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for All the Books in the Bible

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- ✓ Master the **notable verses** you need to know
- ✓ Easily understand the **key lessons** each book is trying to teach us
- ✓ Enjoy the most **popular stories** from each chapter

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Introduction

Warm greetings!

We look forward to your educational and entertaining experience as you view and digest the Books of the Bible Made Amazingly Simple by Amazing Words. We developed this material with students, adults, and curious learners in mind making this a quick and effective method of making readers comprehend the meaning and purpose of every book of the Bible and how it constitutes to the entire Biblical timeline and intention. Every page is a collective cheat sheet of all the necessary information that will propel you to knowing what you need to know firsthand about all the books of the Bible.

What is on Each Sheet?

Each sheet gives similar information on each subject/topic:

- **Book Title:** Specific and commonly used name for the Bible book.
- **Book Number:** Numerical order of the Bible book among the 66 books of the Bible and their respective testaments.
- **Book Group:** Sub-categorical group of which the Bible book belongs to in their respective testaments.
- **Original Title and Language Written:** Original language Bible book was written in along with the name of which it was originally entitled with.
- **Author of the Bible Book:** Author/s that are assumed to be producers of these Bible books.

- **Time Period Covered:** Time period and/or era surrounding the events that have presumably taken place before, during, and/or after the creation of the Bible book.
- **Time Written:** Assumed time period the Bible book was written by its author and its collaborators.
- **Notable Verses:** These Bible verses were carefully selected based on its relevance to the overall theme of the Bible book (as seen in the The Bible Book Made Amazingly Simple Section), its impact to the Christian community, its popularity as reference and in usage, and how significant and irreplaceable the line is to the book and the Bible.
- **Popular Stories:** A list of Bible story titles or summaries and their respective Bible chapter-verses for the reader to locate for further reading. These stories are taken based on how they frequent in popular Biblical culture, how they are detrimental to understanding the Biblical timeline, and the significant learning and lessons it brings to the reader. Additionally, these stories are recommended for further reading if you, the reader, wants to expand your understanding of the Bible. You may read this in the Bible itself or in Amazing Word's Stories of the Bible Made Amazingly Simple.
- **Significance of the Bible Book:** In this section, a summary of the Bible book's significance is reflected here to provide a quick and easy run-through of the book's thought.
- **The Bible Book Made Amazingly Simple:** To make it quicker and easier, we make things easier in minutes and also, in seconds! This section provides a word or phrase that sums up everything of the specific Bible book.

Suggested Use of the Book

The Bible is a rich resource of wisdom, cultural and religious understanding, moral practices, and most especially, a guide to a holistic and good character. Understanding the great whole of the Bible might take you weeks, months, and even years of immersive comprehension. However, Amazing Words makes it simpler for you. The Books of the Bible Made Amazingly Simple makes learning the Bible possibly the quickest and easiest yet the most effective way of learning the Bible, and we recommend its usage in:

- 1 Introducing the Bible as daily study tools in guiding your kids or your students to understanding the contents, lessons, and developmental intentions of the books of the Bible. May it be your lesson plan, study guide, and supplemental material to your teaching.
- 2 Providing your children, students, or church community with these printables to be used as educational handouts. Study them together and let everyone take it back home for their review. Use these printables as review guides for your home, school, and church communities.
- 3 Reviewing the Bible as a scholar dynamically and interactively. Use these printables as enjoyable reviewers you can use as flash cards or even memory triggers for your Biblical studies.

