

**The Books of the Bible** (formerly called "The Books and the Parchments") is a set of sixty flash cards for each book of the Bible.

Each card includes:

- Author of the book
- Date the book was authored
- Genre of the book (history, poetry, etc.)
- Audience (Old Testament Israel, Roman Church, etc.)
- A one or two sentence summary
- A short outline

Some cards include supplemental notes regarding the place the book was authored, or information regarding the book's authorship or outline. The Psalms card includes a short list of explicit Messianic Psalms. First and Second Samuel are grouped together because they were originally one book. The same is done for Kings, Chronicles, and Ezra-Nehemiah.

What my Mother-in-Law says:

***I bought these flashcards for myself, but they'd be great to use in your homeschool classroom, too. You could use them in a variety of ways from simply learning the names of the books of the Bible in order, to drilling your students on the authors of the books, or, as I'm using them, to refer to frequently as I begin reading or studying a new book of the Bible. With repeated use, I plan on having a lot of these facts memorized and I know that young students would be able to absorb and memorize much more.***

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Genesis



Exodus



Leviticus



Numbers



Deuteronomy



Joshua

## Names

**Author:** Moses  
**Date:** c. 1446-1406 B.C.  
**Genre:** Historical Narrative  
**Audience:** Israel preparing to enter Canaan  
**Place in the OT:** The Pentateuch (Torah)  
**Summary:** The deliverance of God's people from bondage in Egypt. The giving of the Law.

### Outline

- A. The Exodus (1-18)
- B. God's Covenant with Israel (19-34)
- C. The Tabernacle Plan (25-31)
- D. Israel Sins and is Forgiven (32-34)
- E. The Tabernacle is Built (35-40)

## In the Beginning

**Author:** Moses  
**Date:** c. 1446-1406 B.C.  
**Genre:** Historical Narrative  
**Audience:** Israel preparing to enter Canaan  
**Place in the OT:** The Pentateuch (Torah)  
**Summary:** The origin of the universe, man, sin, and the gospel.

### Outline

- A. Prologue: Creation (1:1-2:3)
- B. The Account of the Heavens and the Earth (2:4-4:25)
- C. The Account of Adam (5:1-6:8)
- D. The Account of Noah (6:9-9:29)
- E. The Account of the Sons of Noah (10:1-11:9)
- F. The Account of Shem (11:10-26)
- G. The Account of Terah (11:27-25:11)
- H. The Account of Ishmael (25:12-18)
- I. The Account of Isaac (25:19-35:29)
- J. The Account of Esau (36:1-37:1)
- K. The Account of Jacob (37:2-50:26)

## In the Wilderness

**Author:** Moses (possibly with Joshua, see 12:3)  
**Date:** c. 1446-1406 B.C.  
**Genre:** Historical Narrative  
**Audience:** Israel preparing to enter Canaan  
**Place in the OT:** The Pentateuch (Torah)  
**Summary:** Israel's wandering in the wilderness.

### Outline

- A. Preparations for leaving Sinai (1:1-10:10)
- B. Sinai to Kadesh Barnea (10:10-20:21)
- C. Kadesh Barnea to Moab (20:21-21)
- D. Balaam and Balak (22-25)
- E. Preparing for the Conquest (26-36)

## And He Called

**Author:** Moses  
**Date:** c. 1446-1406 B.C.  
**Genre:** Historical Narrative  
**Audience:** Israel preparing to enter Canaan  
**Place in the OT:** The Pentateuch (Torah)  
**Summary:** God's instructions for the function of the tabernacle.

### Outline

- A. Laws on Sacrifice (1-7)
- B. Narrative: Aaron, Nadab and Abihu (8-10)
- C. Laws concerning Purity (11-15)
- D. **The Day of Atonement (16)**
- E. Laws concerning Holiness (17-24:9)
- F. Narrative: The Son who Blasphemed (24:10-23)
- G. Laws on Living (25-27)

## Joshua

**Author:** Most likely Joshua with contributions of others (see 24:29-31)  
**Date:** soon after the time of the conquest (c.1440 B.C.)  
**Genre:** Historical Narrative  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel  
**Place in the OT:** Historical Books (Nevi'im)  
**Summary:** Thus Yahweh gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and settled there. (21:43)

### Outline

- A. Israel Enters the Land (1-5)
- B. Israel Conquers the Land (6-12)
- C. Israel Divides and Dwells in the Land (13-22)
- D. Joshua's Address and Covenant Renewal (23-24)

## Words

**Author:** Moses (possibly with Joshua)  
**Date:** c. 1446-1406 B.C.  
**Genre:** Historical Narrative  
**Audience:** Israel preparing to enter Canaan  
**Place in the OT:** The Pentateuch (Torah)  
**Summary:** These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness... (1:1)

### Outline— as sermons.....as a Suzerain Vassal Treaty

- |                            |                                   |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| A. Prologue (1:1-5)        | Historical Prologue (1:5-4:43)    |
| B. First Sermon (1:6-4:40) | Restatement of law (4:43-26:19)   |
| C. Second Sermon (5-26)    | Statement about document (27:2-3) |
| D. Third Sermon (27-29)    | Blessings and curses (28:1-29:1)  |
| E. Conclusion (31--34)     |                                   |

\* The structure of Deuteronomy is highly debated. There are several possible outlines.



