

LEARNING THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

The Books of the Old Testament

The first five books of the Old Testament are called **The Law**. List these books below in the order you find them in your Bible. You can look in your table of contents.

1)	The book of beginnings – the creation, man’s sin and promised redemption, the beginning of Israel.
2)	God delivers His people from slavery in Egypt, and gives them His law.
3)	Laws of holiness and worship, with rules for sacrifice and purification.
4)	God’s people continually disobey and wander in the wilderness for forty years, but God remains faithful.
5)	The final words of Moses to Israel as they prepare to enter the Promised Land.

The next twelve books are the **Historical Books**. They continue the story of Israel following the death of Moses. List them in order.

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The next five books are the books of **Poetry**. They cover many different subjects.

18)	The sufferings of a man who loved and trusted God.
19)	Songs of praise and instruction.
20)	God's practical wisdom for successful living.
21)	The emptiness of earthly life without God.
22)	The story of love between a man and a woman.

The next seventeen books are the teachings of the great prophets of Israel. They are divided into two groups.

The first group is called the **Major Prophets**, because these five books are longer than the others.

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The next twelve books are called the **Minor Prophets**. These books are shorter than the Major Prophets.

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The Books of the New Testament

The New Testament tells about the life of Christ, the beginning of the church, and the teachings of the apostles.

The first four books of the New Testament are called the **Gospels**. They are written by four different authors, who each write about the life of Christ. Although they tell the same story, each one tells it in a different way.

40)	The life of Christ written to show the fulfillment of the Old Testament promises and prophecies.
41)	The shortest of the gospels.
42)	The longest of the gospels.
43)	This gospel is the most different of the four.

The next book is the **History** book of the New Testament.

44)	Tells how the Christian church began and grew, as the first Christians spread the good news of Christ's death and resurrection.
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The next thirteen books are letters written by the apostle Paul. The letters were written to the first Christian churches. They teach the right beliefs, behavior, and responsibilities of the Christian faith. These are the **Epistles of Paul** (*epistle* is another word for letter).

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The next eight books are also letters written to the early churches. They are written by different authors. They are called the **General Epistles**.

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The last book of the Bible is the New Testament book of **Prophecy**. It tells of future happenings which will end in God's triumphant, eternal reign.

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