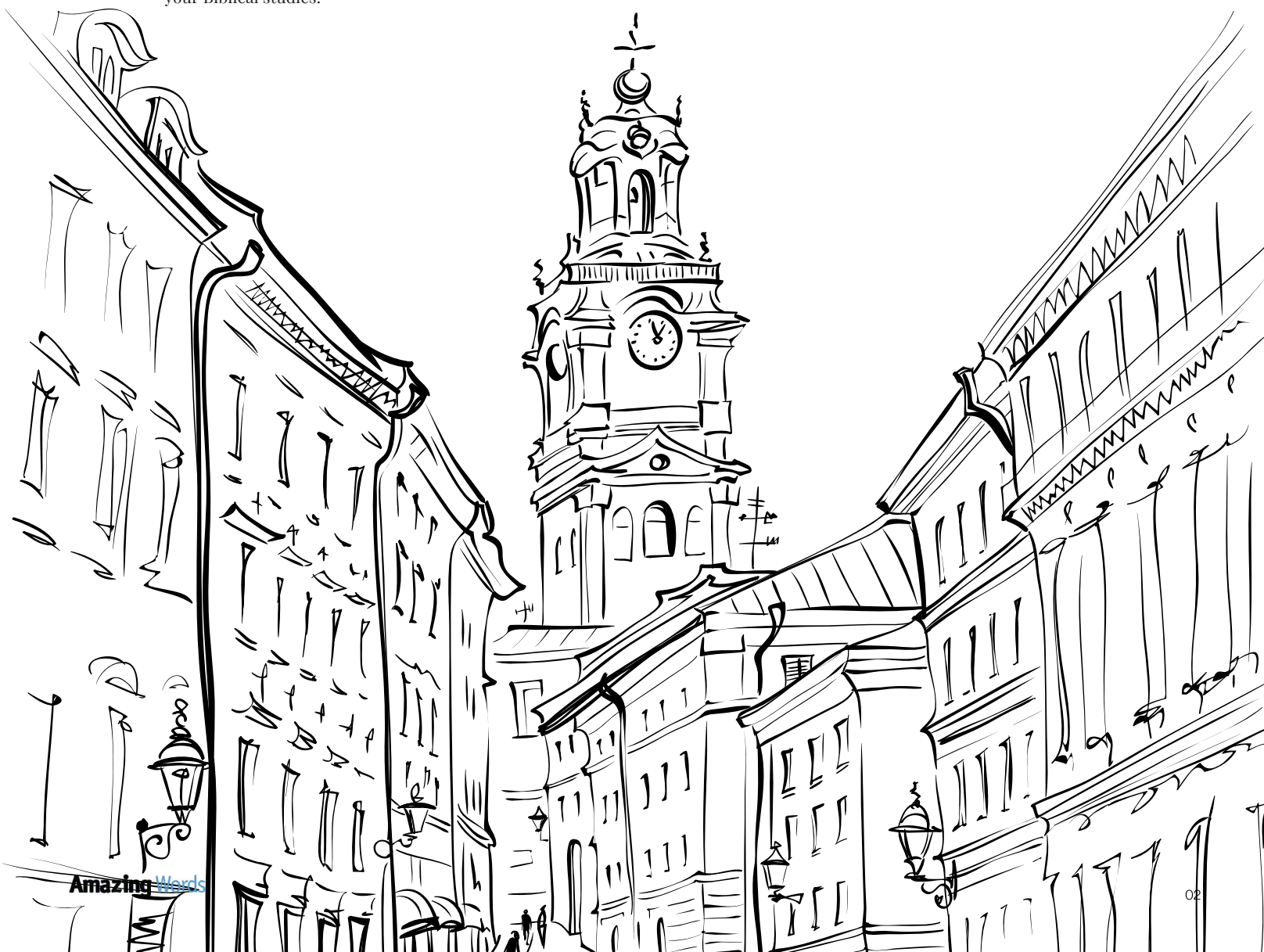
Importance of the Book

Every single book of the Bible offers a wealth of wisdom, moral philosophies, personal development, cultural and religious understanding. It is a solution that maintains and at a certain point, even improves the quality of learning the Bible as a beginner, educator, church community leader, and even a scholar.

With a single Made Amazingly Simple cheat sheet, you have access to Biblical information that will propel you to understanding the storyline, intentions, and meaning of the Bible.

From the creation of man and the calling of Abraham in Genesis to the miracles and love of Jesus Christ, as a reader, you get to explore the different stories that come together across several books of the Old and New Testament. Besides stories, you will acquire a lot of wisdom from the book summaries of the Psalms, Acts, the Wisdom books, the Revelations and more!

Investing your learning and heart to the value of every single Books of the Bible Made Amazingly Simple page will take you far in becoming a wiser, more compassionate, and educated person, a person of God.



Old Testament

Conceiving the Word of God to become the religious literature of wisdom, development, and character, the Old Testament is the ancient Scripture from which the establishment of the faith comes from - in the understanding of abstract concepts of the values and principles God reflects.

The Old Testament is filled with so much value of God's promises that He always fulfills and makes true. How God has not left humanity alone to complete His Great Plan for us.

Divided into five categories, the Old Testament is made up of the **Pentateuch, Historical, Poetic, Major and Minor Prophetic Books.**

In its entirety, the testament realizes the power of God's creation, blessing and promises. Entrusting ourselves to the will of God ensures us that everything will be provided, guided, and fulfilled in His Great Name and Glory.



Genesis

*First Book of the Holy Bible
The 1st out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 1st of the Pentateuch Books*



Written in: Hebrew as *Bereshith*



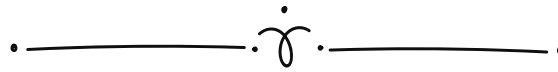
Time Period of Events: 4004 BC to 1805 BC



Author: Moses



Written Around: 1430 BC



Significance

The book of Genesis brings us back to the beginning of the Bible, where the foundation of life itself is explained. We learn how we were created, about the origins of sin and its fallout, and how to best relate to God – through obedience and trust. Learning that will teach us much about the place we are going.

Popular Stories

- ✓ Creation of the Universe -Genesis 1:1-25-
- ✓ The Garden of Eden -Genesis 3-
- ✓ Brothers Cain and Abel -Genesis 4-
- ✓ Noah's Ark and the Great Flood -Genesis 6 to 8-
- ✓ Rise and Fall of the Tower of Babel -Genesis 11:1-9-
- ✓ God's Call to Abraham -Genesis 12:1-3-
- ✓ Destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah -Genesis 18:16 to 19:29-
- ✓ Jacob's Wrestle With An Angel & Name Change to Israel -Genesis 32:24-32-
- ✓ Joseph the Dreamer's Coat and Being Sold by His Brothers for Twenty Pieces of Silver -Genesis 37-

Notable Verses

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

-Genesis 1:1 NIV-

So God created human beings in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

-Genesis 1:27 NIV-

Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

-Genesis 2:7 NIV-

*Trusting the
Promises of God*



Exodus

*Second Book of the Holy Bible
The 2nd out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 2nd of the Pentateuch Books*



Written in: Hebrew as Veelleh Shemoth



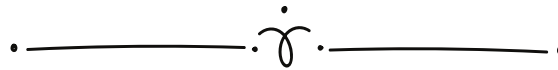
Time Period of Events: 1525 BC to 1400 BC



Author: Moses



Written Around: 1400 BC



Significance

In Exodus we witness God beginning to fulfill His promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Though the children of Israel were enslaved in a foreign land, God miraculously and dramatically delivered them to freedom. He then established Israel as a theocratic nation under His covenant with Moses on Mount Sinai. The ten plagues, the Passover, the parting of the Red Sea, the fearsome majesty of God's presence at Mount Sinai, the giving of the Ten Commandments, the building of the tabernacle . . . these events from Exodus are foundational to the Jewish faith. And they provide crucial background context to help future readers of Scripture understand the entire Bible's message of redemption. The frequency of references to Exodus by various biblical writers, and even Jesus's own words, testify to its importance.

