

## SYNOPSIS OF BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

### OLD TESTAMENT (OT) / (OLD COVENANT (OC)

#### A. PENTATEUCH (5)

**GENESIS** -- First book of Moses -- History of Man from the beginning

**EXODUS** -- Second book of Moses -- Deliverance of Israel from captivity

**LEVITICUS** -- Third book of Moses -- Book of the law

**NUMBERS** -- Fourth book of Moses -- Story of wandering in the wilderness

**DEUTERONOMY** -- Fifth book of Moses -- 2nd recital of law before promise land

#### B. HISTORICAL BOOKS (12)

**JOSHUA** -- Took over as judge of Israel after Moses

**JUDGES** -- 6 Judges, men and women, who lead the children of Israel until they asked God for a king

**RUTH** -- (Author possibly Samuel) -- In the family line to Jesus

**I & II SAMUEL** -- 1st and 2nd book of the Kings (Anoints the first two Kings of Israel)

**I & II KINGS** -- 3rd and 4th Book of the Kings, History of the Kingdom of Israel (Elijah and Elisha appear)

**I & II CHRONICLES** -- Record of David, Solomon, and the kings of Judah after the division of Israel up to the time of captivity

**EZRA** -- Record of the return of the Jews from captivity, and the rebuilding of the temple

**NEHEMIAH** -- Account of the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem, and the re-establishment of the sacred ordinances

**ESTHER** -- Story of Queen Esther's deliverance of the Jews from the plot of Haman who wanted to kill all Jews

#### C. POETICAL (5)

**JOB** -- The story of how one man overcome affliction despite the attack led by Satan against him

**PSALMS** -- Collection of 150 spiritual songs, poems, and prayers used through the centuries by the church in its devotion

**PROVERBS** -- (Author: King Solomon) Collection of moral and religious guidance and a discussion on wisdom

**ECCLESIASTICS** [or the Preacher] (Author: Solomon) A reflection on the vanity of life by Solomon

**SONG OF SOLOMON** -- (Author: Solomon) A religious poem symbolizing the mutual love of Christ and the church

#### D. PROPHETICAL BOOKS. MAJOR PROPHETS (5)

**ISAIAH** -- (Prophet of Redemption) -- Announces woes on sinful nation

**JEREMIAH** -- (Weeping Prophet) -- THEME: Backsliding, bondage, restoration of Jews, Lived from time of Josiah to the Captivity

**LAMENTATION OF JEREMIAH** - Series of wailing for the affliction of Israel

**EZEKIEL** -- A book showing the sad condition of God's people and the pathway to restoration

**DANIEL** -- Personal biography of Daniel, lived during captivity, also a vision of the end time

#### E. MINOR PROPHETS (12)

**HOSEA** -- Lived with Isaiah and Micah -- Shows the spiritual adultery of Israel

**JOEL** -- Prophet to Judah -- National repentance and its blessing

**AMOS** -- The herdsman prophet, a reformer denouncing selfishness and sin (Kings: Jeroboam II and Uzziah)

**OBADIAH** -- The doom of Edom and final deliverance of Israel

**JONAH** -- "Reluctant Missionary", went to Nineveh, shows the blessing of obedience

**MICAH** -- Shows a dark picture of the moral condition of Israel and Judah (Lived with Isaiah) (Kings: Jotham, Ahaz, & Hezekiah)

**NAHUM** -- The destruction of Nineveh

**HABAKKUK** -- THEME: How can a just God allow a wicked nation to oppress Israel (King: Jehoiaikim)

**ZEPHANIAH** -- A somber book filled with threatening, but ends in a vision of the future glory of Israel (King: Josiah)

**HAGGAI** -- A colleague of Zechariah. Reproves the people for slackness in building the second temple, promises return of God's glory upon completion (Born during 70 years of captivity)

**ZECHARIAH** -- Contemporary of Haggai. Helps arouse the Jews to rebuild the temple

**MALACHI** -- Gives a graphic picture of the closing period of Old Testament History. Shows necessity of reforms before the coming Messiah (Contemporary of Nehemiah)

