

Overview of the Bible

Old Testament

Pentateuch (5 books of law)

- Gen. – Beginnings (life, marriage, sin, nations, languages, Jews) ... **Gen. 1:1**
- Exo. – Exit from Egypt / law of Moses ... **Exo. 15:11**
- Lev. – Jewish priesthood duties ... **Lev. 11:44 or 17:11**
- Num. – 2 censuses / wilderness wanderings begin ... **Num. 32:23 b**
- Deut. – Moses repeats law / obedience stressed / wanderings end ... **Duet. 8:3b**

History (12 books)

- Josh. – Conquest of Canaan ... **Josh. 24:15**
- Judg. – Military leaders of Israel / sin, servitude, supplication, salvation ... **Judg. 17:6**
- Ruth – Proselyte during Judges / Kg. David's great – grandmother ... **Ruth 1:16**
- 1st Sam. – Last judge / Israel's first (God – appt.) kings ... **1 Sam. 3:9**
- 1st Kgs. – Kings of Israel and Judah / origin of Samaritians ... **2 Kgs. 17:22, 23-41**
- 1st Chron. – Kings of Judah only / origin of instru. music in worship ... **2 Chr. 29:25ff**
- Ezra – Restored Moses' law after Babylonian captivity ... **Ezra 7:10**
- Neh. – Rebuilt Jerusalem's wall after Babylonian captivity ... **Neh. 13:31 b**
- Esther – Jewish queen of Persia who saved Jewish nation ... **Esth. 4:14**

Poetry or Wisdom (5 books)

- Job – Faithful in sufferings ... **Job 13:15**
- Psa – The righteous are victorious ... **Psa. 1:1 – 2**
- Prov. – Wisdom for living ... **Prov. 1:7 or 3:5 – 6**
- Eccl. – How to enjoy life / life's purpose ... **Eccl. 11:9 & 12:13 – 14**
- S of S. – What (a) true love is ... **S of S 2:4 or 6:3 or 8:7**

Major prophets (5 books... 'major' as in long text)

- Isa. – Messianic statesman (to Judah's kings before B. cap.) ... **Isa. 7:14; 53**
- Jer. – 40 yr. plea for Judah's repentance (arrival of B. cap.) ... **Jer. 6:16**
- Lam. – Jeremiah lament over Judah's fall to Babylon ... **Lam. 3:40**
- Ezek. – Explains to Judah her fall to Babylon ... **Ezek. 18:20**
- Dan. – Prophet to Babylon & Persian kings ... **Dan. 4:17**

Minor prophets (12 books... 'minor' as in short text)

- Hosea – Wed harlot to show Israel's idolatry (before Assyrian fall) ... **Hos. 4:6, 17**
- Joel – Locust plague foretaste of judgment / Pentecost prophecy ... **Joel 3:14**
- Amos – Foretells Israel's fall to Assyria / 'famine' of God's word ... **Amos 5:21-24**
- Obad. – Foretells Edom's total destruction ... **Obad. 1:10 – 11, 16**
- Jonah – Preaches repentance to Nineveh ... **Jonah 4:2**
- Micah – Samaria & Jerusalem's judgment / Messiah's birthplace ... **Mic. 1:5; 5:2**
- Nahum – Nineveh's doom ... **Nah. 1:14 or 3:19**
- Hab. – Judah's doom by wicked Chaldeans (Babylon) ... **Hab. 1:2 – 6... 2:4**
- Zeph. – Judah's doom due to wicked reigns of Manasseh & Amon ... **Zeph. 3:1-2**
- Hag. – Exhorts to finish Temple rebuilding ... **Hag. 1:2 – 4; 2:9**
- Zech. – Exhorts " " / Future king, priest, shepherd & salvation ... **4:10; 9:9; 13:1**
- Mal. – Exhorts to keep Law till Messiah / John & Christ's coming ... **Mal. 4:4**