Popular Stories

- ✓ Moses at the Burning Bush -Exodus 3:1 - 4:17-
- ✓ The Ten Plagues of Egypt -Exodus 7-12-
- ✓ Moses parts the Red Sea -Exodus 14-
- ✓ The Ten Commandments -Exodus 20-

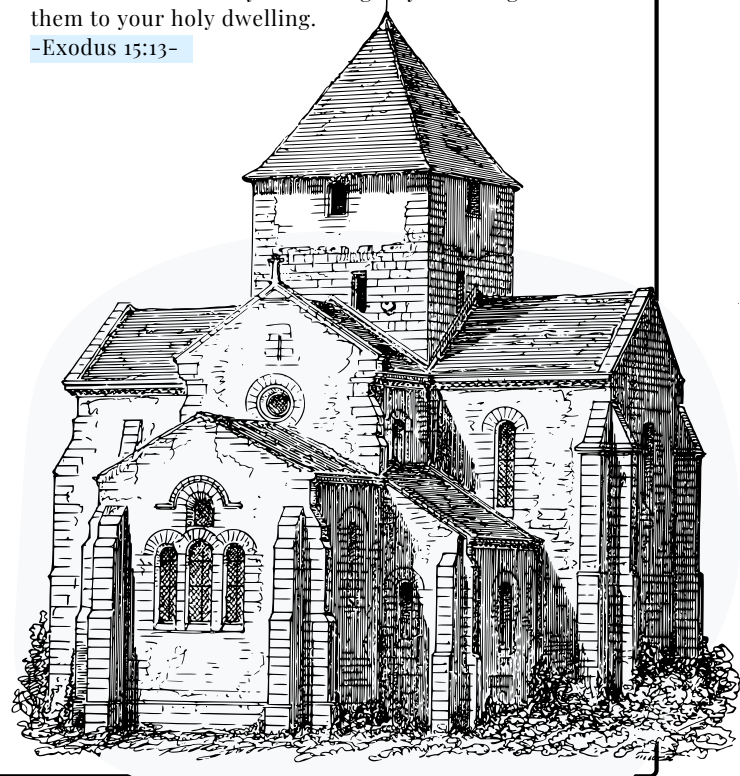
*God of Power
& Omnipotent*

Notable Verses

"You shall have no other gods before me."
-Exodus 20:3-

"God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"
-Exodus 3:14-

In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.
-Exodus 15:13-



Leviticus

*Third Book of the Holy Bible
The 3rd out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 3rd of the Pentateuch Books*



Written in: Hebrew as Vayyikra



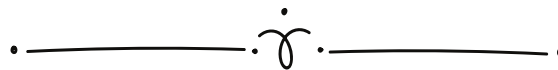
Time Period of Events: 1445 BC to 70 AD



Author: Moses



Written Around: 1445 BC



Significance

Leviticus is mostly laws that kept the Hebrew people safe, healthy, and peaceful.

It is decreed in this book that priests shall be members of the tribe of Levi and descendants of Moses' brother Aaron. Moses describes things that are considered "unclean," such as various animals and insects.

God's purpose was to protect people from germs and unhealthy living.

Moses teaches the Day of Atonement. It is a ceremony that takes place only once a year. The High Priest enters into the Holy of Holies (the most special part of the tabernacle) and offers a sacrifice to God for sins of the entire nation. No one else could go in there.

Popular Stories

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|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| ✓ Offerings from the People | -Leviticus 1 to 5- |
| ✓ The Regulations | -Leviticus 6 & 7- |
| ✓ Institution of the Priesthood | -Leviticus 8 to 10- |
| ✓ Uncleaness and Treatment | -Leviticus 11 & 12- |
| ✓ Diseases and Discharges | -Leviticus 13 to 15- |
| ✓ Holiness Code | -Leviticus 16 to 20- |
| ✓ General Rules | -Leviticus 21 to 23- |
| ✓ Pleasing a Holy God | -Leviticus 24 to 27- |

Notable Verses

"For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

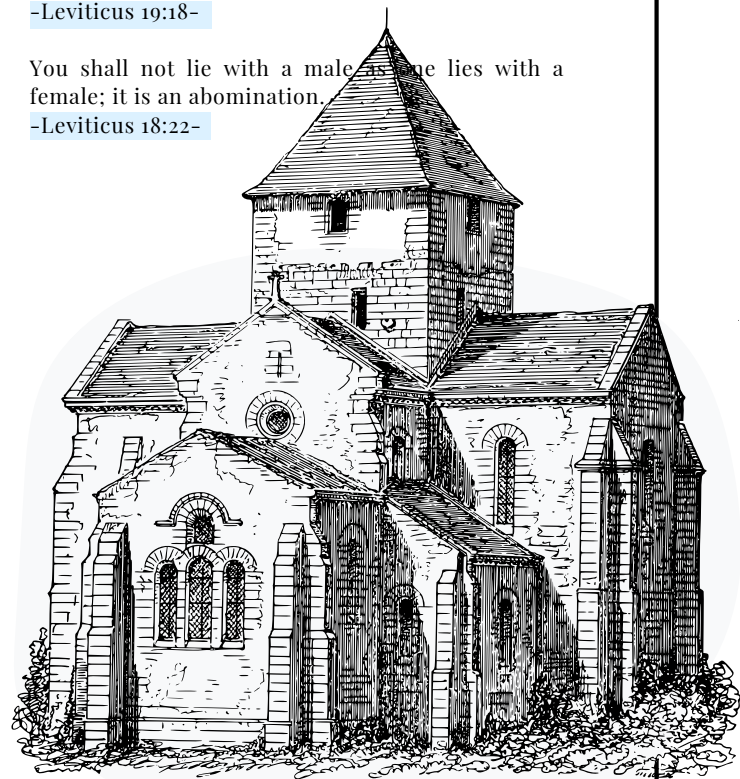
-Leviticus 17:11-

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

-Leviticus 19:18-

You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination.

-Leviticus 18:22-



God of Purity

Numbers

*Fourth Book of the Holy Bible
The 4th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 4th of the Pentateuch Books*



Written in: Hebrew as *Bemidbar*



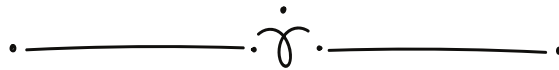
Time Period of Events: 1450 BC to 1400 BC



Author: Moses



Written Around: 1400 BC



Significance

Numbers takes the reader on the long journey through a desert that lasted 40 years because the people failed tests of endurance, ethics, good judgment, and faith.

