

The Books of the Holy Bible

Old Testament

Book	Author	Date	Genre	Key Theme	Key Verse	Christ in the Book	Outline Summary
Genesis	Moses	1445–1405 BC	Law	Beginnings & God's covenant	12:1–3	Seed of the woman	Creation → Fall → Flood → Patriarchs
Exodus	Moses	1445–1405	Law	Redemption by God	3:7–8	Passover Lamb	Bondage → Deliverance → Law → Worship
Leviticus	Moses	1445–1405	Law	Holiness of God	19:2	High Priest	Sacrifices → Priesthood → Purity laws
Numbers	Moses	1445–1405	Law	Testing & wandering	14:22–23	Lifted-up Bronze Serpent	Sinai → Kadesh → Plains of Moab
Deuteronomy	Moses	1405	Law	Covenant renewal	6:4–5	Prophet like Moses	Sermons reviewing the Law
Joshua	Joshua	1405–1385	History	Possessing God's promises	1:8–9	Captain of salvation	Conquest → Land division
Judges	Samuel (trad.)	1050–1000	History	Cycles of sin & deliverance	21:25	Righteous Judge	7 cycles of rebellion & rescue
Ruth	Samuel (trad.)	1050–1000	Narrative	God's loyal love	1:16–17	Kinsman-Redeemer	Ruth's faith → Boaz's redemption
1 Samuel	Samuel/Nathan/Gad	1050–1000	History	Kingdom established	8:6–7	King anointed	Samuel → Saul → David
2 Samuel	Same as above	1010–970	History	David's reign	7:12–13	Covenant King	Triumphs & failures of David

1 Kings	Jeremiah (trad.)	970–560	History	Divided kingdom	9:4–5	Reigning King	Solomon → Kingdom split → Elijah
2 Kings	Jeremiah (trad.)	560	History	Exile & judgement	17:7–8	Rejected King	Elisha → Captivity of Israel/Judah
1 Chronicles	Ezra (trad.)	450–400	History	God's faithfulness	17:11–14	Eternal King	Genealogies → David's kingdom
2 Chronicles	Ezra	450–400	History	Temple & reform	7:14	King who restores worship	Solomon → Judah → Exile
Ezra	Ezra	458–430	History	Restoration	1:3	Restoring Lord	Return → Temple → Law reform
Nehemiah	Nehemiah/Ezra	445–430	Memoir/History	Rebuilding	6:15–16	Rebuilder of broken lives	Wall rebuilt → Covenant renewal
Esther	Mordecai (trad.)	480–470	Narrative	God's providence	4:14	Protector of His people	Threat → Courage → Deliverance
Job	Job/Moses/Solomon?	2000–1500	Wisdom	God's sovereignty in suffering	42:2	Redeemer in suffering	Trial → Dialogue → Restoration
Psalms	David + others	1500–450	Poetry/Worship	God worthy of praise	23:1	Shepherd King	5 books of songs & prayers
Proverbs	Solomon + others	970–700	Wisdom	Godly wisdom	1:7	Wisdom of God	Instructions for wise living
Ecclesiastes	Solomon	935	Philosophy/Wisdom	Life's meaning	12:13–14	Purpose-giving King	Vanity of life → Fear God
Song of Solomon	Solomon	970–930	Poetry	Covenant love	8:6–7	Bridegroom King	Love within God's design
Isaiah	Isaiah	740–680	Prophecy	Salvation through judgement	9:6–7	Suffering & Reigning Messiah	Judgement → Comfort → Messiah

Jeremiah	Jeremiah	626–586	Prophecy	Judgement & New Covenant	31:31–34	Weeping Prophet	Warnings → Covenant hope
Lamentations	Jeremiah	586	Poetry/Dirge	Grief over sin's cost	3:22–23	Man of sorrows	Laments over Jerusalem
Ezekiel	Ezekiel	593–571	Prophecy	God's glory departs/returns	43:2	Glory of God	Visions → Judgement → Restoration
Daniel	Daniel	605–536	Apocalyptic/Prophecy	God rules kingdoms	2:20–21	Son of Man	Stories → Visions of empires
Hosea	Hosea	755–715	Prophecy	Faithless Israel, faithful God	6:1	Healing Lord	Israel's adultery → God's love
Joel	Joel	835–796?	Prophecy	Day of the Lord	2:12–13	Restorer	Locust plague → Future judgement
Amos	Amos	760–750	Prophecy	Justice of God	5:24	Burden-bearing Christ	Judgement for oppression
Obadiah	Obadiah	586?	Prophecy	Judgement on Edom	1:21	Deliverer	God defends His people
Jonah	Jonah	760	Narrative/Prophecy	God's mercy to nations	2:9	Risen Prophet	Flight → Fish → Preach → Reluctance
Micah	Micah	735–700	Prophecy	Judgement & hope	5:2	Bethlehem King	Messiah & kingdom promise
Nahum	Nahum	663–612	Prophecy	Judgement on Nineveh	1:7	Stronghold	God judges evil nations
Habakkuk	Habakkuk	609–598	Dialogue/Prophecy	Faith amid confusion	2:4	Justifier by faith	Why God? → Trust God
Zephaniah	Zephaniah	640–621	Prophecy	God purifies	3:17	Rejoicing Saviour	Judgement → Remnant joy