Judges



Ruth



Samuel



Kings



Chronicles



Ezra-  
Nehemiah

## Ruth

**Author:** Unknown; possibly Samuel (Jewish tradition)  
**Date:** c. 1000 B.C. (most likely in David's early reign)  
**Genre:** Historical Narrative  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel  
**Place in the OT:** Historical Books (Ketuvim)  
**Summary:** A Moabite widow's faithfulness to God in the time of the judges. The extension of God's mercy from one family to the nation through David (4:18-22).

### Outline

- A. Ruth is widowed during a famine (1:1-5)
- B. Ruth and Naomi return to Judah (1:6-22)
- C. Ruth Gleans from Boaz's Field (2)
- D. Ruth Visits Boaz's Threshing Floor (3)
- E. Boaz Redeems Ruth (by marrying her) (4)

## Kings

**Author:** Unknown, poss. Ezra, Ezekiel, or Jeremiah (Jewish trad.)  
**Date:** Mid 500s B.C. (during the Babylonian Exile [2 Ki 25:27])  
**Genre:** Historical Narrative  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel  
**Place in the OT:** Historical Books (Nevi'im)  
**Summary:** Israel's Kings from Solomon to the Babylonian Exile.

### Outline

- A. The Third King: Solomon (1 Ki 1-11)
- B. The Divided Kingdom (1 Ki 12-16)
- C. Kings and the Prophets (1 Ki 17-2 Ki 8)
- D. The End of the Divided Kingdom (2 Ki 8-17)
- E. The Isolation and Exile of Judah (2 Ki 18-25)

\*First and Second Kings were originally one book.

## Ezra-Nehemiah

**Author:** Ezra and (possibly) Nehemiah  
**Date:** c. 450-400 B.C.  
**Genre:** Historical Narrative  
**Audience:** Israel returned from exile  
**Place in the OT:** Historical Books (Nevi'im)  
**Summary:** Encouragement to Israel upon returning to the land.

### Outline of Ezra

- A. Return under Zerubbabel and Rebuilding of the Temple (Ez 1-6)
- B. Return under Ezra and Reformation of the People (Ez 7-10)

### Outline of Nehemiah

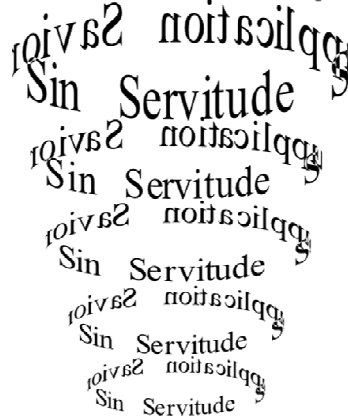
- A. Return under Nehemiah and Rebuilding of the Wall (Neh 1-7)
- B. Reformation of the People (7-13)

\*Ezra and Nehemiah were either written as one piece or were grouped together in the Hebrew Canon. Jewish tradition maintains that Ezra wrote both books, however, Nehemiah may have written the book which bears his name as title.

## Judges

**Author:** Unknown; possibly Samuel (Jewish tradition)  
**Date:** c. 1000 B.C. (after Saul's death, before David's coronation)  
**Genre:** Historical Narrative  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel  
**Place in the OT:** Historical Books (Nevi'im)  
**Summary:** Everyone did what was right in his own eyes (21:25).

The Downward Spiral of the Judges



### Outline

- A. Introduction/Background (1-3)
- B. The Judges (4-16)
- C. Idolatry and Civil War (17-21)

## Samuel

**Author:** Unknown, poss. Samuel, Nathan and Gad (1 Ch 29:29)  
**Date:** c. 1000-980 B.C. (during and shortly after David)  
**Genre:** Historical Narrative  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel  
**Place in the OT:** Historical Books (Nevi'im)  
**Summary:** The first two kings of Israel.

### Outline

- A. The Last Judge: Samuel (1 Sa 1-8)
- B. The First King: Saul (1 Sa 9-12)
- C. The Rejection of Saul (1 Sa 13-15)
- D. The Rise of David (1 Sa 16-31)
- E. The Second King: David (2 Sa 1-4)
- F. David's Blessing and Success (2 Sa 5-10)
- G. David's Failures (2 Sa 11-20)
- H. David's Kingdom Closes (2 Sa 21-24)

\*First and Second Samuel were originally one book.