There are some long lists in this book, including two censuses.

Numbers shows how God wanted to make the Hebrew people strong, but they were very resistant complainers. Hence, in Numbers 14 is where God gave the sentence that they would wander for 40 years.

Popular Stories

- ✓ Spies saw giants in the land Moses wanted to invade, and grieved the Lord with their lack of faith.
-Numbers 13-
- ✓ An enemy, Balak, easily taught the people of Israel to worship Baal, a false god, and they upset God so badly that 24,000 of them died.
-Numbers 22-

God of Perseverance

Notable Verses

God is not a human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

-Numbers 23:19-

But as for you, your bodies will fall in this wilderness. Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the wilderness.

-Numbers 14:32-33-

The Lord bless you, and keep you.

-Numbers 6:24-



Deuteronomy

*Fifth Book of the Holy Bible
The 5th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 5th of the Pentateuch Books*



Written in: Hebrew as *Haddebarim*



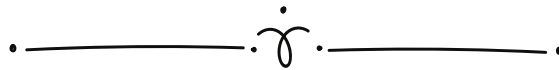
Time Period of Events: 1450 BC to 1400 BC



Author: Moses



Written Around: 1400 BC



Significance

The Book of Deuteronomy contains a repeat of all the Mosaic laws, plus the death of Moses. It is the only book in the first five to record Moses' death.

The children who had left Egypt were adults when Deuteronomy was written. They were quite ready to battle for the Promised Land. Deuteronomy repeats the laws in other books, specifically directing it to this new generation.

The last few chapters describe Moses' final blessing on the children of Israel as well as his death (which must have been written by another person).

Popular Stories

- ✓ The death of Moses.

God of Preparation

Notable Verses

Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft.

-Deuteronomy 18:10-

Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face.

-Deuteronomy 34:10-

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

-Deuteronomy 6:5-



Joshua

Sixth Book of the Holy Bible
The 6th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 1st of the Historical Books



Written in: Hebrew as Yahsua



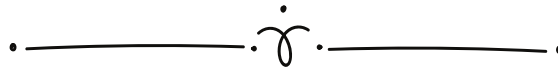
Time Period of Events: 1400 BC to 1375 BC



Author: Joshua



Written Around: 1375 BC



Significance

The first eight chapters of Joshua cover the first battle for Israel, which was Jericho. They also cover the battle to win Ai, which gave the nation two pieces of land. The army continues fighting with Joshua as their leader. They conquer and obtain more of the Promised Land, with one great miracle being the sun stopping in the sky. Joshua and his team divide the lands they conquered among the tribes.

Popular Stories

- ✓ Joshua and the troops surrounded Jericho, blew trumpets, and shouted, which made the walls fall down.
-Joshua 6-
- ✓ Rahab the harlot protected the spies of Israel, so she and her family were saved, and she married into one of the families in Israel.
-Joshua 6-
- ✓ The sun stood still in the sky so Joshua and his men could see to fight.
-Joshua 10:12-14-

Notable Verses

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

-Joshua 1:9-

But Joshua had commanded the army, "Do not give a war cry, do not raise your voices, do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then shout!"

-Joshua 6:10-

No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.

-Joshua 1:5-



God of the Land
& All of the Earth

Judges

*Seventh Book of the Holy Bible
The 7th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 2nd of the Historical Books*



Written in: Hebrew as *Shophetim*



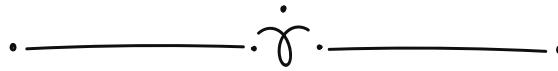
Time Period of Events: 1350 BC to 1050 BC



Author: Judges



Written Around: 1050 BC



Significance

The time of the judges brought about great apostasy in Israel. The nation underwent political and religious turmoil as the people tried to possess those parts of the land that had not yet been fully conquered. The tribes fought among themselves, as well, nearly wiping out the tribes of Manasseh and Benjamin. The pattern of behavior in the book of Judges is clear: the people rebelled through idolatry and disbelief, God brought judgment through foreign oppression, God raised up a deliverer—or judge, and the people repented and turned back to God. When the people fell back into sin, the cycle started over again.

Notable Verses

So he told her everything. "No razor has ever been used on my head," he said, "because I have been a Nazirite dedicated to God from my mother's womb. If my head were shaved, my strength would leave me, and I would become as weak as any other man."

-Judges 16:17-

Therefore I also said, "I will not drive them out before you; but they will become as thorns in your sides and their gods will be a snare to you."

-Judges 2:3-

Then the trees said to the fig tree, "You come, reign over us!"

-Judges 9:10-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Judge Deborah and Barak defeat their enemies at Canaan.
-Judges 4-
- ✓ Gideon defeats the Midianites with only 300 men.
-Judges 6-
- ✓ Delilah deceives Samson and steals his strength.
-Judges 16-

*God of the Rebels
& Revolutions*



Ruth

*Eighth Book of the Holy Bible
The 8th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 3rd of the Historical Books*



A Story of: Loyalty



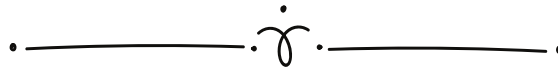
Time Period of Events: 1150 BC to 1100 BC



Author: Prophet Samuel



Written Around: 1050 to 1000 BC



Significance

The book was written from Naomi's point of view. Every event related back to her: her husband's and sons' deaths, her daughters-in-law, her return to Bethlehem, her God, her relative, Boaz, her land to sell, and her progeny. Almost without peer in Scripture, this story views "God through the eyes of a woman."

The book reveals the extent of God's grace—He accepted Ruth into His chosen people and honored her with a role in continuing the family line into which His appointed king, David, and later His Son, Jesus, would be born (Matthew 1:1, 5).

