

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

THE BIBLE

66 BOOKS

**Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy Joshua Judges
Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel 1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles
Ezra Nehemiah Esther Job Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of
Solomon Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel Hosea Joel
Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah
Haggai Zechariah Malachi Matthew Mark Luke John Acts Romans
1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians
Colossians 1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians 1 Timothy 2 Timothy
Titus Philemon Hebrews James 1 Peter 2 Peter 1 John 2 John 3 John
Jude Revelation**

- **Many styles of writing**
- **Written over 1,600 years**
- **Written in three continents**
- **Written in three languages**
- **Common themes and overall unity**

A SIMPLE SUMMARY OF THE BIBLE'S MESSAGE

- **Creation**
- **The Fall of Humanity**
- **The Salvation of Humanity in History**
- **The Kingdom of God and the New Creation**

THE MAIN DIVISIONS OF THE BIBLE

- **OLD TESTAMENT (39 BOOKS)**
- **NEW TESTAMENT (27 BOOKS)**

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DIVISIONS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

The Greek (Septuagint) Order

HISTORICAL BOOKS	MIXED POETRY	PROPHETIC BOOKS
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The Hebrew Order

THE LAW		Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
THE PROPHETS	FORMER	Joshua, Judges, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings
	LATTER	Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi
THE WRITINGS		Psalms, Job, Proverbs, Ruth, Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles

THE LAW

Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Creation ➤ Fall ➤ Flood ➤ Tower | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Abraham ➤ Isaac ➤ Jacob ➤ Joseph |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Passover ➤ Commandments ➤ Rebellion ➤ Wandering ➤ Canaan | |

THE FORMER PROPHETS

Joshua Judges 1 Samuel 2 Samuel 1 Kings 2 Kings

- Crossing the Jordan
- Capturing Jericho
- Conquering Canaan
- Complete Dominion
- Rebellion
- Breaking God's Law
- Repetition
- Ruth
- United Kingdom
- Divided Kingdom
- Northern Kingdom
- Southern Kingdom

THE LATTER PROPHETS

Isaiah Jeremiah Ezekiel Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah
Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi

- BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE EXILE
- The Reason for God's Judgment
- God Will Rescue His People
- A King from the Line of David
- God's Plans Being Fulfilled

THE WRITINGS

Psalms Job Proverbs Ruth Song of Solomon Ecclesiastes
Lamentations Esther Daniel Ezra Nehemiah 1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles

- WISDOM LITERATURE – Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon
- 1 & 2 CHRONICLES – Retracing Israel's History
- Daniel – God's Plans for Israel
- EZRA & NEHEMIAH – Disrepair, Rebuilding, Renewal, Restoration

DIVISIONS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

THE GOSPELS	Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
OTHER APOSTOLIC WRITINGS	Acts, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, Revelation

GOSPELS

Matthew Mark Luke John

- **“GOOD NEWS”**
- **“The Kingdom of God is Near”**
- **Jesus’ life fulfils the Old Testament scriptures**
- **“Son of David” and “Son of God”**
- **Death and Resurrection of Jesus**
- **ACTS – sequel to Luke and a bridge to other Apostolic writings**

OTHER APOSTOLIC WRITINGS

**Acts Romans 1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians
Philippians Colossians 1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians 1 Timothy 2
Timothy Titus Philemon Hebrews James 1 Peter 2 Peter 1 John 2
John 3 John Jude Revelation**

- **Practical and Doctrinal Problems in the Early Churches**
- **Old Testament promises fulfilled by Jesus**
- **Jesus’ true identity revealed**
- **REVELATION – Implications for the Future**

THE BIBLE'S CLAIMS ABOUT ITSELF

- **To Reveal God's Will and Purpose**
- **Inspired by God**
- **"Men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit"**