## The Things Left Behind or The Accounts of the Days

**Author:** Ezra (strong Jewish tradition), "the Chronicler" or both  
**Date:** c. 515-400 B.C. The date of Chronicles is highly debated. Some date the book as early as 165 B.C.  
**Genre:** Historical Narrative  
**Audience:** Israel returned from exile  
**Place in the OT:** Historical Books (Ketuvim)  
**Summary:** Encouragement to Israel through recounting God's faithfulness through the Davidic line.

### Outline

- A. Genealogies (from Adam to returned exiles) (1 Chr 1-9)
- B. David's Reign (1 Chr 9-29)
- C. Solomon's Reign (2 Chr 1-9)
- D. Judah During the Divided Kingdom (2 Chr 10-28)
- E. Judah's Last Kings (2 Chr 29-36)

\*First and Second Chronicles were originally one book.



Esther



Job



Psalms



Proverbs



Ecclesiastes



Song of  
Solomon

## Job

**Author:** Unknown; suggestions lacks strong support: Job, Moses, Elihu, Solomon, Hezekiah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezra.  
Internal evidence suggests the book was written by a Jew.  
**Date:** Suggested dates of authorship range from Job's time (the Patriarchs) to Solomon.  
**Genre:** Poetry  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel  
**Place in the OT:** Poetry (Ketuvim)  
**Summary:** Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty?  
He who argues with God, let him answer it (40:2).

### Outline

- A. Prologue: Job tested (1-2)
- B. Three Cycles of Dialogues (3-27)
- C. Monologues from Job, Elihu, and God (28-42)
- D. Epilogue: Rebuke and Restoration (42)

## Proverbs

**Author:** Majority by Solomon; Agur, Lemuel  
**Date:** Mid 900s B.C. (during Solomon's reign) see also (25:1)  
**Genre:** Wisdom Literature  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel  
**Place in the OT:** Wisdom (Ketuvim)  
**Summary:** The fear of the Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction (1:7).

### Outline

- A. The Instructions of Wisdom (1-9)
- B. The Proverbs of Solomon (10-22:16)
- C. The Proverbs of the Wise (22:17-24)
- D. The Proverbs Collected by Hezekiah's Men (25-29)
- E. The Words of Agur (30)
- F. The Words of Lemuel (31)

## The Song of Songs

**Author:** Solomon (Jewish tradition with strong internal evidence)  
**Date:** c. 960 B.C. (middle of Solomon's reign)  
**Genre:** Poetry  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel  
**Place in the OT:** Poetry (Ketuvim)  
**Summary:** A celebration of marital love.

### Outline

- A. Introduction (1:1)
- B. The Courtship (1:2-3:5)
- C. The Wedding (3:6-5:1)
- D. The Growth of Marital Love (5:2-8:14)

## Esther

**Author:** Unknown; most likely a Persian-Jew  
**Date:** c. 465 or later (after the reign of King Ahasuerus [10:2])  
**Genre:** Historical Narrative  
**Audience:** Jews after the Babylonian Exile  
**Place in the OT:** Historical Books (Ketuvim)  
**Summary:** The preservation of God's people in the Persian kingdom.

### Outline

- A. Esther Becomes Queen (1-2)
- B. The Threat of Haman (3-4)
- C. God delivers the Jews through Esther (5-9)

\* Origen of the Feast of Dedication/Purim

## Psalms

**Author:** David, Asaph, the sons of Korah, Solomon, Moses, Ethan, Heman and others  
**Date:** Ranges from the time of Moses (1400s B.C.) to the return from Babylon (400s B.C.)  
**Genre:** Poetry (to be sung in worship)  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel  
**Place in the OT:** Poetry (Ketuvim)  
**Summary:** Let everything that has breath praise Yahweh!  
Praise Yahweh! (150:6)

### Outline

- |                        |                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A. Book One (1-41)     | Explicit Messianic Psalms:    |
| B. Book Two (42-72)    | 2, 8, 16, 22, 34, 35, 40, 41, |
| C. Book Three (73-89)  | 45, 68, 69, 78, 89, 109, 110, |
| D. Book Four (90-106)  | 118, 132                      |
| E. Book Five (107-150) |                               |

\*Selah– Possibly an indication for a pause or interlude.  
\*Sheol– the place of the dead.

## The Preacher (or Teacher)

**Author:** Solomon (Jewish tradition and internal evidence)  
**Date:** c. 931 B.C. (Sometime around the end of Solomon's reign)  
**Genre:** Wisdom Literature  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel  
**Place in the OT:** Wisdom (Ketuvim)  
**Summary:** Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher...(1:2).

