

This three-fold division must have been Josephus' division--if there was a three-fold division that was held on to so much, then we should hold on to his since that is the earliest of which we have evidence.

c.....that other early references fit either of these two suggestions. That is to say that the early references fit better if there was a fixed order with that of Josephus--that is not true of Ecclesiasticus, but when you come to the statement of _____ he refers to it in three groups and these 3 groups referred to was the Law _____ the Writings...(This portion is very difficult to understand) (12-13) There is a reference in the N.T. which seems that the three-fold division goes back all the way to the beginning--the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms which hardly could mean the Hagiographa.

28 So the arrangement there doesn't fit very well and Ryle says that the Psalms here is not speaking of the Hagio. but is giving the main books which point to Christ--we don't know; in any case it doesn't fit our present division because ~~he~~ ^{Christ} is speaking of the wonderful predictions concerning Himself and ~~He~~ ^{He} speaks of Himself as the Son of Man--He certainly spoke of Daniel--he either included Daniel among the prophets or among the Psalms--if it refers to the whole 3rd division, Josephus' arrangement and couldn't possibly refer to our present 3rd division. It is too different in type from our grouping. Maybe he is taking only one book out of the 3rd division and he wouldn't leave out Daniel--he has to be in the prophets. It would mean therefore that Daniel was among the Prophets. That is absolutely certain; either there were no established groupings of 22 books or if there were the groupings in three parts, it was the grouping of Josephus, and not the grouping of today, and therefore doesn't fit the argument of the prophetic authorship or prophetic gift and no such arrangement as we have today goes back to Ezra. How did the arrangement of Josephus get rearranged to our arrangement that we have today? Read and write up a report on Ryle's book, Intro. to the OLD TESTAMENT. There are supposed to be five copies of this book so we should get around for doing such a review. Your paper will be due for Fri. 9th of Dec. The other will be due Jan. 12. We were speaking last time about the antiquity of the three-fold division of the Canon of the O.T. We noticed that there were some very early references to this; then the present arrangement goes back only to the time of Jerome. (A review is given of what we have already written down--we have no right to assume that there has always been a three-fold arrangement. ILL. of seeing a ^{Jew} ~~rabbid~~ going into a synagogue holding his hand behind his back--that might be a custom today and someone might say that they have always