

Instant Lesson for use with Tanach Poster & Handout

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How many books are in the Torah?

5

How many books are in the Prophets?

12 minor prophets and 9 other prophets

How many books are in the Writings?

8 books, 5 scrolls

Why do some people say there are 24 books in the entire Bible while others say 39?

Look at 'factoid' in the corner

Why are the Prophets and Writings placed in a scroll?

That's how it was originally written.

What language is the Tanach written?

The language of the Tanach is Hebrew except for portions of the books of Daniel and Ezra which are in Aramaic.

Where does the Haftorah come from?

The custom of reading the Haftorah was started during the occupation of ancient Israel by the Greeks who forbade reading the Torah. Rabbis cleverly substituted the reading of a section of the Prophets which linked the theme of the Torah or a season theme.

What does the word 'haftorah' mean?

Conclusion

Where does the word 'Tanach' come from?

This is an acronym – taking the first letter of each word – 'tav' for 'Torah,' 'nun' 'Ni'ivim,' and 'chaf' – for 'Ketubim.' Pretty clever, eh??

When do we read the Scroll of Esther? Who wrote the Psalms?

Purim

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