### Outline

- A. Introduction (1:1)
- B. Poem on the Brevity of Life (1:2-11)
- C. The Weakness of Wisdom (1:12-2:26)
- D. Poem About Time (3:1-15)
- E. **Fear God (3:16-6:12)**
- F. Poem About Time (7:1-14)
- G. The Weakness of Wisdom (7:15-10:19)
- I. Poem on the Brevity of Life (10:20-12:8)
- J. Conclusion (12:9-14)

\* There is no general consensus on the outline of Ecclesiastes (vanity of vanities!).  
Adapted from *The Literary Structure of the Old Testament*, David A. Dorsey, 193.



Isaiah



Jeremiah



Lamentations



Ezekiel



Daniel



Hosea



## Jeremiah

**Author:** Jeremiah (with the assistance of Baruch)  
**Date:** 627-560 B.C.  
**Genre:** Prophecy  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel (Judah-Southern Kingdom)  
**Place in the OT:** Prophets (Nevi'im)  
**Summary:** Judgment on Judah during the rise of Babylonian power, with the promise of the New Covenant.

### Outline

- A. Jeremiah's call (1)
- B. Judgment on Judah (2-45)
- C. Judgment on other nations (45-51)
- D. Jerusalem's Fall (52)

## Isaiah

**Author:** Isaiah (challenged by critics)  
**Date:** 740-680 B.C.  
**Genre:** Prophecy  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel (kings of Judah)  
**Place in the OT:** Prophets (Nevi'im)  
**Summary:** Judgment on Judah and the future promise of a Messianic Kingdom.

### Outline

- A. Judgment on Judah (1-12)
- B. Judgment on Other Nations (13-39)
- C. Salvation through the Lord's Servant (40-55)
- D. Future salvation and the new creation (56-66)

\*Critics attest that a second, and third writer contributed to the book (Deutero-Isaiah and Trito-Isaiah).

## Ezekiel

**Author:** Ezekiel  
**Date:** Between 593-573 B.C.  
**Genre:** Prophecy (apocalyptic)  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel in exile  
**Place in the OT:** Prophets (Nevi'im)  
**Summary:** Impending judgment on Jerusalem and other nations. Comfort in the promise of the restoration.

### Outline

- A. Judgment on Judah and Jerusalem (1-24)
- B. Judgment on other nations (25-32)
- C. The Promise of Restoration (33-48)

## Ah, How or Alas

**Author:** Jeremiah (tradition and similar style to the book of Jeremiah)  
**Date:** Between 586-536 B.C.  
**Genre:** Poetry  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel (Judah-Southern Kingdom)  
**Place in the OT:** Prophets (Ketuvim)  
**Summary:** Five poems of lament over the destruction of Jerusalem.

### Outline

- A. Lament over the destruction of Judah (1)
- B. Lament over the Yahweh's anger (2)
- C. Hope in God (3)
- D. Lament over the people of Judah (4)
- E. Prayer for Restoration (5)

## Hosea

**Author:** Hosea  
**Date:** c. 715 B.C. (around the end of Hezekiah's reign)  
**Genre:** Prophecy  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel (Northern Kingdom)  
**Place in the OT:** Prophets (Nevi'im— one of the twelve)  
**Summary:** God's love for unfaithful Israel demonstrated by a final warning of judgment and promise of future restoration.

### Outline

- A. Hosea's unfaithful wife (1-3)
- B. God's unfaithful people (4-14)

## Daniel

**Author:** Daniel (highly challenged by critics)  
**Date:** 605-536 B.C.  
**Genre:** Prophecy (apocalyptic)  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel in exile  
**Place in the OT:** Prophecy (Ketuvim)  
**Summary:** Although Israel is in exile, and the temple is destroyed, God is in complete control and will bring the kingdom of the Messiah.

### Outline

- A. Narratives showing the sovereignty of Daniel's God (1-6)
- B. Visions about the Messianic Kingdom (7-12)



Joel



Amos



Obadiah



Jonah



Micah



Nahum

## Amos

**Author:** Amos  
**Date:** 750-760 B.C.  
**Genre:** Prophecy  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel (Israel– northern kingdom and Judah– southern kingdom )  
**Place in the OT:** Prophets (Nevi'im–one of the twelve)  
**Summary:** Judgment on Israel (the northern kingdom) for idolatry.

### Outline

- A. Introduction (1:1-2)
- B. Judgment on other nations (1:3-2)
- C. Prophecies of judgment on Israel (3-6)
- D. Visions of judgment on Israel (7-9:10)
- E. Promise of restoration and blessing (9:11-15)

## Jonah

**Author:** Jonah (challenged by critics)  
**Date:** c. 765-760 B.C.  
**Genre:** Prophecy  
**Audience:** Nineveh (Assyria)  
**Place in the OT:** Prophets (Nevi'im– one of the twelve)  
**Summary:** God sends Jonah to preach repentance to the people of Nineveh (in Assyria, a Gentile nation).

