

Week Two: The Order of the Bible Books

The Way Your Bible is Ordered

Old Testament

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy
Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther
Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

Moses/Law/Pentateuch

Historical Books

Poetic & Wisdom Literature

Prophetic Books

- Major — Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel Daniel
- Minor — Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

New Testament

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
Acts
Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians
1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon
Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude
Revelation

Gospels

- Synoptic — Matthew, Mark, Luke

Early Church

Letters/Epistles:

- Prison — Colossians, Ephesians, Philemon, Philippians
- Pastoral — 1-2 Timothy, Titus
- General — Hebrews, James, 1-2 Peter, 1-2-3 John, Jude

Apocalyptic literature

Why Your Bible is Ordered This Way

Old Testament

1. **Genre** — Narrative, Poetry, Prophetic
2. **Author** — Moses, Chronicler, Prophets
3. **Theme** — Law, Historical, Wisdom, Prophets
4. **Length** — longest to shortest within their subject

New Testament

1. **Genre** — Gospels, Historical Narrative, Letters, Apocalyptic
2. **Author** — Paul, James, Peter, John
3. **Theme** — Jesus's life, early church, prison, pastoral, Revelation
4. **Length** — longest to shortest within their subject



The Books of the Bible in Chronological Time Order

OT

Genesis 1-11

2100—1450 BC

Genesis 12-50

Job (possibly)

1450—1050 BC

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

Joshua, Judges, Ruth

1050—586 BC

1-2 Samuel

1-2 Kings

1-2 Chronicles

some Psalms

Proverbs

Ecclesiastes

Song of Solomon

930—722 BC

Amos, Hosea, Jonah

930—586 BC

Micah, Isaiah,

Zephaniah

Jeremiah, Nahum,

Joel

Habakkuk

605—539 BC

Daniel, Ezekiel

Lamentations,

Obadiah

some Psalms

539—430 BC

Ezra, Nehemiah,

Esther

Haggai, Zechariah,

Malachi

some Psalms

*The Exodus

- **1446 BC**

*United Israel

- **1050-930 BC**

*Northern Kingdom: Israel

- **930-722 BC**
- **722 BC** — Assyria invades

*Southern Kingdom: Judah

- **930-586 BC**
- **586 BC** — Babylon invades; destroys Jerusalem temple; Israelites go into exile

*Israel returns home

- **539 BC** — Persia defeats Babylon
- **520 BC** — Israel begins to rebuild the temple
- **445 BC** — Nehemiah rebuilds walls of Jerusalem

NT

6 BC—AD 33

Mark

Matthew

John

Luke

AD 33—95

Acts

James

Galatians

1-2 Thessalonians

1-2 Corinthians

Romans

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

Philemon

1-2 Timothy

Titus

1-2 Peter

Hebrews

Jude

1-2-3 John

AD 95 — ?

Revelation

*Important dates

- **6 BC** — John the Baptist born
- **5 BC** — Jesus born
- **AD 33** — Jesus' death & res.

*Paul dates:

- **AD 46-48** — 1st journey
- **AD 49-52** — 2nd journey
- **AD 52-57** — 3rd journey
- **AD 57-59** — in prison in Caesarea
- **AD 59-65** — in Rome; in prison from AD 60-62
- **AD 65** — Paul killed

*Other important dates:

- **AD 62** — James killed
- **AD 64** — great fire in Rome & persecution under Emperor Nero
- **AD 65** — Peter killed
- **AD 70** — Jerusalem temple destroyed

