

for literary purposes was almost exclusively papyrus and the form was that of a roll, but a roll of papyrus seldom contained more than a single work. And writings of any length, especially if divided into books were often transcribed into two or more separate rolls. The rolls were kept in boxes _____ which served not only to preserve but to ~~maintain~~ collect them in sets." #25 His statement says that among Greek _____ they were kept in boxes which served not only to preserve them, but to collect them in sets. It would be certainly a possible thing, especially in these days, to say ~~if~~ we will issue these rolls, each in its own little box but we have no evidence of such a practice in those times. Anybody who had a few rolls would be apt to keep them in some sort of a box and the evidence would be that as far as the Greek O.T. is concerned that the custom was to keep the rolls in a few large boxes. If they had individual boxes, then they would put them all on a table, I don't imagine that when the rabbi came to the synogogue he carried 39 separate little boxes. He must have had some kind of a larger container which he carried back and forth. I would say that as far as to _____ on the matter we would say that our reverence for the Bible--you certainly keep your Rev. Ver. , your Greek Test. your Heb. Bible in a separate compartment of your room don't you--you never got mixed in with books by ordinary people on grammar or history--I don't see why they would keep them in any special order and unless we have evidence you can't say they had to do it this way or that--it is interesting to see all the possibilities but we don't have to be dogmatic about anyone of them--I don't insist that they kept them in 3 or 4 boxes but I do say that it would be very strange if they didn't have them in some kind of large container, if it was one, ~~two~~, three four or six. It would be strange if they didn't keep them on a table if they didn't have a large container, or maybe even three tables. It might be possible for someone to come along and say this is the list of the books--Ezra arranged these according to a definite plan--here are the five books of Moses--these are books of the prophets who have the prophet office or prophetic gift; here are the ones that didn't have this prophetic gift--remember this is the list and he would make people memorize it and they would bring the list on down to us, and then they would be told to keep them perfectly in mind when it comes the time for binding them together--they would then put the right ones together in each section and so they through their recollection would remember which book belonged in which group. If that was the case, it would be very strange if somebody of that period or some book that would make some reference to that the pains-taking of keeping the books in their correct order.