

# Information About the Bible Books

## List of the Books of the Christian Bible

| Old Testament Writings |           | New Testament Writings |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Genesis                | Nahum     | Matthew                |
| Exodus                 | Habakkuk  | Mark                   |
| Leviticus              | Zephaniah | Luke                   |
| Numbers                | Haggai    | John                   |
| Deuteronomy            | Zechariah | Acts                   |
| Joshua                 | Malachi   | Romans                 |
| Judges                 |           | 1 Corinthians          |
| Ruth                   |           | 2 Corinthians          |
| 1 Samuel               |           | Galatians              |
| 2 Samuel               |           | Ephesians              |
| 1 Kings                |           | Philippians            |
| 2 Kings                |           | Colossians             |
| 1 Chronicles           |           | 1 Thessalonians        |
| 2 Chronicles           |           | 2 Thessalonians        |
| Ezra                   |           | 1 Timothy              |
| Nehemiah               |           | 2 Timothy              |
| Esther                 |           | Titus                  |
| Job                    |           | Philemon               |
| Psalms                 |           | Hebrews                |
| Proverbs               |           | James                  |
| Ecclesiastes           |           | 1 Peter                |
| Song of Songs          |           | 2 Peter                |
| Isaiah                 |           | 1 John                 |
| Jeremiah               |           | 2 John                 |
| Lamentations           |           | 3 John                 |
| Ezekiel                |           | Jude                   |
| Daniel                 |           | Revelation             |
| Hosea                  |           |                        |
| Joel                   |           |                        |
| Amos                   |           |                        |
| Obadiah                |           |                        |
| Jonah                  |           |                        |
| Micah                  |           |                        |

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## Genres of the Books of the Bible

The Bible contains several genres or types of literature, including:

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| Historical Narrative – These books record historical events                                                                                                                             |
| Legal – These books contain laws and other legal matters.                                                                                                                               |
| Songs/Poetry – These books contain songs or poems.                                                                                                                                      |
| Wisdom Literature – These books contain wise sayings for living.                                                                                                                        |
| Prophecy – These books contain direct messages from God delivered to prophets where God warns people to repent, calls them to salvation, and predicts future events.                    |
| Epistles or letters – These are letters written by the Apostles of Jesus and other respected Christians that provide teaching about the Christian faith and how to live as a Christian. |

| Books of the Bible | Genre                | Summary                                                                                                              |
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| Genesis            | Historical Narrative | Tells the story of creation, global judgement, beginning of languages, and the call of Abraham (forebear of Israel). |
| Exodus             | Historical / Legal   | Tells the story of Moses, the deliverance of Israel out of Egypt, and God giving His Laws to Israel                  |
| Leviticus          | Legal / Historical   | God's laws are outlined for His people.                                                                              |
| Numbers            | Historical Narrative | Tells the story of the wanderings of Israel in the wilderness.                                                       |
| Deuteronomy        | Legal / Historical   | Moses retells the law to Israel, and they prepare to enter the promised land.                                        |
| Joshua             | Historical Narrative | Joshua leads Israel to conquer the land promised by God.                                                             |

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| Judges       | Historical Narrative | Shares the history of Israel's cycle of rebellion against God, their punishment, and God delivering them through numerous judges.                                              |
| Ruth         | Historical Narrative | Tells the story of Ruth and Boaz from whom David would trace his lineage.                                                                                                      |
| 1 Samuel     | Historical Narrative | Tells the story of Israel's first king, Saul, and the calling of David.                                                                                                        |
| 2 Samuel     | Historical Narrative | Tells the story of King David.                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1 Kings      | Historical Narrative | Tells the story of King Solomon, the division of the kingdom of Israel and Judah, and the kings from each of these kingdoms.                                                   |
| 2 Kings      | Historical Narrative | Shares stories from both the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, culminating in the captivity of each by Assyria and Babylon as judgement for their rebellion against God.           |
| 1 Chronicles | Historical Narrative | Tells the story of King David                                                                                                                                                  |
| 2 Chronicles | Historical Narrative | Shares stories from kingdom of Judah, culminating in its captivity to Babylon as judgement for their rebellion against God.                                                    |
| Ezra         | Historical Narrative | Tells the history of the Jewish people returning to Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile, rebuilding the temple, and Ezra trying to restore the obedience to the law of Moses. |
| Nehemiah     | Historical Narrative | Shares the story of Nehemiah leading the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem, and implementing religious and social reforms.                                                  |