Haggai	Haggai	520	Prophecy	Rebuild God's house	1:7–8	Temple Restorer	Call to rebuild the temple
Zechariah	Zechariah	520–518	Apocalyptic/Prophecy	Future King & kingdom	9:9	Triumphant King	Visions → Messiah → Kingdom
Malachi	Malachi	430–400	Prophecy	Return to covenant love	3:1	Messenger of the covenant	Rebuke → Promise of Messiah

New Testament

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Matthew	Matthew	AD 60–65	Gospel	King & kingdom	16:16	Promised King	Jesus as Messiah-King
Mark	Mark	55–60	Gospel	Suffering Servant	10:45	Servant King	Jesus the active Servant
Luke	Luke	60–62	Gospel	Perfect Man & Saviour	19:10	Son of Man	Jesus the compassionate Saviour
John	John	85–95	Gospel	Son of God	20:31	Divine Son	Believe → Life in His name
Acts	Luke	62	History	Spirit-empowered church	1:8	Ascended Lord	Church birth → Mission expansion
Romans	Paul	57	Epistle	Justification by faith	1:16–17	Righteousness of God	Doctrine → Application
1 Corinthians	Paul	55	Epistle	Church purity & unity	2:2	Crucified Lord	Rebuke → Order → Resurrection
2 Corinthians	Paul	56	Epistle	Comfort in ministry	5:17	Reconciling Lord	Paul's defence of ministry
Galatians	Paul	48–50	Epistle	Freedom in the Gospel	2:20	Life by faith	Grace vs law
Ephesians	Paul	60	Epistle	Church in Christ	1:3	Exalted Christ	Identity → Walk → Warfare
Philippians	Paul	61	Epistle	Joy in Christ	4:4	Humble, exalted Christ	Rejoice in all things

Colossians	Paul	60	Epistle	Christ's supremacy	1:15–18	Pre-eminent Christ	Doctrine → Warnings
1 Thessalonians	Paul	50	Epistle	Christ's return	4:16–17	Returning King	Encourage with His coming
2 Thessalonians	Paul	51	Epistle	End-time clarity	2:1–2	Judge & King	Correcting eschatology
1 Timothy	Paul	62–64	Pastoral	Sound doctrine	4:16	Mediator	Church leadership & order
2 Timothy	Paul	67	Final letter	Persevere	1:7	Empowering Lord	Charge to endurance
Titus	Paul	63	Pastoral	Godliness	2:11–13	Blessed hope	Doctrine → Deeds
Philemon	Paul	60	Personal letter	Forgiveness	1:18–19	Restorer	Forgive as Christ forgives
Hebrews	Paul? Apollos?	64–68	Sermon/Epistle	Christ better	1:1–3	Our High Priest	Warnings → Worship
James	James	45–50	Wisdom/Epistle	Faith works	2:17	Lord of works	Practical Christian living
1 Peter	Peter	64	Epistle	Hope in suffering	1:3	Chief Shepherd	Suffering with purpose
2 Peter	Peter	65–66	Epistle	Guard truth	3:18	Returning Lord	Warns against false teachers
1 John	John	85–95	Epistle	God is love/light	4:7–8	Life	Tests of true fellowship
2 John	John	85–95	Epistle	Truth & love	1:6	Truth	Walk in truth
3 John	John	85–95	Epistle	Support true ministry	1:4	Head of church	Commends Gaius
Jude	Jude	65–80	Epistle	Contend for faith	1:3	Keeper	Warns of apostasy
Revelation	John	95–96	Apocalyptic	Christ's victory	1:17–18	Conquering King	Letters → Seals → Judgement → King