

Overview of the Books of the Bible

OLD TESTAMENT

LAW

The five books of the law were written by Moses, including Israel's early history and God's commands to Israel.

Genesis- beginning of the world, Israel

Exodus- exodus out of Egypt

Leviticus- rules for priests and Levites

Numbers- census, inventories, & laws

Deuteronomy- Moses final words to Israel

HISTORY

The books of the History of Israel.

Joshua- under Joshua

Judges- under rulers called judges

Ruth- the story of Ruth

1 Samuel- The kingship of Saul

2 Samuel- The kingship of David

1 Kings- Solomon, other king, prophet Elijah

2 Kings- prophet Elisha, kings of Israel, Judah

1 Chronicles- genealogies, kingship of David

2 Chronicles- kings of Israel & Judah

Ezra- Ezra rebuilds the temple

Nehemiah- Nehemiah rebuilds the city walls

Esther- story of Esther and King Xerxes

POETRY

Jewish poetry, songs, and wisdom.

Job- story of Job and his friends

Psalms- hymn book of 150 psalms

Proverbs- wise sayings

Ecclesiastes- futility of living "under the sun"

Song of Songs- love song of Solomon

MAJOR PROPHETS

The larger prophecy books.

Isaiah- prophecies of Isaiah

Jeremiah- prophecies of Jeremiah

Lamentation- mourning of Jeremiah

Ezekiel- prophecies of Ezekiel

Daniel- history, end-time prophecy

MINOR PROPHETS

The smaller prophecy books.

Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obediah

Jonah- story of Jonah

Micah

Nahum

Habbakuk

Zephaniah

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi

NEW TESTAMENT

GOSPELS

Books about the life of Jesus, named after their authors.

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

HISTORY

Acts- history of "the acts of the apostles"

PAULINE EPISTLES

Paul's letters to churches.

Romans- letter to Rome

1 Corinthians- first letter to Corinth

2 Corinthians- second letter to Corinth

Galatians- letter to Galatia

Ephesians- letter to Ephesus

Philippians- letter to Philippi

Colossians- letter to Colosse

1 Thessalonians- first letter to Thessalonica

2 Thessalonians- second letter to Thessalonica

PASTORAL EPISTLES

Paul's letters to Pastors.

1 Timothy- first letter to Timothy

2 Timothy- second letter to Timothy

Titus- letter to Titus

Philemon- letter to Philemon

GENERAL EPISTLES

Various letters from and to different people.

Hebrews- letter to the Hebrews (Jews)

James- letter from James

1 Peter- Peter's first letter

2 Peter- Peter's second letter

1 John- John's first letter

2 John- John's second letter

3 John- John's third letter

Jude- letter from Jude

PROPHECY

Revelation- end time prophecy