Introduction:
Overview of the 24 Books in Tanakh

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1. Midrash Song of Songs Rabbah 4:23
Just as a bride is adorned with twenty-four ornaments, and if one is missing she cannot pass muster, so a Rabbinical scholar should be conversant with the twenty-four books of the Scriptures, and if he is not conversant with one of them he cannot pass muster.

 Shir ha-Mishleim Rabah ד:כג
מה כלה זו מתקשטת בעשרים וארבעה תכשיטין, ואם חסרה חיסור אחד מהן אינה כלום, כך
ת”ח תורני副市长 רנ”ל ב”ד ספרין, ואם חסרת ספר אחד מעשרים וארבעה

2. Numbers 12:6-8

6 [God] said, “Hear these My words: When a prophet of the LORD arises among you, I make Myself known to him in a vision, I speak with him in a dream. 7 Not so with My servant Moses; he is trusted throughout My household. 8 With him I speak mouth to mouth, plainly and not in riddles, and he beholds the likeness of the LORD. How then did you not shrink from speaking against My servant Moses!”

בְּמִדְבָּר בַּע-ו
(ו) וַיֹּאמֶר שִׁמְעוּ נָא דְבָרָי אִם יִׁהְיֶה נְבִׁיאֲכֶם ה’ בַמַּרְאָה אֵלָיו אֶתְוַדָע בַחֲלוֹם אֲדַבֶר בוֹ: (ז) לֹא כֵן עַבְדִי מֹּשֶה בְכָל בֵיתִי נֶאֱמָן הוּא: (ח) פֶה אֶל פֶה אֲדַבֶר בוֹ וּמַרְאֶה וּלֹא בְחִׁידֹּת וּתְמֻנַת ה’ יִבְנֶשׁ לִבְנִו

3. Yevamot 49b

“’I saw the Lord’ (Isa. 6:1) [is to be understood] in accordance with what was taught: All the prophets looked through a dim glass, but Moshe looked through a clear glass.”

יבמות מט
ואראה את ה’ כדתניא: כל הנביאים נסתכלו באספקלריא שאינה מאירה, משה רבינו נסתכל
באספקלריא המאיר.

4. Deuteronomy 18:15
The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet from among your own people, like myself; him you shall heed.

דברים יח:טו
נָבִּיא מִׁקִּרְבְךָ מֵאַחֶיךָ כָּמֹּנִי יָקִׁים לְךָ ה’ אֱלֹקֵיכֶם אֵלָיו תִׁשְמָעוּן:

5. Deuteronomy 34:9-10
9 Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands upon him; and the Israelites heeded him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. 10 Never again did there arise in Israel a prophet like Moses—whom the LORD singled out, face to face.

דברים ל:ט
(ט) וַיְהִי חָכְמָתוֹ כִּימָה גָּבְלִי בָּנָי יִּשְׂרָאֵל לְהוֹדַע ה’ יָשְׁבוּ: (י) ובִּקְרָאתוֹ יִּשְׁמַעֵיהָ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּשְׁמַעְוָן בָּנָי
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6. **Numbers 21:14**

Therefore the Book of the Wars of the LORD speaks of “... Waheb in Suphah, and the wadis: the Arnon...”

7. **Esther 10:2**

All his mighty and powerful acts, and a full account of the greatness to which the king advanced Mordecai, are recorded in the Annals of the Kings of Media and Persia.

8. **Megillah 14a**

Only the prophecy which contained a lesson for future generations was written down, and that which did not contain such a lesson was not written.

9. **Rashi on Hullin 137a**

*Torat Moshe* is called “Torah” because it was given for all generations. The prophets are called only *kabbalah*, since they received each prophecy through divine inspiration for the needs of their time and generation.

10. **Mishnah Sanhedrin 90a**

All Israel have a portion in the World to Come...But the following have no portion therein: he who maintains that resurrection is not a biblical doctrine, the Torah was not divinely revealed, and an epikoros. R. Akiba added: one who reads uncanonical books...

11. **Jerusalem Talmud 28a** adds:

E.g., the books of Ben Sira and Ben La’anah. But the reading of Homer and all subsequent books is as the reading of a letter.
THE 24 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

TORAH (FIVE BOOKS)
Bereshit-Genesis
Shemot-Exodus
Vayikra-Leviticus
Bemidbar-Numbers
Devarim-Deuteronomy

PROPHETS (NEVI'IM) (EIGHT BOOKS)
Joshua
Judges
Samuel
Kings

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Ezekiel
Twelve Prophets

Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

“EARLY PROPHETS”

“LATTER PROPHETS”

HOLY WRITINGS (KETUVIM) (ELEVEN BOOKS)
Psalms
Proverbs
Job

Song of Songs
Ruth
Lamentations
Ecclesiastes
Esther

FIVE MEGILLOT

Daniel
Ezra-Nehemiah
Chronicles

“SIFREI EMET” (IYYOV, MISHLEI, TEHILLIM)