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| Esther        | Historical Narrative | Tells the courageous story of Queen Esther who saves the Jewish people from peril.                                                                                                                                 |
| Job           | Historical Narrative | Shares the story of the faith of Job who lost everything and suffered sickness.                                                                                                                                    |
| Psalms        | Poetry/Song          | Provides songs composed by King David, Asaph, Moses, and others.                                                                                                                                                   |
| Proverbs      | Wisdom Literature    | Provides wise sayings from King Solomon, Agur, and King Lemuel.                                                                                                                                                    |
| Ecclesiastes  | Wisdom Literature    | Shares wisdom about life from Solomon.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Song of Songs | Poetry/Song          | Shares a love song between Solomon and the Shulamite woman.                                                                                                                                                        |
| Isaiah        | Prophecy             | Prophecies given to Isaiah for the kingdom of Judah concerning judgement, salvation, repentance, warning of exile, freedom from exile by Cyrus, the suffering of the Messiah, and the future reign of the Messiah. |
| Jeremiah      | Prophecy             | Prophecies given to Jeremiah for the kingdom of Judah concerning the coming destruction of Jerusalem, the new coming new covenant, call for repentance, and promises for future restoration                        |
| Lamentations  | Poetry               | Dirge lamenting the destruction of Jerusalem.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Ezekiel       | Prophecy             | Prophecies given to Ezekiel while Judah is in exile in Babylon where predictions of the future are provided.                                                                                                       |
| Daniel        | Prophecy             | Prophetic visions given to Daniel which predicts the major kingdoms of mankind, future suffering for the Jewish people, the coming of the son of man,                                                              |

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| Hosea     | Prophecy             | The prophet Hosea's marriage becomes a symbol of unfaithful Israel but also shows God's redemption.                                                                                |
| Joel      | Prophecy             | Prophecies given to Joel about the kingdom of Judah about God's judgement, repentance, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and coming day of the Lord.                              |
| Amos      | Prophecy             | Prophecies given to Amos concerning the judgement against the kingdom of Israel and calling for righteousness.                                                                     |
| Obadiah   | Prophecy             | Prophecies given to Obadiah against Edom and Judah's future restoration.                                                                                                           |
| Jonah     | History / Prophecy   | Tells the story of the prophet Jonah and his prophecy for Ninevah.                                                                                                                 |
| Micah     | Prophecy             | Prophecies given to Micah about Judah and Israel, calling for justice, mercy, and humility; foretells the coming righteous ruler from Bethlehem; and future peace and restoration. |
| Nahum     | Prophecy             | Prophecies given to Nahum about Ninevah and God's justice and sovereignty                                                                                                          |
| Habakkuk  | Prophecy             | Records the prophet Habakkuk and his dialogue with God about evil prospering, assurance that the wicked be judged, and God's justice.                                              |
| Zephaniah | Prophecy             | Prophecy to Zephaniah to warn about the coming Day of the Lord that will bring judgement on Judah and the nations. The book foretells promises of restoration as well.             |
| Haggai    | Prophecy             | Prophecies encouraging returning exiles to rebuild the temple and promises God's blessings and future glory for His house.                                                         |
| Zechariah | Prophecy             | Prophecies encouraging the returning exiles to rebuild the temple, predictions about the Messiah, and ultimate restoration of God's people.                                        |
| Malachi   | Prophecy             | Prophecies calling for the Jewish people to repent, and about the coming of the Messiah and his forerunner.                                                                        |
| Matthew   | Historical Narrative | Shares the story of Jesus' earthly life.                                                                                                                                           |

