

Chronological Overview of the Bible

<u>Old Testament</u>	400	<u>New Testament</u>
The Law (5 books) <i>Foundation of a Nation</i>	S I L E N T Y E A R S	Gospels (4 books) <i>Good News of Jesus</i>
History (12 books) <i>History of a Nation</i>		Acts (1 book) <i>Acts of the Apostles</i>
Poetry/Wisdom (5 books) <i>Writings of a Nation</i>		Paul's Letters (13 books) <i>To Churches/To Individuals</i>
Major Prophets (5 books) <i>Message over many years</i>		General Letters (8 books) <i>Various Authors</i>
Minor Prophets (12 books) <i>Message over short time</i>		The Revelation (1 book) <i>Picture of the Future</i>

The Law

Genesis 1-11 - book of beginnings (creation, sin, death, judgment, languages/nations, Israel)

Job - written after Babel (Genesis 11) and before Abraham (Genesis 12)

Genesis 12-50

Exodus - from slavery to freedom

Leviticus - Instructions for Worship

Numbers - National Census (once at the beginning of the 40 years wandering in the wilderness, again at the end of the 40 years)

Deuteronomy - instructions before entering Promised Land

Historical

Joshua - taking the Promised Land

Judges - claiming and living in the Promised Land

Ruth - promise of a Kinsman Redeemer

I Samuel - United Kingdom under Saul

II Samuel - United Kingdom under David

Psalms - most by David

I & II Kings/ I & II Chronicles - *Solomon and Kings of Divided Kingdom*

Proverbs - *most by Solomon*

Ecclesiastes - *written by Solomon at the end of his life*

Song of Solomon - *one story*

Prophets to Israel - the Northern Kingdom

Jonah - *Message to Nineveh*

Amos - *Shepherd and Keeper of Sycamores - Social Injustice*

Hosea - *Warning of future events*

Prophets to Judah - the Southern Kingdom

Obadiah - *Fall of Edom*

Joel - *Return to the Lord*

Isaiah - *Prophesied Messiah/Call to Faithfulness*

Micah - *prophecies of Christ's birth*

Nahum - *Oracle concerning Nineveh*

Zephaniah - *The Day of the Lord*

Jeremiah - *The Weeping Prophet*

Lamentations - *Lament for Judah*

Habakkuk - *Questions for God*

Prophets During Captivity

Daniel - *Babylon/End Time Prophecies*

Ezekiel - *Returning to the Land*

Ezra - *Return to Rebuild the Temple*

Haggai - *Finish the Temple*

Zechariah - *Admonishing the Jews in Jerusalem*

Esther - *Plot against the Jews*

Nehemiah - *Returning to rebuild walls of Jerusalem*

Malachi - *Promised Messiah*

400 Silent Years

Prophets are silent - Waiting for God's Word become flesh

Gospels - *the life of Christ*

Matthew - *King of Jews*

Mark - *Suffering Servant/Action*

Luke - *Chronological order/ Savior of All Mankind*

John - *The "I AM" - God*

Acts - *the acts of the apostles - the beginning of the church*

Paul's 1st missionary journey

Paul's 2nd missionary journey

James - *Faith without works is dead*

I & II Thessalonians - *waiting for the coming of Christ*

I Corinthians - *condemning immorality*

Paul's 3rd missionary journey

Galatians - *Grace compared to the Law*

II Corinthians - *Strengthen the Faithful*

Romans - *Doctrine of Salvation*

Ephesians - *Keeping the Body unified and strong*

Philippians - *having joy in all circumstances*

Colossians - *Christ's supremacy/Living Godly*

Philemon - *Dealing with a run-away slave*

I Timothy - *the True Gospel*

Titus - *Teaching the growing church*

I Peter - *God's promises to believers*

Hebrews - *Bridging of the Old and New Testament*

II Timothy - *Passing on the torch*

II Peter - *God's patience*

Jude - *Evil men in the church*

I, II, & III John - *Christian's relationship to love*

Revelation - *What is to come*