Notable Verses

"Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me."

-Ruth 1:17-

The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

-Ruth 4:17-

May the Lord grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept.

-Ruth 1:9-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Ruth goes to sleep on the threshing floor to earn the trust of Boaz, a man she wanted to marry and who had been kind to her.

-Ruth 3-

*God Who Redeems
& of Redemption*



1 Samuel

*Ninth Book of the Holy Bible
The 9th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 4th of the Historical Books*



Written in: Hebrew as *Shemuel*



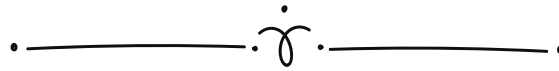
Time Period of Events: 1150 BC to 1100 BC



Author: Samuel Nathan



Written Around: 900 BC



Significance

First Samuel focuses on the establishment of the monarchy. The people demanded a king, similar to the kings of the surrounding nations. Saul, the first king, though “head and shoulders above the rest” did not have a righteous heart, and his line was destined never to inherit the crown. God instructed Samuel to anoint David, the youngest son of Jesse of Bethlehem, as the next king.

Notable Verses

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things human beings look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

-1 Samuel 16:7-

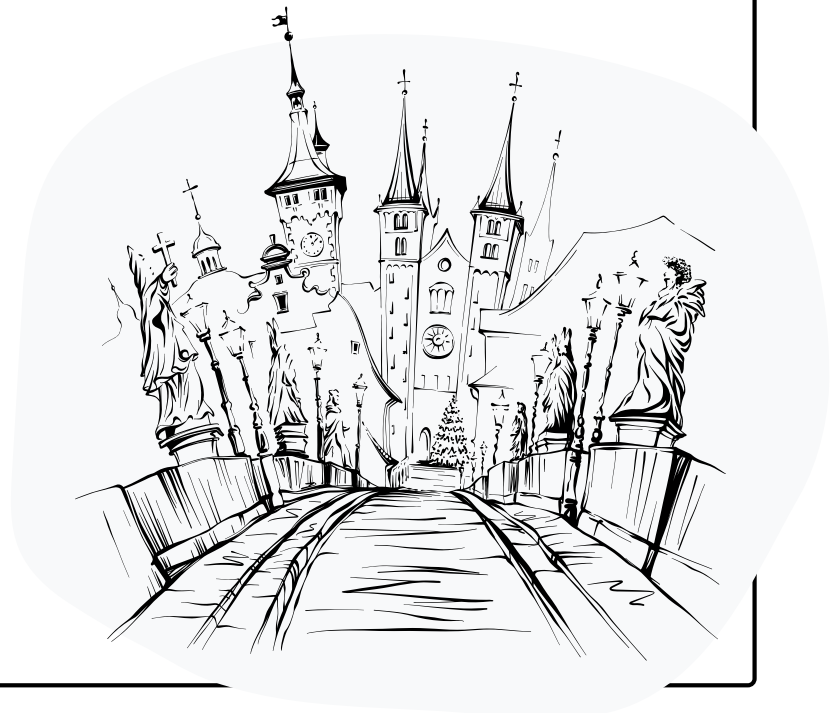
But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams."

-1 Samuel 15:22-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Samuel's mother gives him to the priests to raise. Samuel hears God's voice as a boy.
-1 Samuel 3-
- ✓ Samuel anoints David as future king.
-1 Samuel 16-
- ✓ David kills Goliath.
-1 Samuel 17-
- ✓ Saul calls on a witch to bring the prophet Samuel back to life and speak to him.
-1 Samuel 28)-

God of the Heart



2 Samuel

*Tenth Book of the Holy Bible
The 10th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 5th of the Historical Books*



Written in: Hebrew as *Shemuel*



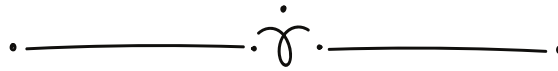
Time Period of Events: 1000 BC to 975 BC



Author: Prophets Nathan & Gad



Written Around: 900 BC



Significance

2 Samuel chronicles the establishment of David's dynasty and the expansion of Israel under God's chosen leader. The book opens as David learns of Saul's death. His lament over the deaths of Saul and of Jonathan, David's unlikely best friend, demonstrated David's personal grief over their demise. The Lord soon set David over the tribe of Judah and then over all Israel as His anointed king, uniting all twelve tribes into a tight-knit nation.

Notable Verses

His attendants asked him, "Why are you acting this way? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept, but now that the child is dead, you get up and eat!" He answered, "While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept. I thought, 'Who knows? The LORD may be gracious to me and let the child live.'"

-2 Samuel 12:21-22-

When he looked behind him, he saw me and called to me. And I said, "Here I am."

-2 Samuel 1:7-

Popular Stories

- ✓ David brings the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem and embarrasses his wife while dancing joyfully.
-2 Samuel 6-
- ✓ David takes Bathsheba, another man's wife.
-2 Samuel 11-
- ✓ The attempted coup and death of David's son Absalom.
-2 Samuel 18-

God of the Throne



1 Kings

*Eleventh Book of the Holy Bible
The 11th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 6th of the Historical Books*



Written in: The Kingdom United



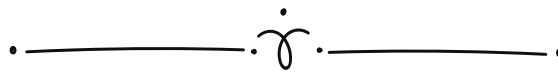
Time Period of Events: 975 BC to 850 BC



Author: Unknown



Written Around: 550 BC



Significance

First Kings reveals Solomon's relationship with Yahweh, emphasizing Solomon's divinely given wisdom and wealth. Solomon's reputation reached far beyond Israel's borders to modern-day Yemen, the queen of Sheba's likely home. Solomon's numerous marriages and extensive harem are the stuff of legends, but they led to his wandering faith in later years. Solomon did, however, build the temple, God's permanent dwelling place among His people. First Kings also introduces the prophet Elijah, who pronounced God's judgment on the evil northern king Ahab. In addition to performing other miracles, Elijah won a dramatic confrontation with false prophets on Mount Carmel.

