

Law

The books of the Law are:

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy

The first 5 books of the Bible are the books of the Law, also known as the Torah or the Pentateuch.

They were written by Moses, except for the last portion of Deuteronomy which tells of Moses death, between 1450BC to 1410BC.

History

The books of History are:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joshua• Judges• Ruth• 1 & 2 Samuel• 1 & 2 Kings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 & 2 Chronicles• Ezra• Nehemiah• Esther• Acts (NT)
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The History section of the Bible (Old Testament) is made of up 12 books from Joshua to Esther and cover a period of 800 to 1000 years and I've included the book of Acts from the New Testament.

They span the history of Israel from their entry into the Promised Land, the reign of the Judges, and then of the Kings, Israel's division into the Northern and Southern Kingdoms, the Northern Kingdom's fall to Syria, the Southern Kingdoms exile into Babylon, and their return to Jerusalem.

And then in Acts it gives us a record of the birth and history of the early church.

Poetry

The books of Poetry are:

- Psalms
- Song of Solomon
- Lamentations

The 3 Poetry books are made up of the Song books, Psalms, Song of Solomon, and Lamentations.

These books are prayers and songs which were sung to God.

They talk about the experiences of God's people, not from a factual viewpoint, but from a heart point of view.

Wisdom

The books of Wisdom are:

- Job
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes

The 3 Wisdom books are Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes.

They talk about the world, what it should be, and what it is.

They offer God's perspective and practical wisdom to everyday living.

Major Prophets

The books of Major Prophets are:

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Daniel

These 5 Major Prophets of the Old Testament record the history of the Israelites. They are not Major Prophets because they are more important than the Minor Prophets but simply because the books are longer and reflect a lengthier insight into the history at the time.

The role of Prophets was not just to foretell the future, but they were to be the spokesperson for God, declaring His truth and His will to His people.

Minor Prophets

The books of Minor Prophets are:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hosea• Joel• Amos• Obadiah• Jonah• Micah	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nahum• Habakkuk• Zephania• Haggai• Zechariah• Malachi
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These 12 Minor Prophets are no less important than the Major Prophets, they are simply called Minor Prophets because of the length of the books.

They follow the same pattern as the Major Prophets of warning of pending judgement because of sin, an explanation of the sin, a description about the judgement to come, a call to repentance, and a promise of blessing and deliverance.

Gospels

The books of the Gospels are:

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John

Each of the books tells of the birth, life, ministry, miracles, teaching, and death of Jesus, each highlighting the stories from the perspective of, and in the style of, the writer.

Epistles

The books of the Epistles are:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Romans• 1 & 2 Corinthians• Galatians• Ephesians• Philippians• Colossians• 1 & 2 Thessalonians	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 & 2 Timothy• Titus• Philemon• Hebrews• James• 1 & 2 Peter• 1, 2 & 3 John• Jude
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There are 21 Epistles in the Bible.

An Epistle is a letter or a message which is of an instructive nature, like that of a mentor or teacher to a student.

They were written by apostles to give instruction and teaching in the Christian faith.

The main authors were Peter, John, James and Jude.

Some are written to specific churches and some to the wider church, but regardless of who they were written to, they are relevant and applicable to us today.

End Times Prophecy

The book of the End Times Prophecy is:

- Revelation

The book of Revelation was written around 95AD by the apostle John whilst he was in exile on the Island of Patmos.

It is the last book of the New Testament, and indeed the last book of the Bible.