### NEW TESTAMENT (NT) / NEW COVENANT (NC)

#### A. BIOGRAPHICAL (4)

**ST MATTHEW** -- Apostle writer -- **Purple, Jesus, King of Kings** -- Tax Collector -- Written to Jews showing the kingly Messiah of Jewish Prophecy (Looks at money in areas)

**ST MARK** -- Apostle writer -- **Scarlet, Servant** -- Brief record of Jesus' Life (Emphasis on the supernatural power of Christ over nature, disease, and demons)

**ST LUKE** -- Apostle writer -- **White, Son of Man** -- Beloved Physician -- the most complete biography of Jesus -- portrays Christ as the Son of Man, compassion on the poor, sinful

**ST JOHN** -- Apostle writer -- **Blue, Heavenly** -- Beloved Apostle -- writes about Love, unveils Jesus Christ as the Son of God -- reveal his deeper teachings

#### B. HISTORICAL (1)

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES** (Author: St Luke) -- A sequel to the Gospel of Luke -- THEME: the origin and growth of the early church, from the ascension of Christ to the imprisonment of Paul at Rome

#### C. THE PAULINE EPISTLES (14)

**ROMANS** (EPISTLE OF PAUL) Addressed to the Roman Christians -- shows a need for salvation and spiritual, social and civic duties

**I CORINTHIANS** (EPISTLE OF PAUL) Addressed to the Corinthian church -- Cleansing of the Church from various evils and doctrinal instruction

**II CORINTHIANS** (EPISTLE OF PAUL) -- Corinthian Church -- characteristics of an apostolic ministry and shows Paul's apostleship

**GALATIANS** (EPISTLE OF PAUL) - Addressed to the Galatian Church -- Doctrine of Justification by Faith, warnings against false teachers and the return to Judaism

**EPHESIANS** (EPISTLE OF PAUL) -- Addressed to the Church at Ephesus -- Glorious plan of Salvation, All barriers between Jews and Gentiles are broken down

**PHILIPPIANS** (EPISTLE OF PAUL) -- Addressed to the Philippian Church -- reveals Paul's intense devotion to Christ, steadfast doctrine, and joy in prison

**COLOSSIANS** (EPISTLE OF PAUL) -- Addressed to the Colosse Church - Glory of Christ as the head of the Church -- Abandon worldly philosophy and sin

**I THESSALONIANS** (EPISTLE OF PAUL) -- Addressed to Thessalonica Church -- apostolic commendation, reminiscences, counsels. Future coming of Christ

**II THESSALONIANS** (EPISTLE OF PAUL) -- Enlightens church concerning the doctrine of Christ's second coming and warning against unrest and social disorders

**I TIMOTHY** (EPISTLE OF PAUL) -- Counsels to a young pastor (conduct and work)

**II TIMOTHY** (EPISTLE OF PAUL) -- Written shortly before Paul's death, giving instruction

**TITUS** (EPISTLE OF PAUL) -- An apostolic letter giving counsels and exhortations to a trusted friend

**PHILEMON** (EPISTLE OF PAUL) -- A private letter written to Philemon, beseeching hi to receive and forgive Onesimus, a runaway slave

**HEBREWS** (EPISTLE OF PAUL) -- Blessing of the new dispensation, compared with those of the Old Testament -- Shows Christ's glory

#### D. GENERAL EPISTLES (6)

**JAMES** -- Apostle -- the Lord's brother -- Addressed to Jewish converts, Practical religion by good works contrasted by Faith

**I PETER** -- Apostle -- Letter of encouragement to saints scattered throughout Asia Minor -- privilege of believers following the example of Christ

**II PETER** -- Apostle -- Warning against false teachers and scoffers

**I JOHN** -- Apostle -- Deep spiritual message to believers in the church, stress upon believer's privilege of spiritual knowledge and duty of love

**II JOHN** -- Apostle -- Message concerning worldly error, warning against false teachers

**III JOHN** -- Apostle -- Letter of commendation written to Gaius

**JUDE** -- (Author: the brother of James) -- Historical examples of apostasy and divine judgement on sinners, warning against immoral teachers'

#### E. PROPHETICAL (1)

**REVELATIONS** -- Apostle -- Author: John -- Visions of end of time, battle between Jesus and Satan, Jesus' victory, and Heaven

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