

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.

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).

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).

Book	Author	Chapters	Place of Writing	Theological Note
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.

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.

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).

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.

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).

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.

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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