



Torah תורה
Approx 1300 BCE

Prophets
~1200-500 BCE

586 BCE
Destruction 1

Writings
5th cen. BCE- 1st CE
TaNa"Kh תנ"ך

70 CE
Destruction 2
Jews go to Yavneh

200 CE
Mishnah Redacted
by Judah the Prince

~450 CE
Jerusalem Talmud
redacted

~500 CE
Babylonian Talmud
redacted (becomes
standard version)

Pharisees
Sadducees
Essenes
Zealots
Christians

Gemarrah
(Discussion/
explication of
Mishnah)

*Tosefta (350 CE) A
collection of Baraitot,
laws like the Mishnah,
but not included*

Tannaim:
teachers of
Mishnah (160
BCE- 210 CE)

Amoraim: teachers of Gemara

MIDRASH:

Halakha Based on law and tradition	Aggadah Stories to explain gaps in the text
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Ga'onim
Heads of Yeshivot
~500-700

Rishonim
First commentators
~700-1500

Achronim
Next commentators
~1500-present

**Torah
Commentaries**

Rashi – 11th century France
Rambam – 12th century Spain
Tosefot – 12th century France
Legal Codes – 15th century
Responsa – Ongoing

Rashi
Ramban
Sforno
Hirsch
Hertz
Plaut

*(Dates listed are dates of completion)