Notable Verses

And observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go.

-1 Kings 2:3-

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

-1 Kings 17:1-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Solomon decides which woman is the real mother of the baby.
-1 Kings 3-
- ✓ Solomon builds the Temple.
-1 Kings 6-
- ✓ Elijah confounds the prophets of the false god Baal and gets hundreds of them killed.
-1 Kings 18-

*God of the
Kingdom of Israel*



2 Kings

Twelfth Book of the Holy Bible
The 12th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 7th of the Historical Books



Written in: The Kingdom Divided



Time Period of Events: 975 BC to 850 BC



Author: Unknown



Written Around: 550 BC



Significance

2 Kings begins where 1 Kings leaves off.

Chapters 2 through 7 cover the ministry of the prophet Elisha after Elijah is taken up to heaven.

Chapter 13 covers the death of Elisha.

The book covers the reigns of many kings of Israel and Judah, telling short stories about some of the most notable, good and evil. It ends with Chapter 25 and the Babylonian invasion of Judah when Solomon's temple was destroyed.

Notable Verses

The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied...

-2 Kings 2:3-

Elijah answered the captain, "If I am a man of God, may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!" Then fire fell from heaven and consumed the captain and his men.

-2 Kings 1:10-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Elijah is swept up to heaven.
-2 Kings 2-
- ✓ Elisha raises a boy from the dead.
-2 Kings 4:8 -37-
- ✓ Naaman is cured of leprosy by washing in dirty water.
-2 Kings 5-
- ✓ Jerusalem is plundered by the Babylonians, and the Great Exile begins.
-2 Kings 25-

*God of the
Kingdom of Israel*



1 Chronicles

*Thirteenth Book of the Holy Bible
The 13th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 8th of the Historical Books*



Written in: Hebrew as *Dibrei Hayyamim*



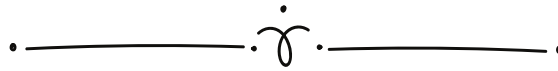
Time Period of Events: 4000 BC to 975 BC



Author: Unknown



Written Around: 450 BC



Significance

In Chronicles, the history of Israel is told through a priestly perspective. The chronicler devoted significant attention to proper worship of Yahweh and adherence to the regulations of His Law. The author included David's decisions on the proper manner in which to undertake moving the ark of the covenant (1 Chronicles 13, 15–16) and detailed descriptions of its return to Jerusalem. The chronicler even highlighted one of David's psalms (16:8–36). We read the story of how David purchased the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, which he then designated as the future site of the temple (21:15–30). Though David desired to build the temple, God revealed to him that David's son Solomon would have that honor (17:1–14).

Notable Verses

In another battle with the Philistines, Elhanan son of Jair killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, who had a spear with a shaft like a weaver's rod. In still another battle, which took place at Gath, there was a huge man with six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot—twenty-four in all. He also was descended from Rapha. When he taunted Israel, Jonathan son of Shimea, David's brother, killed him.

–1 Chronicles 20:5–7–

Popular Stories

- ✓ God tells David not to build a temple for him because he had shed blood as a warrior.
–1 Chronicles 17–

*God of the
Kingdom of Judah*



2 Chronicles

*Fourteenth Book of the Holy Bible
The 14th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 9th of the Historical Books*



Written in: Hebrew as *Dibrei Hayyamim*



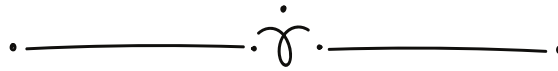
Time Period of Events: 975 BC to 525 BC



Author: Unknown



Written Around: Around 340 BC



Significance

2 Chronicles starts with the famous story of Solomon asking for wisdom. It continues with information and stories about Solomon building the Temple through Chapter 8. The Queen of Sheba visits Solomon in Chapter 9. 2 Chronicles covers the reigns of all the kings of Israel and Judah after the split of the united kingdom of Kings Saul, David, and Solomon.

Like the Kings, this book gives little snippets about each king and notes whether they grieved or pleased the Lord. (Only a handful, all from Judah, pleased the Lord.) The closing chapter, 36, summarizes the 70 years of captivity in the Great Exile and also summarizes Cyrus, King of Persia, releasing the Jews to go home and his funding of the rebuilding of the Temple.

Popular Stories

- ✓ Solomon prays to God for wisdom instead of long life, power, or money, so he is given all.
-2 Chronicles 1-
- ✓ The Queen of Sheba visits Solomon.
King Cyrus of Persia rebuilds the temple after releasing Israel from the Great Exile to Babylon.
-2 Chronicles 9-

*God of the
Kingdom of Judah*

Notable Verses

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

-2 Chronicles 7:14-

In that night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask what I shall give you."

-2 Chronicles 1:7-

Solomon said to God, "You have dealt with my father David with great lovingkindness, and have made me king in his place."

-2 Chronicles 1:8-



Ezra

*Fifteenth Book of the Holy Bible
The 15th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 10th of the Historical Books*



Translation: Help



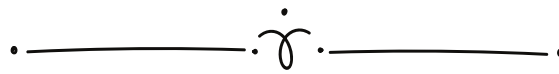
Time Period of Events: 550 BC to 510 BC



Author: The Scribe & Scholar Era



Written Around: 450 BC



Significance

In the book of Ezra we witness the rebuilding of the new temple, the unification of the returning tribes as they shared common struggles and were challenged to work together. Later, after the original remnant had stopped work on the city walls and spiritual apathy ruled, Ezra arrived with another two thousand people and sparked a spiritual revival. By the end of the book, Israel had renewed its covenant with God and had begun acting in obedience to Him.

Notable Verses

Then the family heads of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and Levites – everyone whose heart God had moved – prepared to go up and build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem.

-Ezra 1:5-

Therefore, do not give your daughters in marriage to their sons or take their daughters for your sons. Do not seek a treaty of friendship with them at any time, that you may be strong and eat the good things of the land and leave it to your children as an everlasting inheritance.

