

The ones that you didn't use for Sabbath service, you used for special feast days, I would think the way it worked out was this: you have first your whole group of books, well, your five books of Moses you read every Saturday, so it would be very natural to have them in a box by themselves. Now the rest of the books we'll say would be in another box and the daily services they read the Psalms, it would be rather natural to put the Psalms over in another box. Then it would be rather to take the three poetical books of Solomon and to put them with the Psalms, they are similar in type, they are the same sort of material in general. So you have now, let us say, three boxes. Then the time would come when they would want to have the five _____ together. So they decide to put them over in the box with the Psalms. Then the book of Judges would be most likely a section of it because they count only 22 books. Lamentations is a part of Jeremiah and that's how you get 24 books instead of 22. It would be the convenient arrangement for liturgical purposes and you would almost inevitably fall into it. ~~it~~ Suppose you had three automobiles in a garage and you have one automobile which is used for special occasions and ordinarily it is never touched and then you have one that you take on long trips when you have a lot of luggage and you have your little runabout which you use every day. You are naturally going to arrange them so that you can get to the one that you use every day first.

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Of course we know that when the Greeks took these over, they cut these books up such as Kings and Samuel and made them into more books, just for the sake of having smaller rolls. Now I have given you this assignment on Ryle which should take you around 10 to 12 hours or you could take a year studying it. The purpose is only to get his outlook and approach--ILL. of having had a course once in Syriac and the assignment was to bring in a 20-min. report on the ~~Syriac~~ five Semitic languages and their relationship on ~~one~~ one of them--He went to the ency. and found first of the five languages and only got through about a third of it, that is of the first language by the time the first 20 min. were up. That was not the assignment. It is important when doing a job to know just what you are going to do. There are jobs which call for a very detailed coverage study of every tiny little thing put therein. There are other jobs which call for a rapid over-all view and get the things down in general. If you just take the medium course you will be successful in nothing. You do not get places by striking averages. You must do some work very detailed and some just in general. You must learn what work you want to do and do that thoroughly. That is why I am giving you this idea about how to write the Paper on Ryle.