### Outline

- A. Jonah's Disobedience to God (1-2)
- B. Jonah's Obedience to God (3-4)

## Nahum

**Author:** Nahum  
**Date:** c. 663-612 B.C.  
**Genre:** Prophecy  
**Audience:** Nineveh and Old Testament Israel  
**Place in the OT:** Prophets (Nevi'im– one of the twelve)  
**Summary:** Judgment on Nineveh and comfort for Israel.

### Outline

- A. God's wrath on Nineveh (1)
- B. Description of Nineveh's judgment (2)
- C. Just judgment on Nineveh (3)

\*The date for Nahum falls between the capture of Thebes by Ashur-banipal of Assyria (663 B.C.) (3:8) and the fall of Nineveh (612 B.C.).

## Joel

**Author:** Joel  
**Date:** Uncertain  
**Genre:** Prophecy  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel (Judah– likely a temple prophet)  
**Place in the OT:** Prophets (Nevi'im– one of the twelve)  
**Summary:** For the day of Yahweh is great and very awesome; who can endure it? "Yet even now," declares Yahweh, "return to me with all your heart." (2:11-12)

### Outline

- A. The locust plague and cry for repentance (1-2:17)
- B. The promised restoration for God's people (2:18-3)

\* Scholars debate between a pre-exilic (9th or 6th century) and post-exilic (6th, 4th, or 3rd centuries) date of authorship.

## Obadiah

**Author:** Obadiah  
**Date:** Sometime between 930-586 B.C. (highly debated)  
**Genre:** Prophecy  
**Audience:** Edom  
**Place in the OT:** Prophets (Nevi'im–one of the twelve)  
**Summary:** Judgment on Edom for not assisting Judah during foreign attacks, not assisting in Judah's defense, or both.

### Outline

- A. Judgment on Edom (1-14)
- B. Promise of the deliverance for Judah (15-21)

\* Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament

## Micah

**Author:** Micah  
**Date:** c. 700-725 B.C.  
**Genre:** Prophecy  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel (Judah-southern kingdom and Israel– northern kingdom)  
**Place in the OT:** Prophecy (Nevi'im– one of the twelve)  
**Summary:** Judgment on Judah, but forgiveness for those who repent.

### Outline

- A. Judgment on Judah and Samaria (1-2)
- B. Restoration for the repentant (3-5)
- C. Removal of sin because to fulfill the promise to Abraham (6-7)



Habakkuk



Zephaniah



Haggai



Zechariah



Malachi



Matthew

## Zephaniah

**Author:** Zephaniah  
**Date:** c. 625 B.C.  
**Genre:** Prophecy  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel (Judah— southern kingdom)  
**Place in the OT:** Prophets (Nevi'im—one of the twelve)  
**Summary:** Preaching against idolatry in Judah (most likely as part of Josiah's reforms)

### Outline

- A. Judgment on Judah + other nations in the Day of Yahweh (1-3:7)
- B. Salvation for Judah + other nations in the Day of Yahweh (3:8-20)

## Habakkuk

**Author:** Habakkuk  
**Date:** c. 605 B.C.  
**Genre:** Prophecy  
**Audience:** Old Testament Israel (Judah)  
**Place in the OT:** Prophets (Nevi'im— one of the twelve)  
**Summary:** Habakkuk's interaction with God on why the Babylonians were to invade.

### Outline

- A. The people are sinful. (1:1-4)
- B. God is sending the Babylonians (1:5-11)
- C. Why the sinful Babylonians? (1:12-17)
- D. The righteous shall live by faith (2)
- E. Habakkuk's prayer of faith (3)

## Zechariah

**Author:** Zechariah (challenged by critics)  
**Date:** c. 520-518 B.C.  
**Genre:** Prophecy (apocalyptic)  
**Audience:** Judah (post-exilic)  
**Place in the OT:** Prophets (Nevi'im— one of the twelve)  
**Summary:** Encouragement to rebuild the temple, but with a view of the future Messianic Kingdom.

### Outline

- A. A call to repentance (1:1-6)
- B. Eight night visions (1:7-6:8)
- C. The crowning of Joshua (6:9-15)
- D. The coming Messianic Kingdom (7-14)

## Haggai

**Author:** Haggai  
**Date:** 520 B.C.  
**Genre:** Prophecy  
**Audience:** Judah (post-exilic)  
**Place in the OT:** Prophets (Nevi'im—one of the twelve)  
**Summary:** Haggai's command and exhortation to rebuild the Jerusalem temple.

### Outline

- A. The exhortation to rebuild the temple (1)
- B. God's greater temple in the future (2:1-9)
- C. God's blessing on defiled Jews (2:10-19)
- D. Zerubbabel, God's servant (2:20-23)

## The Gospel of Matthew or According to Matthew

**Author:** Matthew  
**Date:** Late 60s A.D.  
**Genre:** Historical Narrative  
**Audience:** First century Jews  
**Place in the NT:** The (synoptic) Gospels  
**Summary:** The book of genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son David [King], the son of Abraham [Messiah] (1:1).