-Ezra 9:12-

Popular Stories

- ✓ King Cyrus decrees the work of the Temple may begin.
- ✓ Men with foreign wives sent them all away.

*God of the
Temple of Worship*



Nehemiah

Sixteenth Book of the Holy Bible
The 16th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 11th of the Historical Books



Translation: Comforter of Yahh



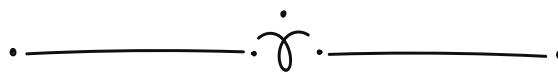
Time Period of Events: 450 BC to 430 BC



Author: Nehemiah



Written Around: 425 to 400 B



Significance

Nehemiah was a layman, not a priest like Ezra nor a prophet like Malachi. He served the Persian king in a secular position before leading a group of Jews to Jerusalem in order to rebuild the city walls. "Nehemiah's expertise in the king's court equipped him adequately for the political and physical reconstruction necessary for the remnant to survive."

Notable Verses

They said to me, "Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire."

-Nehemiah 1:3-

"You divided the sea before them,
So they passed through the midst of the sea on dry ground;
And their pursuers You hurled into the depths,
Like a stone into raging waters."

-Nehemiah 9:11-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Nehemiah gets Israel's leaders to stop charging tax to the returnees of the Great Exile.
- ✓ Nehemiah gets tough with the men who had married foreign wives, especially the priests.

God of the
Wall & Protection



Esther

*Seventeenth Book of the Holy Bible
The 17th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 12th of the Historical Books*



Written in: Hebrew as *Estthur*



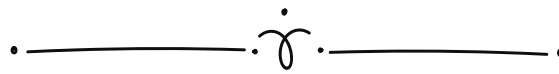
Time Period of Events: 480 BC to 475 BC



Author: Unknown



Written Around: 450 BC



Significance

The book takes place in Susa, east of the Tigris River, which is now part of Iraq. It is the only Bible story to take place east of what is thought to be the Garden of Eden.

Esther becomes queen of Persia. A man named Mordecai had adopted Esther after she was orphaned and before she became queen.

It features Mordecai discovering a plot to have all the Jewish people in the kingdom executed. The evil plot was started by Haman.

Esther was able to talk her husband, a very strong king, out of the genocide through a combination of wits and humility and support from Mordecai.

Notable Verses

"If the king regards me with favor and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and fulfill my request, let the king and Haman come tomorrow to the banquet I will prepare for them. Then I will answer the king's question."

-Esther 5:8-

In every province and in every city to which the edict of the king came, there was joy and gladness among the Jews, with feasting and celebrating. And many people of other nationalities became Jews because fear of the Jews had seized them.

-Esther 8:17-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Esther is one story about a woman of Israel who became queen in a foreign land and stopped a genocide meant to kill all Jews in the land.

God of the Gallows



Job

*Eighteenth Book of the Holy Bible
The 18th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 1st Wisdom of Poetry Books*



Written in: Hebrew as *Iyyob*



Time Period of Events: 2100 BC to 1900 BC



Author: Unknown



Written Around: -



Significance

Job's blessings are described in Chapter 1. Then his losses in the trial from Satan are described, ending in Chapter 2. In Chapters 3 through 37, Job converses with three friends who showed up. They want to make him feel better, but they confound their own efforts by accusing him of "earning" his trial by having sinned. Job has not sinned, and he refuses to say a bad word about God. In Chapters 37 through 40, God confronts them all, especially Job, with a strong speech on why they are not big enough or smart enough to question his acts. In the closing chapter, 41, God restores all of Job's losses, giving him twice as much as before and 10 more children.

Notable Verses

His wife said to him, "Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!" He replied, "You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"

-Job 2:9-10-

"As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives,
And at the last, He will take His stand on earth."

-Job 19:25-

"He stretches out the north over empty space and
hangs earth on nothing."

-Job 26:7-

Popular Stories

- ✓ The Book of Job is one story about a man who goes through extreme testing with the loss of his children, businesses, and eventually his own health.

*God Who Brings
Righteous Pain*



Psalms

*Nineteenth Book of the Holy Bible
The 19th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 2nd Wisdom of Poetry Books*



Written in: Hebrew as Tehillim



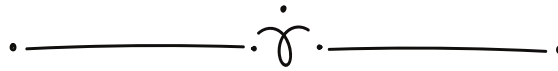
Time Period of Events: 1000 BC



Author: Many



Written Around: 1400 to 450 BC



Significance

Psalms are poetry, generally meant to be put to music, though the translations out of their original and beautiful language often makes that hard today. Individual psalms were written as early as Moses' time, around 1450 BC. More were added through the time of David and Solomon around 1000 BC. Additions continued after the Babylonian captivity around 500 BC. That means the writing spanned nearly 1,000 years. The Psalms have always been quite popular because they apply to every time and every person. Psalm of sorrow, psalms of praise, prophetic psalms, and words of encouragement still make this one of the most popular books in the Bible.

Notable Verses

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me.

