

1. Here is a fact that the O.T. as held by the Jews today is a book in three parts. It is there and just has to be explained in some way. Today the Jews frequently speak of the Bible as the TENNA --The Torah, the Navi-im, and the Cathvim or the Hagiographa--or the Sacred writings. It is all God's law for his people--when we go back as far as 400 A.D. we find that Jerome makes the statement that there are three sections of the Old Testament. The Jews considered the Law-- made up of five books, the ^{prophets} ~~historical~~ books are eight and ~~the~~ rest are the Writings. They also have the book called the Talmud, the writing of the rabbais.

6--It is a tremendous amount of material but there is much trash; it is easy to pick out a statement here and a statement there and call it Gems from the Talmud or else pick out laws here and there --ILL. of Multiplying and replenishing the earth--they take a statement in and work out all these details in daily life. They are more concerned with the Talmud than they are with the Bible. There are various additions of the Talmud and various editions--there is a date which is only approximate--between the second and eighth century. We don't know exactly when it was written. Today we do have these three sections as they believed many years back. In any library they will have selections of the Talmud and there is fairly good edition in the Aramaic and in German. There is no collection other from this put out by the rabbais--Why then are these books divided up in these special sections since the prophets leave out some of the books which are prophetic and put in some books which are definitely historical in character. ILL. of separating one group from the other, chronologically, by color, by those who loved darkness rather than light, by those who could watch the clock better, or maybe just because of an empty seat that was available.--it is not a matter of logical arrangement in most cases. Here in the Bible we have this fact--these three divisions in the Bible and what is the explanation of this. The Talmud says the law--made up of that which was given to Moses, the second is that which the prophets wrote because of God's speaking to them in prophecy--spoke by the spirit of prophecy. How can one be inspired more than another if they all are free from error? They didn't even know what they meant by it. They had no concept of the Trinity--it is simply a distinction without reason. ILL. of doctor who gives a long word to describe your condition but may know no more about your malady than you do.