### Outline

- A. Expecting the Kingdom (1-4)
- B. Proclaiming the Kingdom (4)
- C. Living the Kingdom (5-7)
- D. Proof of the Kingdom (8-10)
- E. Hostility to the Kingdom (11-19)
- F. Refusal of the Kingdom (19-23)
- G. Accomplishment of the Kingdom (23)

## Malachi

**Author:** Malachi  
**Date:** c. 430 B.C.  
**Genre:** Prophecy  
**Audience:** Judah-(post-exilic)  
**Place in the OT:** Prophecy (Nevi'im— one of the twelve)  
**Summary:** Confrontation of Judah for doubting the fulfillment of God's promise of the Messianic Kingdom.

### Outline

- A. Israel questions God's love (1:1-5)
- B. The corrupt priesthood (1:5-2:9)
- C. Corruption of marriage (2:10-16)
- D. Judgment on sinners and blessing for the repentant (2:17-3:12)
- E. The wicked and the faithful (3:13-4:6)



Mark



Luke



John



Acts



Romans



First  
Corinthians

## The Gospel of Luke or According to Luke

**Author:** Luke (consulted Paul)  
**Date:** c. A.D. 60  
**Genre:** Historical Narrative  
**Audience:** Theophilus  
**Place in the NT:** The (synoptic) Gospels  
**Summary:** Jesus Christ as a historical man.

### Outline

- A. The birth of Jesus Christ (1-2)
- B. The Initial Ministry (3-4:13)
- C. The Galilean Ministry (4:14-9:50)
- D. Galilee to Jerusalem (9:51-19:44)
- E. Jerusalem Ministry (19:45-21:38)
- F. Death, burial and resurrection (22-24)

## The Gospel of Mark or According to Mark

**Author:** Mark (consulted Peter)  
**Date:** Late 50s or 60s A.D.  
**Genre:** Historical Narrative  
**Audience:** Romans  
**Place in the NT:** The (synoptic) Gospels  
**Summary:** Jesus Christ as the servant of God.

### Outline

- A. The Initial Ministry of Christ (1:1-13)
- B. The Galilean Ministry (1:14-9:50)
- C. The Judean Ministry (10)
- D. The Passion Ministry (11-15)
- E. The Resurrection Ministry (16)

## The Acts of the Apostles

**Author:** Luke  
**Date:** c. A.D. 60-62  
**Genre:** Historical Narrative  
**Audience:** Theophilus  
**Place in the NT:** Historical Books (alone in its category)  
**Summary:** ...[Y]ou will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth (1:8).

### Outline

- A. The witness in Jerusalem (Peter) (1-7)
- B. The witness in Judean and Samaria (Peter) (8-12:24)
- C. The witness to the ends of the earth (Paul) (12:25-28:31)

## First Corinthians

**Author:** The Apostle Paul  
**Date:** c. 55-56 A.D. (third missionary journey)  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter)  
**Audience:** The Church at Corinth  
**Place in the NT:** Pauline Epistle (Soteriological)  
**Summary:** Paul's address to several problems in the Church at Corinth: schism, abuse of the Lord's Supper, doctrinal problems, and immorality.

### Outline

- A. Report of the problems in the church (1-6)
- B. Paul's response to the problems (7-16)

## John

**Author:** The Apostle John  
**Date:** Late 80s or early 90s A.D.  
**Genre:** Historical Narrative  
**Audience:** The World  
**Place in the NT:** The Gospels  
**Summary:** ...[B]ut there are written that you may believe that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**, and that by believing, you may have life in his name (20:31).

### Outline

- A. Prologue: In the beginning was the Word (1:1-18)
- B. The Public Ministry of Christ (1:19-12:50)
- C. The Passion Ministry (13-19)
- D. The Resurrection Ministry (20-21)

## Romans

**Author:** The Apostle Paul  
**Date:** A.D. 56-57 (third missionary journey)  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter)  
**Audience:** The Church at Rome  
**Place in the NT:** Pauline Epistle (Soteriological)  
**Summary:** ...[T]he Gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." (1:16-17)

### Outline

- A. The righteousness of God in condemnation (1-3)
- B. The righteousness of God in salvation (4-5)
- C. The righteousness of God in sanctification (6-8)
- D. The righteousness of God in Jew and Gentile (9-11)
- E. The righteousness of God in his people's lives (12-16)



Second  
Corinthians



Galatians



Ephesians



Colossians



Philippians



First  
Thessalonians



## Galatians

**Author:** The Apostle Paul  
**Date:** c. A.D. 49 (following the first missionary journey)  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter)  
**Audience:** The Church at Galatia  
**Place in the NT:** Pauline Epistles (Soteriological)  
**Summary:** Paul's explanation of the gospel (justification by faith alone) against the false teaching of the Judaizers.

