

# Old Testament

The Old Testament is divided into four main sections, each with its theological focus: God’s covenant, history of His people, wisdom, and prophecy.

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1. The Law (Torah)

These books form the foundation of God’s covenant with Israel. They reveal God’s character, His instructions for holy living, and His plan for redemption. They also point forward to Christ, the ultimate fulfillment of the Law (Matthew 5:17).

| Book    | Author | Chapters | Place of Writing | Theological Note                                                                    |
|---------|--------|----------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Genesis | Moses  | 50       | Wilderness       | Introduces creation, fall, covenant promises, and God’s redemptive plan (Gen 3:15). |
| Exodus  | Moses  | 40       | Wilderness       | Shows God as Redeemer and Deliverer, foreshadowing Christ (Exodus 12; John 1:29).   |

| Book        | Author | Chapters | Place of Writing | Theological Note                                                                                               |
|-------------|--------|----------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Leviticus   | Moses  | 27       | Wilderness       | Reveals God's holiness and the sacrificial system, pointing to Christ's ultimate sacrifice (Heb 10:1-10).      |
| Numbers     | Moses  | 36       | Wilderness       | Demonstrates God's faithfulness despite human failure.                                                         |
| Deuteronomy | Moses  | 34       | Wilderness       | Emphasizes covenant obedience, love, and blessings, foreshadowing Christ's law of love (Deut 6:5; Matt 22:37). |

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## 2. Historical Books

These books show God's covenant in action—His faithfulness to Israel, the consequences of disobedience, and His sovereignty over history. They prepare the stage for the coming Messiah.

| Book   | Author | Chapters | Place of Writing | Theological Note                                                        |
|--------|--------|----------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Joshua | Joshua | 24       | Canaan           | God's faithfulness in giving the Promised Land.                         |
| Judges | Samuel | 21       | Israel           | Cycle of sin and deliverance; need for a righteous King (Judges 21:25). |

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|--------------|----------|----------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ruth         | Samuel   | 4        | Israel           | God's providence and foreshadowing Christ as the kinsman-redeemer (Ruth 4:14-17). |
| 1 Samuel     | Samuel   | 31       | Israel           | God raises leaders; points to Christ as the true King (1 Sam 8:7; Matt 21:5).     |
| 2 Samuel     | Ezra     | 24       | Israel           | Establishment of Davidic covenant, a Messianic promise (2 Sam 7:12-16).           |
| 1 Kings      | Jeremiah | 22       | Israel           | God's judgment and the consequences of disobedience.                              |
| 2 Kings      | Jeremiah | 25       | Israel           | Continuation of judgment; faithfulness of God despite exile.                      |
| 1 Chronicles | Ezra     | 29       | Persia           | Highlights God's covenant with David; worship central.                            |
| 2 Chronicles | Ezra     | 36       | Persia           | Focuses on temple worship, kingship, and God's mercy.                             |
| Ezra         | Ezra     | 10       | Israel           | Restoration and renewal of covenant obedience.                                    |
| Nehemiah     | Nehemiah | 13       | Israel           | Spiritual and physical rebuilding; importance of prayer and obedience.            |
| Esther       | Mordecai | 10       | Susa, Persia     | God's providential care even when His name is not explicitly mentioned.           |

## 3. Poetic and Wisdom Books

These books teach the fear of the Lord, wisdom, and worship. They guide God's people in how to live faithfully and glorify Him in daily life.

| Book            | Author                        | Chapters | Place of Writing | Theological Note                                                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Job             | Moses                         | 42       | Wilderness       | Addresses suffering and God's sovereignty (Job 1:21).                    |
| Psalms          | David, Solomon, Asaph, others | 150      | Israel           | Worship, prayer, prophecy, and Messianic foreshadowing (Ps 22).          |
| Proverbs        | Solomon                       | 31       | Jerusalem        | Wisdom, fear of the Lord, ethical living (Prov 1:7).                     |
| Ecclesiastes    | Solomon                       | 12       | Jerusalem        | Life without God is meaningless; true purpose found in Him (Eccl 12:13). |
| Song of Solomon | Solomon                       | 8        | Jerusalem        | God's love and covenant faithfulness illustrated through human love.     |

## 4. Major Prophets

These books contain God’s messages to Israel and the nations, calling for repentance and pointing to God’s ultimate salvation through the Messiah.

| Book         | Author   | Chapters | Place of Writing   | Theological Note                                                  |
|--------------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Isaiah       | Isaiah   | 66       | Israel             | Messiah prophecies and salvation for all nations (Isa 53).        |
| Jeremiah     | Jeremiah | 52       | Israel (Jerusalem) | Warning of judgment and hope for restoration (Jer 31:31-34).      |
| Lamentations | Jeremiah | 5        | Egypt              | God’s grief over sin and His faithfulness in suffering.           |
| Ezekiel      | Ezekiel  | 48       | Babylon            | God’s sovereignty, judgment, and future restoration.              |
| Daniel       | Daniel   | 12       | Babylon            | God’s kingdom will prevail; prophecy of Christ’s eternal kingdom. |

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#### 5. Minor Prophets

The minor prophets focus on God’s justice, mercy, and the coming Messiah.

