<i>Ezra</i>	<i>Proverbs</i>	<i>Amos</i>
<i>Numbers</i>	<i>Nehemiah</i>	<i>Ecclesiastes</i>	<i>Obadiah</i>
<i>Deuteronomy</i>	<i>Ester</i>	<i>Song of Solomon</i>	<i>Jonah</i>

The writings of Moses: Torah (Law)

(II) IS THERE ANY OUTSIDE EVIDENCE?

(A) Josephus:

- (1) 1st Century Jewish Historian
- (2) General for Jewish forces
- (3) In the Galilee region
- (4) Captured
- (5) Wrote about the Jewish people

(B) How Josephus classified the Old Testament

- (1) Books of Moses
- (2) Prophet
- (3) The Writings (Psalms)

(C) How Jesus classified the Old Testament (Luke 24:44)

- (1) The Law of Moses
- (2) The Prophets
- (3) The Psalms

(III) MANUSCRIPTS

(A) The Maserite scribes counted:

- (1) Letters
- (2) Words
- (3) Lines

Older copies were respectfully disposed