### Outline

- A. Paul's defense of his apostleship (1-2)
- B. Paul's defense of the gospel (3-4)
- C. Paul's application of the gospel (5-6)

## Second Corinthians

**Author:** The Apostle Paul  
**Date:** c. A.D. 55-56 (third missionary journey)  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter)  
**Audience:** The Church at Corinth  
**Place in the NT:** Pauline Epistle (Soteriological)  
**Summary:** Paul's happy response to the Corinthians' reception of his teaching, and defense of his ministry against false teachers.

### Outline

- A. The Apostle's ministry (1-7)
- B. Collection for the church in Jerusalem (8-9)
- C. Defense against false teaching (10-13)

## Colossians

**Author:** The Apostle Paul  
**Date:** c. A.D. 59-60 (during Roman imprisonment)  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter)  
**Audience:** The Church at Colossae  
**Place in the NT:** Pauline Epistle (Christological)  
**Summary:** Christ is the supreme head of the church and the only need for one's acceptance with God.

### Outline

- A. Christ, superior over the church and creation (1)
- B. Christ, superior to philosophy, outward Judaism, and mysticism (2)
- C. The superior conduct of a resurrected life (3-4)

## Ephesians

**Author:** The Apostle Paul  
**Date:** c. A.D. 59-60 (during Roman imprisonment)  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter)  
**Audience:** The Church at Ephesus  
**Place in the NT:** Pauline Epistle (Christological)  
**Summary:** The mystery of the God's people, the church.

### Outline

- A. The position of Christians in Christ (1-3)
- B. The conduct of Christians (4-6)

## First Thessalonians

**Author:** The Apostle Paul  
**Date:** c. 51 A.D. (second missionary journey)  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter)  
**Audience:** The Church at Thessalonica  
**Place in the NT:** Pauline Epistle (Eschatological)  
**Summary:** Paul's thankful expression to the church, defense of his ministry, and instruction about the day of the Lord.

### Outline

- A. Paul's personal past with the church (1-3)
- B. Paul's instructions regarding conduct and the day of the Lord (4-5)

## Philippians

**Author:** The Apostle Paul  
**Date:** c. 60-61 A.D. (possibly during Roman imprisonment)  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter)  
**Audience:** The Church at Philippi  
**Place in the NT:** Pauline Epistle (Soteriological)  
**Summary:** Paul's pastoral care for the church and address to specific concerns.

### Outline

- A. Salutation and opening (1:1-11)
- B. The gospel in the Christian life (1:12-2:30)
- C. The gospel against false teaching and living (3)
- D. Encouragement, thanks and greetings (4)



Second  
Thessalonians



First  
Timothy



Second  
Timothy



Philemon



Hebrews



Titus

## First Timothy

**Author:** The Apostle Paul  
**Date:** c. A.D. 62-64 (fourth missionary journey– not in Acts)  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter)  
**Audience:** Timothy at Ephesus  
**Place in the NT:** Pauline Epistles (Ecclesiastical)  
**Summary:** Paul's address to Timothy regarding doctrine and order in the church.

### Outline

- A. Warning against false teachers (1)
- B. Conduct and warnings concerning the church (2-6)

\*Written from Macedonia

## Second Thessalonians

**Author:** The Apostle Paul  
**Date:** c. A.D. 51 (second missionary journey)  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter)  
**Audience:** The Church at Thessalonica  
**Place in the NT:** Pauline Epistle (Eschatological)  
**Summary:** Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him...(2:1)

### Outline

- A. Greeting and Thanksgiving (1:1-4)
- B. The return of Christ (1:5-2:17)
- C. Exhortation and benediction (3)

\*Written from Corinth

## Philemon

**Author:** The Apostle Paul and Timothy  
**Date:** c. A.D. 59-60 (during Roman imprisonment)  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter)  
**Audience:** Philemon (and Apphia, Archippus, and the church)  
**Place in the NT:** Pauline Epistle (Christological)  
**Summary:** Philemon's slave, Onesimus had become a Christian. Paul exhorts Philemon to welcome him back as a brother in the Lord.

### Outline

- A. Salutation and thanksgiving (1-3)
- B. The appeal for Onesimus (8-22)
- C. Final greetings (23-25)

## Second Timothy

**Author:** The Apostle Paul  
**Date:** c. A.D. 66-67 (during second imprisonment– not in Acts)  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter)  
**Audience:** Timothy at Ephesus  
**Place in the NT:** Pauline Epistle (Ecclesiastical)  
**Summary:** Encouragement for Timothy in ministry. Paul's final letter.

### Outline

- A. Encouragement to faithful perseverance (1:6-2:13)
- B. Warning of false teaching (2:14-4:5)
- C. Final instructions and conclusion (4:6-22)

\*Written from Rome

## Titus

**Author:** The Apostle Paul  
**Date:** c. A.D. 64-65 (fourth missionary journey– not in Acts)  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter)  
**Audience:** Titus in Crete  
**Place in the NT:** Pauline Epistle (Ecclesiastical)  
**Summary:** Paul's instruction to Titus regarding doctrine and order in the church.

