Tanach

The word *tanach* – תנך is a combination of the first letter of the three compilations of writings that are contained in Hebrew Scriptures. These are the Torah (Law) – תַרה, the Neviim (Prophets) – נַביאימ, and the Chetubim (Writings) – כַתובימ (the כ at the beginning of *chetubim* and the ך at the end of *tanach* are the same letter just written differently because of their relative positions). The compilation of these three sections is roughly equivalent to the Christian Old Testament. Often the Tanach is referred to as the Old Testament for the benefit of a Christian audience although some Jews also accept this substitution. In general, it is best not to substitute as the acceptance of an Old Testament necessarily implies the acceptance of a New Testament, which the Jews do not accept.