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| Mark            | Historical Narrative | Shares the story of Jesus earthly life.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Luke            | Historical Narrative | Shares the story of Jesus earthly life.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| John            | Historical Narrative | Shares the story of Jesus earthly life.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Acts            | Historical Narrative | Shares the story of Jesus' followers after he ascended to heaven.                                                                                                                                                 |
| Romans          | Epistle/Letter       | A letter from the Apostle Paul to the church in Rome sharing with them about sin, the law, salvation through faith, life in the Holy Spirit, God's election, and living a transformed obedient life.              |
| 1 Corinthians   | Epistle/Letter       | The first letter from the Apostle Paul to the church in Corinth discussing division in the church, moral issues, unity, marriage, spiritual gifts, and the resurrection.                                          |
| 2 Corinthians   | Epistle/Letter       | The second letter from the Apostle Paul to the church in Corinth discussing suffering, encouragement, the power of weakness, giving, and the call to reconciliation.                                              |
| Galatians       | Epistle/Letter       | The letter from the Apostle Paul to the church in Galatia discussing living in freedom by faith and the Holy Spirit, rather than the law of Moses.                                                                |
| Ephesians       | Epistle/Letter       | The letter from the Apostle Paul to the church in Ephesus sharing on the topics of unity, God's grace, the identify of believers in Christ, calling for holy living, and spiritual warfare.                       |
| Philippians     | Epistle/Letter       | The letter from the Apostle Paul to the church in Philippi discussing joy, the work of Christ, persevering in trials, and finding strength and contentment in God.                                                |
| Colossians      | Epistle/Letter       | The letter from the Apostle Paul to the church in Colossae sharing about the supremacy of Christ, false teachings, and encouraging believers to live by faith, in holiness, with gratitude, and rooted in Christ. |
| 1 Thessalonians | Epistle/Letter       | The first letter from the Apostle Paul to the church in Thessalonica encouraging believers to stand firm in the faith in                                                                                          |

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|                 |                | suffering, live holy lives, love, and remain hopeful for the return of Christ.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2 Thessalonians | Epistle/Letter | The second letter from the Apostle Paul to the church in Thessalonica discussing the return of the Lord, the man of lawlessness, and living with faith, perseverance, and holiness.                                                                   |
| 1 Timothy       | Epistle/Letter | The first letter from the Apostle Paul to his ministry companion, Timothy, where he shares about church leadership and practice, the qualifications of bishops (elders) and deacons (servants), false teachers, and encouragement for Timothy.        |
| 2 Timothy       | Epistle/Letter | The second letter from the Apostle Paul to his ministry companion, Timothy, discussing the need to endure suffering, being a good soldier for Jesus, people in the last days, preaching the word even as false teachers come, and other instructions. |
| Titus           | Epistle/Letter | The letter from the Apostle Paul to his ministry colleague, Titus, discussing qualifications for bishops (elders), false teachers, life among the church, and other instructions.                                                                     |
| Philemon        | Epistle/Letter | A letter from the Apostle Paul to Philemon concerning Paul's request to have Philemon free his servant, Onesimus, from servitude.                                                                                                                     |
| Hebrews         | Epistle/Letter | A letter discussing the supremacy of Jesus over angels and Moses, the priesthood of Jesus, the new covenant, the sacrifice of Jesus, the danger of continuing in sin, role models of faith, and other instructions.                                   |
| James           | Epistle/Letter | A letter from James, the brother of Jesus, sharing on the topics of trials, obedience, partiality, the importance of our works, sinful speech, worldliness, wealth, patience, and final encouragement for those discouraged and sick.                 |
| 1 Peter         | Epistle/Letter | The first letter from the Apostle Peter discussing enduring trials, living holy lives, recommendations for living, submission to                                                                                                                      |

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|            |                | authority, the roles of wives and husbands, suffering, instructions for pastors, and other instructions.                                                                                                               |
| 2 Peter    | Epistle/Letter | The second letter from the Apostle Peter where he shares about false teachers, growing in faith and godly living, and the Day of the Lord.                                                                             |
| 1 John     | Epistle/Letter | The first letter from the Apostle John discussing living not for the world or sin, but for Christ by demonstrating love, testing spirits, and keeping His commandments.                                                |
| 2 John     | Epistle/Letter | The second letter from the Apostle John where he encourages believers to walk in truth and love, while rejecting false teachers.                                                                                       |
| 3 John     | Epistle/Letter | The third letter from the Apostle John to Gaius, where he praises his hospitality, concerns about Diotrephes, and not imitating evil.                                                                                  |
| Jude       | Epistle/Letter | A letter from Jude, brother of Jesus, where he warns about false teachers, urges believers to contend for the faith, reminds them that Jesus will return to judge the ungodly, and provides some final encouragements. |
| Revelation | Prophecy       | Visions given to the Apostle John concerning things at the time of the vision and into future concerning the end of time.                                                                                              |