

Bible Extra 2020

Strange Scriptures – Week 1

Part 2

How we got the Old Testament

LAW

PROPHETS

WRITINGS

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Former Prophets

Joshua
Judges
1-2 Samuel
1-2 Kings

Latter Prophets

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Ezekiel
The Twelve

Pre-Exilic Writings

Psalms
Job
Proverbs
Ruth
Song of Songs
Ecclesiastes

Post-Exilic Writings

Lamentations
Esther
Daniel
Ezra-Nehemiah
1-2 Chronicles

Evidence of a late, composite Pentatuch

- Some bits Moses *obviously* didn't write
- Anachronisms
- Comments showing a later hand (Gen 36:31)
- Duplicate stories
- Forward-looking passages (Deut 17:14-17)
- People's ignorance (2 Kgs 22:13, 23:22, Neh 8:17)
- Style and vocabulary changes (eg Gen 1 v. Gen 2)

If we insist on seeing each book as one unified work then we will always have problems with the fractures, the edit points, the duplications and the differing details. But if we just let the text speak for itself then a different picture emerges: one of collaboration and careful preservation, one of multiple authors and witnesses, each doing their bit to tell the great story of God and humanity.”

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