

he says, finally and then he goes on and says, "Whence it happened by most people ~~that~~ five of the books are reckoned as double--five of the books of the Bible, he says are reckoned as double, e.g. Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah, Jeremiah with Lamentations which is five of the books which we reckon as double. So you see that adds five to your 22 and makes 27 and then of course your 12 Minor prophets make 39 which we have, so he shows how approx. the figuring comes. He says then that there are 22^{elementary} characters by means which we write in Hebrew all we say and the compass of the human voice is contained within their limits, so we reckon that 22 books. Now the next year he said that they had 24. Now he says so we reckon 22 books by which as by the alphabet of the doctrine of God, a righteous man is instructed in tender infancy and as it were while still at the breast. The first of the these books is called the Bereshith--Genesis, and then he gives the Hebrew of the last names of the first five books. Then he says the second class is composed of the prophets and he names the prophets. He says that they begin with Jesus the Son of Nun, which among them is called Joshua the son of Nun; next is the book of Judges and in the same book they include Ruth because the events narrated therein occurred in the days of the Judges, then comes Samuel which we ~~name~~ call I and II Kings--in the Greek Bible, Samuel is called I Kings and II Sam. is called II Kings, and our I Kings is called III Kings and our II Kings is called ~~our~~ IV Kings; the fifth is Isaiah, sixth Jeremiah; seventh Ezekiel, the eighth is the book of the 12 prophets. The 3rd class has the Hagiographa--the first book begins with Job, and the 2nd with David and these divide into five parts comprised in one vol.--Psalms; 3rd is Solomon--3 books, Proverbs which we call Parables, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon; 6th is Daniel; 7th is Chronicles, 8th is Ezra which is likewise divided amongst Greeks and Latins, and the 9th is Esther, and so there are 22 books of the O.T., that is five of Moses, 8 of the Prophets, and 9 of the Hagiographa--though some include Ruth and Lamentations amongst the Hagiographa, and think that these books ought to be reckoned separately; we should thus have 24 books of the Old Law and these John represents by the 24 elders who were brought before the Lamb and with downcast faces offered their crowns ~~with~~ with eyes before and behind--that is looking to the past and to the future, one hears a voice crying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty who was and are and are to come--so you see what Jerome says here. Jerome says that there are 22 books and he enumerates the 22 books and he puts Ruth in with Judges and he puts Lamentations as part of Jeremiah and he gives us those facts. He gets a bit mixed up with his enumeration there but I don't think that is anything to worry about--you can find this article on the reserved shelf and read it