| Book      | Author    | Chapters | Place of Writing | Theological Note                                          |
|-----------|-----------|----------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Hosea     | Hosea     | 14       | Israel           | God's steadfast love despite Israel's unfaithfulness.     |
| Joel      | Joel      | 3        | Israel           | Day of the Lord and outpouring of the Spirit (Joel 2:28). |
| Amos      | Amos      | 9        | Israel           | Social justice and God's righteousness.                   |
| Obadiah   | Obadiah   | 1        | Israel           | Judgment of Edom; God's sovereignty over nations.         |
| Jonah     | Jonah     | 4        | Israel           | God's mercy extends beyond Israel.                        |
| Micah     | Micah     | 7        | Israel           | God's justice and the coming Messiah (Micah 5:2).         |
| Nahum     | Nahum     | 3        | Israel           | Judgment on Nineveh; God's justice.                       |
| Habakkuk  | Habakkuk  | 3        | Israel           | Faith in God despite circumstances (Hab 2:4).             |
| Zephaniah | Zephaniah | 3        | Israel           | Day of the Lord; call to repentance.                      |
| Haggai    | Haggai    | 2        | Israel           | God calls His people to prioritize His house.             |
| Zechariah | Zechariah | 14       | Israel           | Messianic hope and God's ultimate victory.                |
| Malachi   | Malachi   | 4        | Israel           | God's promise of a messenger (Mal 3:1; John 1:23).        |

## New Testament

The New Testament is divided into five main sections, revealing God's fulfillment of Old Testament promises in Jesus Christ.

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### 1. The Gospels

Present the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, revealing Him as Messiah and Son of God.

| Book    | Author  | Chapters | Place of Writing | Theological Note                                                     |
|---------|---------|----------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Matthew | Matthew | 28       | Antioch, Syria   | Jesus as King and fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy (Matt 5:17). |
| Mark    | Mark    | 16       | Rome or Syria    | Jesus as Servant and Son of God (Mark 10:45).                        |
| Luke    | Luke    | 24       | Antioch, Syria   | Jesus as Savior for all people (Luke 2:11).                          |
| John    | John    | 21       | Ephesus          | Jesus as the eternal Word, fully God and fully man (John 1:1-14).    |

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### 2. History

| Book | Author | Chapters | Place of Writing | Theological Note                                                |
|------|--------|----------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Acts | Luke   | 28       | Rome             | Spread of the Gospel through the Holy Spirit; the early Church. |

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### 3. Letters of Paul

Teach doctrine, encourage faith, and guide the Church in Christ-centered living.

| Book          | Author | Chapters | Place of Writing | Theological Note                                       |
|---------------|--------|----------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Romans        | Paul   | 16       | Corinth          | Justification by faith (Rom 3:28).                     |
| 1 Corinthians | Paul   | 16       | Ephesus          | Church unity, love, and spiritual gifts (1 Cor 13).    |
| 2 Corinthians | Paul   | 13       | Macedonia        | Paul's ministry and comfort in suffering (2 Cor 12:9). |
| Galatians     | Paul   | 6        | Ephesus          | Freedom in Christ and justification by faith.          |
| Ephesians     | Paul   | 6        | Prison           | Unity in the body of Christ (Eph 4:4-6).               |
| Philippians   | Paul   | 4        | Prison           | Joy in Christ despite circumstances (Phil 4:4).        |

| Book            | Author             | Chapters | Place of Writing | Theological Note                                             |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Colossians      | Paul               | 4        | Prison           | Supremacy of Christ (Col 1:15-20).                           |
| 1 Thessalonians | Paul               | 5        | Corinth          | Encouragement and hope in Christ's return (1 Thess 4:16-17). |
| 2 Thessalonians | Paul               | 3        | Corinth          | Perseverance and end-time teaching.                          |
| 1 Timothy       | Paul               | 6        | Macedonia        | Church leadership and sound teaching.                        |
| 2 Timothy       | Paul               | 4        | Rome             | Faithfulness in ministry.                                    |
| Titus           | Paul               | 3        | Greece           | Good works and sound doctrine.                               |
| Philemon        | Paul               | 1        | Rome             | Forgiveness and reconciliation.                              |
| Hebrews         | Traditionally Paul | 13       | Rome             | Christ as the ultimate high priest (Heb 4:14-16).            |

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#### 4. General Letters

Teach practical Christian living and faithfulness for all believers.

| Book    | Author | Chapters | Place of Writing | Theological Note                                |
|---------|--------|----------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| James   | James  | 5        | Unknown          | Faith expressed through works (James 2:17).     |
| 1 Peter | Peter  | 5        | Babylon          | Hope in suffering and holiness (1 Pet 1:15-16). |
| 2 Peter | Peter  | 3        | Unknown          | Warning against false teachers.                 |
| 1 John  | John   | 5        | Ephesus          | Assurance of salvation and love.                |
| 2 John  | John   | 1        | Ephesus          | Truth, love, and warning against deception.     |
| 3 John  | John   | 1        | Unknown          | Faithfulness in service.                        |
| Jude    | Jude   | 1        | Unknown          | Contending for the faith.                       |

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#### 5. Prophecy

| Book       | Author | Chapters | Place of Writing | Theological Note                                                             |
|------------|--------|----------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Revelation | John   | 22       | Patmos           | Christ's ultimate victory, God's judgment, and eternal kingdom (Rev 21:1-4). |

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