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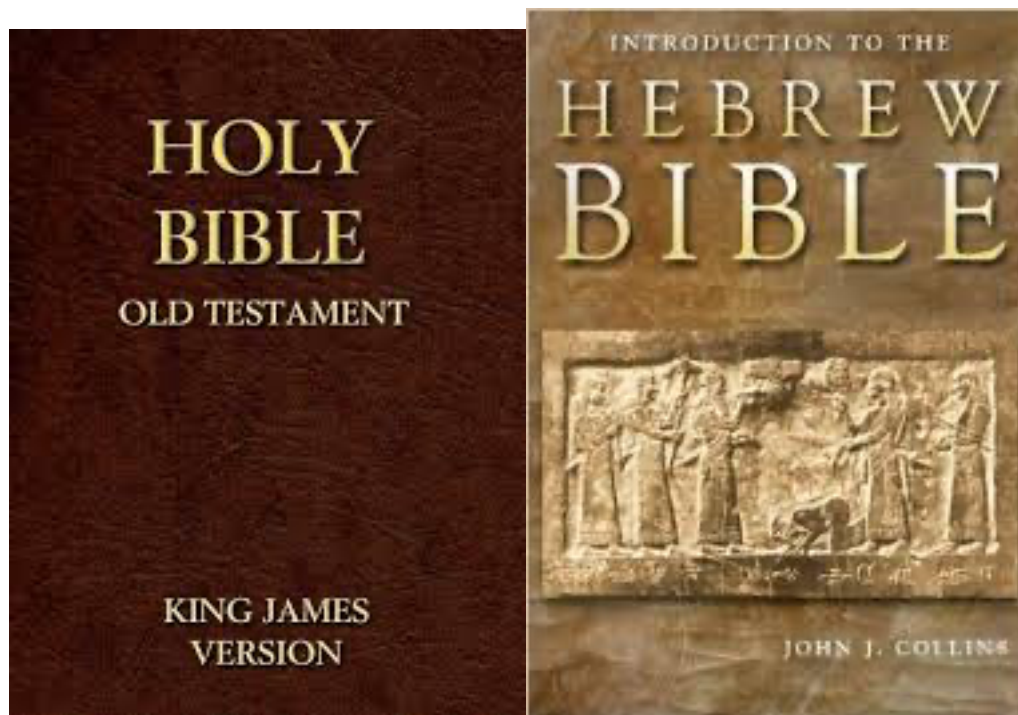
OVERVIEW

Week 2 – Hebrew Scriptures

In this section we will look at the Holy Books – Hebrew Bible (Jews), New Testament (Christians) and Qu'ran (Muslims.) Most people are not aware of the degree to which one book builds on another and as a result each religion believes many of the same things as the one founded previously.

As we look first at the Hebrew Scriptures we find that it is divided into: Torah, History and Writings for Jews. Christians add the categories of Prophets and Histories. There are 39 books in all accepted by Jews and Protestants while Orthodox Christians and Catholics include another six from the last period of the Jews.

These books are written in Hebrew and cover the course of many years from Abraham (1800 BCE) to Jesus (1 CE).



Objectives

To focus on Genesis 12, the call of Abraham

To focus on Genesis 16, Birth of Ishmael

To focus on Genesis 21, birth of Isaac, expulsion of Ishmael, sibling rivalry and promise of "great nation to Ishmael"

To focus on Genesis 25, burial of Abraham by Isaac, Ishmael
And their clans