### Outline

- A. Greetings and teaching on elders (1)
- B. Teach sound doctrine (2)
- C. Instruction on conduct and final instruction (3)

## Hebrews

**Author:** Unknown (Suggested: Paul, Apollos, Luke, Barnabas, Silas, and Epaphras)  
**Date:** Most suggest A.D. 68-69.  
Before the temple's destruction (A.D.70).  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter); possibly a written sermon  
**Audience:** Jewish Christians  
**Place in the NT:** Epistles  
**Summary:** Christ is superior to all the types, shadows, and individuals of the Old Testament.

### Outline

- A. Christ is superior to angles, Moses and Aaron (1-7)
- B. Christ is superior in his ministry (8-10)
- C. Exhortation to persevere in faith (11-12)
- D. Conclusion (13)



James



First  
Peter



Second  
Peter



The Epistles of  
John



Jude



Revelation

## First Peter

**Author:** The Apostle Peter  
**Date:** c. A.D. 63-64  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter)  
**Audience:** Christians (possibly Jewish) scattered in Asian Minor  
**Place in the NT:** Epistles  
**Summary:** Peter's letter to encourage persecuted Christians

### Outline

- A. The security of salvation (1:1-12)
- B. Sober-minded action (1:13-2:12)
- C. Submission to authority (2:13-3:7)
- D. Suffering and service (3:13-5:14)

## James

**Author:** James, the half-brother of Jesus (Acts 15, Gal 1:19)  
**Date:** c. A.D. 44-49  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter)  
**Audience:** Jews who fled from Jerusalem (see 1:1 and Acts 8- the author is not the James in Acts 12:2)  
**Place in the NT:** Epistles  
**Summary:** Trusting in and obeying God, especially while under trial.

### Outline

- A. Trials, temptation and obedience (1)
- B. The sin of partiality and a dead faith (2)
- C. The tongue from hell and wisdom from heaven (3)
- D. Cause of quarrels and fights (4)
- E. Warning to the rich, patience in suffering, pray in faith (5)

\*The literary structure of James is not widely agreed upon.  
A chapter summary is offered here.

## The Epistles of John

**Author:** The Apostle John  
**Date:** c A.D. 90  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter)  
**Audience:** Those acquainted with John (1 Jn); the elect lady and her children (2 Jn); Gaius (3 Jn)  
**Place in the NT:** Epistles  
**Summary:**  
**1-2 John:** Warning against heresy denying that Christ had not come in the flesh.  
**3 John:** Regarding a conflict in the church.

### Outline

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| <b>1 John</b>              | <b>3 John</b>              |
| A. Walk in the light (1-2) | A. Greeting (1-4)          |
| B. The life of love (3-4)  | B. Encouragement (5-12)    |
| C. Assurance of faith (5)  | C. Final Greetings (13-15) |
- 2 John**
- A. Greeting (1-3)
  - B. Abide in truth and love (4-11)
  - C. Final Greetings (12-13)

## Second Peter

**Author:** The Apostle Peter (questioned by critics)  
**Date:** c. A.D. 64-66  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter)  
**Audience:** Christians under the threat of heresy (possibly the same audience as 1 Peter. See 3:1)  
**Place in the NT:** Epistles  
**Summary:** Peter's warning to the church of heresy (false teaching).

### Outline

- A. Divine calling and apostolic authority (1)
- B. Warning of false teaching (2)
- C. The day of the Lord (3)

## Revelation

**Author:** The Apostle John (challenged by modern critics)  
**Date:** Mid 90s A.D.  
**Genre:** Apocalyptic literature  
**Audience:** Seven churches in Asian Minor  
**Place in the NT:** Apocalyptic (alone in its category)  
**Summary:** The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things which must soon take place (1:1).

### Outline

- A. Introduction (1)
- B. Address to the seven churches (2-3)
- C. The Heavenly Visions (4-21)
- D. Conclusion and exhortation (22)

\*Interpretation of Revelation widely varies among conservative Christian scholars. The two major interpretative schools in contemporary evangelical scholarship are known as dispensational theology and Reformed theology. However, each school has variances within. A variety of interpretations ought to be considered for a serious study of the book.

## Jude

**Author:** Jude, the brother of James  
**Date:** Sometime between A.D. 70 and 80.  
**Genre:** Epistle (letter)  
**Audience:** Christians under the threat of heresy.  
**Place in the NT:** Epistles  
**Summary:** Judgment on false teachers and warning of them.

### Outline

- A. Judgment on false teachers (1-16)
- B. Build yourselves up in the holy faith (17-25)

\*Jude is most likely the brother of James, the author of the NT epistle. Therefore, Jude would also be a half-brother of the lord.