

LEARN THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Divisions and Books of the Old Testament Including Theme, Author, and Date

Type of Literature	Book	Theme	Author	Date	
LAW	Genesis 1-11	God Begins His Earthly Work	Moses (with Deuteronomy 34 probably written by Joshua)	1445-1440 B.C.	
	Genesis 12-50	God the Sovereign Establishes His Plan	Moses		
	Exodus	God the Savior Redeems His People	Moses		
	Leviticus	God the Holy Provides True Worship	Moses		
	Numbers	God Chastens His People in Love	Moses		
	Deuteronomy	God the King Loves His People	Moses (with Deuteronomy 34 probably written by Joshua)		
	HISTORY	Joshua	God Fulfills His Promise for the Land	Joshua	1405-1390 B.C.
Judges		God Tests His People	Anonymous	1043-1004 B.C.	
Ruth		God Portrays His Redemption	Unknown	Uncertain	
1 Samuel		God Chooses His King	Samuel	1050-750 B.C.	
2 Samuel			Anonymous	1050-750 B.C.	
1 Kings		God Rules the Nation	Unknown, but possibly Jeremiah	590-570 B.C.	
2 Kings				590-550 B.C.	
1 Chronicles		God Preserves His Royal Seed	Possibly Ezra	430-425 B.C.	
2 Chronicles				430-425 B.C.	
Ezra		God Restores His People	Ezra	457-444 B.C.	
Nehemiah		God Rebuilds His City	Nehemiah	457-444 B.C.	
Esther		God Protects His People	Unknown	464-435 B.C.	
POETRY		Job	God Tries His Servant	Unknown	Uncertain
		Psalms	God Enjoys True Worship	David, Asaph, sons of Korah, Solomon, Moses	1410–c.430 B.C.
	Proverbs	God Teaches True Wisdom	Solomon, Agur, Lemuel	950-700 B.C.	
	Ecclesiastes	God Unveils Our Finitude	Solomon	935 B.C.	
	Song of Solomon	God Extols Human Love	Solomon	965 B.C.	

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MAJOR PROPHETS	Isaiah	God Manifests His Great Salvation	Isaiah	740-680 B.C.
	Jeremiah	God Reveals His Heart	Jeremiah	626-586 B.C.
	Lamentations	God Weeps	Jeremiah	586-584 B.C.
	Ezekiel	God Envisions Hope	Ezekiel	593-571 B.C.
	Daniel	God Preserves His Servants	Daniel	605-530 B.C.
MINOR PROPHETS	Hosea	God Loves the Sinner	Hosea	750-720 B.C.
	Joel	God Announces His Day	Joel	830 or 600 B.C.
	Amos	God Displays His Displeasure	Amos	760 B.C.
	Obadiah	God Judges His Enemies	Obadiah	586 B.C.
	Jonah	God Loves the World	Jonah	750 B.C.
	Micah	God Is Incomparable	Micah	730 B.C.
	Nahum	God Avenges His People	Nahum	620 B.C.
	Habakkuk	God Enlists the Nations	Habakkuk	612 B.C.
	Zephaniah	God Shelters His People	Zephaniah	607 B.C.
	Haggai	God Restores His Worship	Haggai	520 B.C.
	Zechariah	God Remembers	Zechariah	515 B.C.
	Malachi	God Sends His Messenger	Malachi	430 B.C.

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GOSPELS	Matthew	God Announces His King	Matthew the tax collector	50s or 60s
	Mark	God Presents His Servant	John Mark the cousin of Barnabas	60s
	Luke	God Becomes True Man	Luke the physician and companion of Paul	Early 60s
	John	Jesus Is God	John the beloved disciple	Late 80s or early 90s
HISTORY	Acts	God Creates His Church	Luke the physician and companion of Paul	Early 60s
LETTERS	Romans	God Defends His Righteousness	Paul the apostle	Spring 57
	1 Corinthians	God Corrects His Church	Paul the apostle	Spring 56
	2 Corinthians	God Defends His Minister	Paul the apostle	Fall 56
	Galatians	God Defines His Gospel	Paul the apostle	48
	Ephesians	God Unveils His Mystery	Paul the apostle	60
	Philippians	God Gives Joy Through Solving	Paul the apostle	61
	Colossians	God Exalts Christ as Lord	Paul the apostle	60
	1 Thessalonians	God Encourages His Church	Paul the apostle	51
	2 Thessalonians	God Enlightens His Church	Paul the apostle	51
	1 Timothy	God Exhorts His Minister	Paul the apostle	Fall 62
	2 Timothy	God Rewards His Servants	Paul the apostle	Fall 67
	Titus	God Commends Sound Teaching	Paul the apostle	64
	Philemon	God Values Human Dignity	Paul the apostle	60
	Hebrews	God Certifies Christ's Supremacy	Unknown	64
	James	God Extols Faith that Works	James the brother of the Lord	Mid 40s
	1 Peter	God Compensates Endurance	Peter the apostle	64
2 Peter	God Keeps His Promises	Peter the apostle	65	
1 John	God Clarifies True Love	John the beloved disciple	90	
2 John	God Warns Against Loss	John the beloved disciple	90	
3 John	God Encourages Doing Good	John the beloved disciple	90	
	Jude	God Commissions the Fight	Jude the brother of the Lord	Early 60s
APOCALYPSE	Revelation	God Completes His Plan and Creates All Things New	John the beloved disciple	96

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