

Books of the Bible

Old Testament

LAW

From creation to prior to entering Canaan (4000 - 1500 B.C.).

GENESIS

Beginnings from creation to entering the land of Egypt.

EXODUS

Departure from Egypt and receiving the Law.

LEVITICUS

List of laws, regulations, and ordinances for the Israelites (Jews).

NUMBERS

Census of the people and wandering in the wilderness.

DEUTERONOMY

Preparing the people to enter the land of Canaan.

HISTORY

Entering the land of Canaan, establishing a monarchy, going into captivity, and returning to the land (1500 - 400 B.C.).

JOSHUA, JUDGES, RUTH

Conquering the land of Canaan, and leadership by judges.

I & 2 SAMUEL, I & 2 KINGS, I & 2 CHRONICLES

Beginning the rule by kings, the dividing of the kingdom between Israel and Judah, and the exile of both nations.

EZRA, NEHEMIAH, ESTHER

Returning to the land of Canaan, rebuilding the temple, teaching the Law, and rebuilding the walls of the city.

POETRY

Books written expressing principles of wisdom in life.

JOB

Understanding the suffering of the innocent.

PSALM

Book of prayers of trust in God.

PROVERBS

List of proverbs in various areas of life.

ECCLESIASTES

Understanding the meaning of life.

SONG OF SOLOMON

Understanding the meaning of love between man and woman.

PROPHECY

Prophecies to those during the monarchy, exile, and post-exile times.

ISAIAH, JEREMIAH, EZEKIEL, DANIEL

The longer prophecies during the divided kingdom and exile.

HOSEA, JOEL, AMOS, OBADIAH, JONAH, MICAH, NAHUM, HABAKKUK, ZEPHANIAH, HAGGAI, ZECHARIAH, MALACHI

The shorter prophecies during the divided kingdom and return from captivity.

New Testament

GOSPELS

Accounts of the life of Jesus from His birth to His death and resurrection (4 B.C. - 33 A.D.). Each gospel covers His life and teachings from a different perspective.

MATTHEW

For the Jewish people - the gospel of the Messiah and His kingdom.

MARK

For the Romans - the gospel of the powerful servant.

LUKE

For the Greek - the gospel of the Savior, the Son of man.

JOHN

John's proof that Jesus is the Son of God.

HISTORY

One of the books of the New Testament covers the history of the church from the ascension of Jesus into heaven to the first imprisonment of Paul in Rome (33 - 63 A.D.). During this history many of the books of the New Testament are written.

ACTS

Establishment of the church with Jerusalem as the beginning point. Covering the preaching and ministry of Peter. The church spreads to include the whole civilized world. Covering the preaching and ministry of Paul.

LETTERS TO THE CHRISTIANS

Much of the New Testament is instruction to the church and to individuals on living as a Christian. Letters were written by men inspired by God such as Paul, Peter, James, Jude and John.

ROMANS, I & 2 CORINTHIANS, GALATIANS, EPHESIANS, PHILIPPIANS, COLOSSIANS, I & 2 THESSALONIANS, I & 2 TIMOTHY, TITUS, PHILEMON

Letters written by Paul to various churches, groups of Christians, or individual Christians explaining how God wants them to live and act both in and out of the church.

HEBREWS, JAMES, I & 2 PETER, I, 2 & 3 JOHN, JUDE

Letters written by writers other than Paul to various churches or groups of Christians explaining how God wants them to live and act both in and out of the church.

PROPHECY

The apostle John writes about events shortly to come to pass to encourage the Christians to continue to live for God even under persecution.

REVELATION

Letters to the churches and prophetic visions.