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Positioning of the Prophets.



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The Hebrew Old Testament Arrangement

| The Law (Torah) | The Prophets (Nevi'im) | The Writings (Kethuvim) |
|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Genesis | A. Former Prophets | A. Poetic Books |
| Exodus | Joshua | Psalms |
| Leviticus | Judges | Job |
| Numbers | Samuel | Proverbs |
| Deuteronomy | Kings | B. Five Rolls |
| | B. Later Prophets | |
| | Isaiah | Song of Songs |
| | Jeremiah | Ecclesiastes |
| | Ezekiel | Lamentations |
| | The Twelve | Esther |
| | | C. Historical Books |
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| | | Ezra-Nehemiah |
| | | Chronicles |

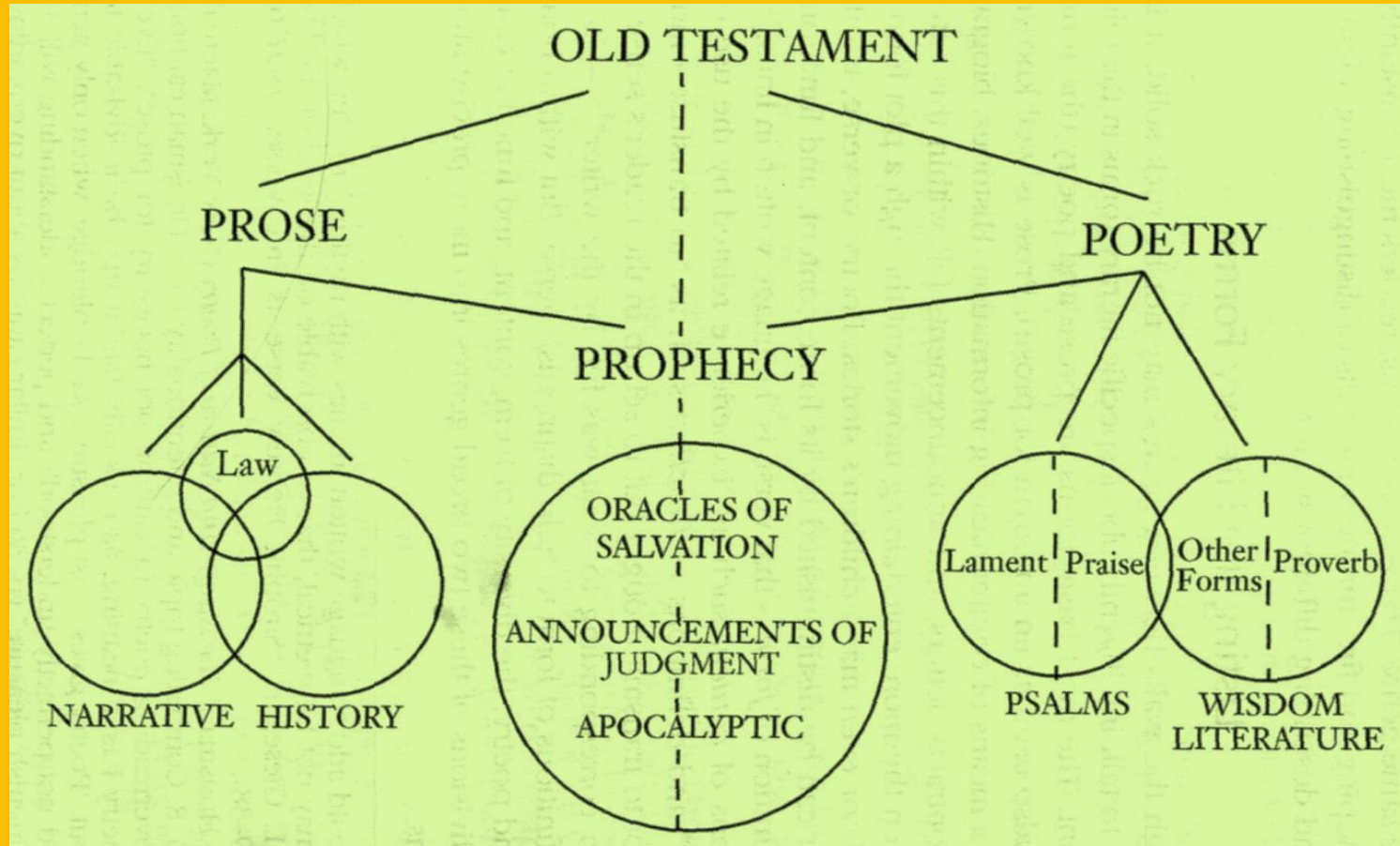
Ruth is neither part of the Torah, nor is it a prophetic book., hence it is in the Writings category.

The Twelve

Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

Daniel has two main components: first a historical segment about him in the exile. Second, it has a future targetted prophetic message – which was not written for the present generation. Hence, it's placement.

From *Cracking the OT Code*, pg 18



Typical Christian Old Testament Book Orderings

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| Deuteronomy | 2 nd Samuel | Song of Solomon | Daniel | Jonah |
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