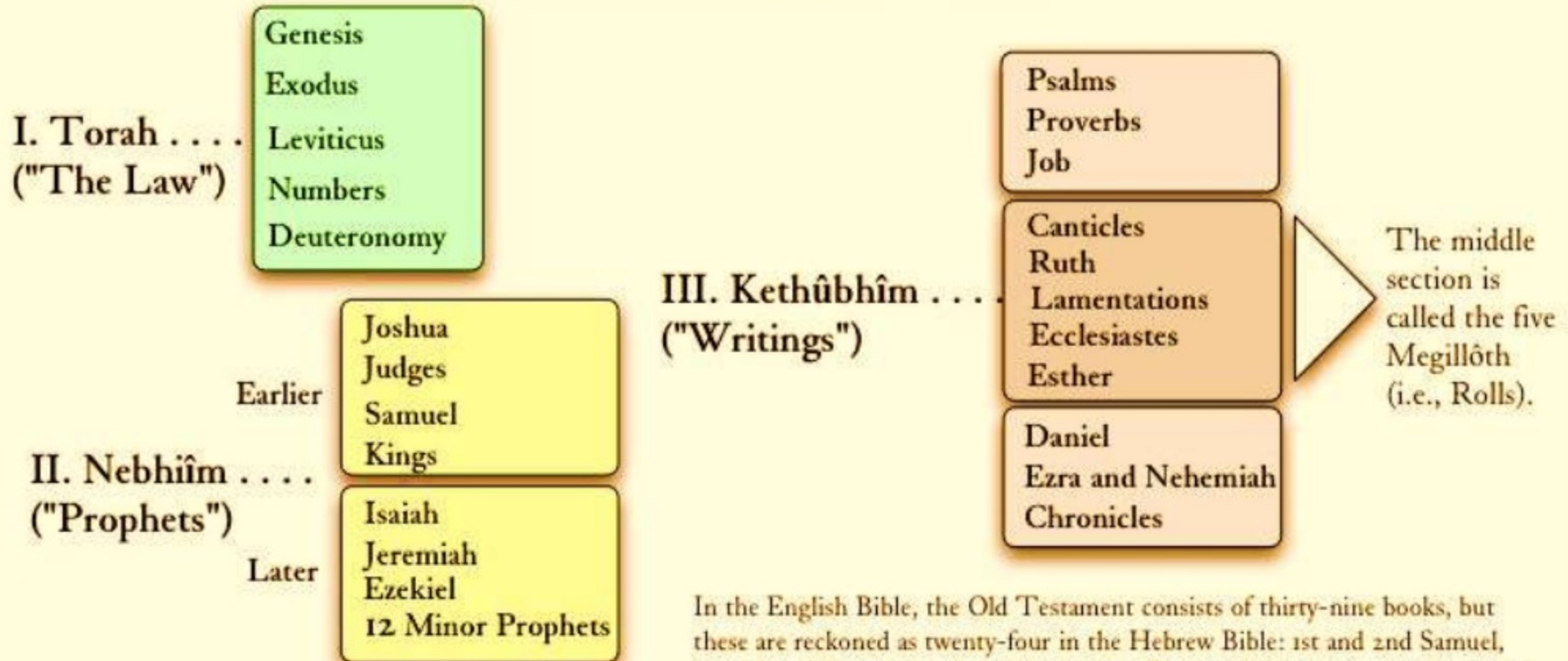


Parts of the Hebrew Bible



In the English Bible, the Old Testament consists of thirty-nine books, but these are reckoned as twenty-four in the Hebrew Bible: 1st and 2nd Samuel, 1st and 2nd King, 1st and 2nd Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah, and the twelve minor prophets each reckoned as one book. An alternative grouping mentioned by Josephus has twenty-two books, with each corresponding to one of the twenty-two letters in the Hebrew alphabet. This grouping reads Ruth as part of Judges and Lamentations as part of Jeremiah.