-Psalm 23:4-

Take delight in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

-Psalm 37:4-

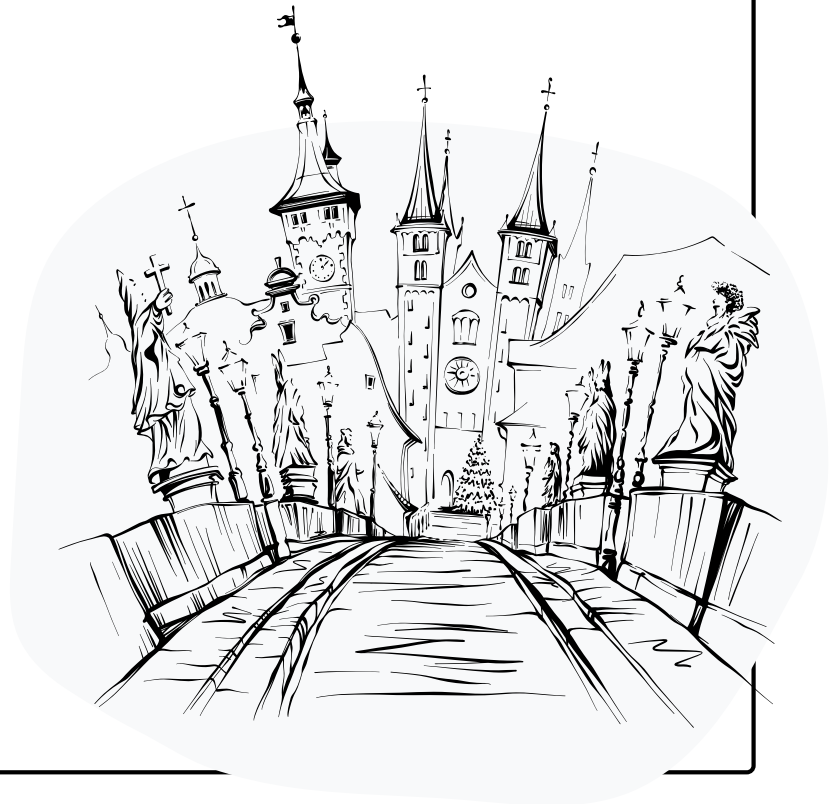
I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

-Psalms 9:1-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Psalms flows with words of praise, prayers, and heartfelt thoughts about life and God. Emotions range widely from crying out to God while facing the depths of despair, to praying for His Sovereign help and protection, to celebrating His goodness with joy and thankfulness.

*God of Praise
and Worship*



Proverbs

*Twentieth Book of the Holy Bible
The 20th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 3rd Wisdom of Poetry Books*



Written in: Hebrew as Mashal



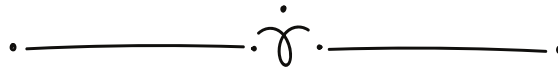
Time Period of Events: 970 BC



Author: Solomon



Written Around: 970 to 675 BC



Significance

Proverbs is known for its short instructions for living an effective life on earth. It contains no stories or theology, as many other Old Testament books do. It simply states wisdom for all to enjoy and use.

Two strong principles emphasized in Proverbs include listening to those who have gone before us, such as parents, teachers, and older people in general. The other principle is having humility. We are encouraged not to speak rashly or without seeing the consequences of our acting arrogant.

Notable Verses

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

-Proverbs 3:5-

A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

-Proverbs 31:10-

Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding.

-Proverbs 3:13-

Popular Stories

- ✓ A bad workman always blames his tools.
- ✓ A burnt child dreads the fire.
- ✓ Actions speak louder than Words.
- ✓ A Fault confessed is half redressed.
- ✓ All is well that ends well.
- ✓ All that Glitters is not Gold.
- ✓ All work and no play makes Jack A Dull Boy.
- ✓ An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

God of Prudence



Ecclesiastes

*Twenty-first Book of the Holy Bible
The 21st out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 4th Wisdom of Poetry Books*



Written in: Hebrew as *Koheleth*



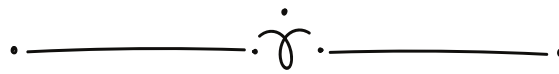
Time Period of Events: 940 BC



Author: Solomon



Written Around: 940 to 931 BC



Significance

Ecclesiastes presents us a naturalistic vision of life—one that sees life through distinctively human eyes—but ultimately recognizes the rule and reign of God in the world. This more humanistic quality has made the book especially popular among younger audiences today, men and women who have seen more than their fair share of pain and instability in life but who still cling to their hope in God.

Notable Verses

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

-Ecclesiastes 3:1-

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of every human being.

-Ecclesiastes 12:13-

"Enjoy life with the woman whom you love all the days of your fleeting life which He has given to you under the sun; for this is your reward"

-Ecclesiastes 9:9-

God of Great Purpose



Song of Solomon

*Twenty-second Book of the Holy Bible
The 22nd out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 5th Wisdom of Poetry Books*



Written in: Hebrew as Shir Hashshirim



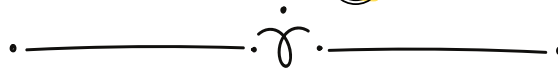
Time Period of Events: 970 BC



Author: Solomon



Written Around: 940 to 931 BC



Significance

This book remains singular within the Old Testament for at least two reasons: its character as a single poem and its subject matter, particularly the frank discussion of love between a married couple. The Song of Solomon's willingness to broach the topic of physical love within marriage has made many of its readers throughout history uncomfortable, so much so that Rabbi Aqiba had to vigorously defend the book's place in the Jewish canon even as late as AD 90 at the Council of Jamnia. But as a testament to the beauty of the marriage relationship in its fullness, Song of Solomon stands out with its uniquely detailed vision of this beautiful reality.

Notable Verses

Strengthen me with raisins, refresh me with apples,
for I am faint with love.

-Song of Solomon 2:5-

Dark am I, yet lovely, daughters of Jerusalem, dark
like the tents of Kedar, like the tent curtains of
Solomon.

-Song of Solomon 1:5-

"He has brought me to his banquet hall, And his
banner over me is love."

-Song of Solomon 2:4-

God of Love & Passion



Isaiah

*Twenty-third Book of the Holy Bible
The 23rd out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 1st Major Prophet*



Translation: Salvation of Yahh



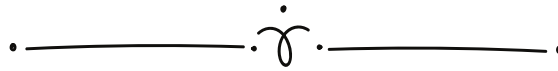
Time Period of Events: 700 BC to 25 AD



Author: Prophet Isaiah



Written Around: 700 to 680 BC



Significance

The book of Isaiah provides us with the most comprehensive prophetic picture of Jesus Christ in the entire Old Testament. It includes the full scope of His life: the announcement of His coming, His virgin birth, His proclamation of the good news, His sacrificial death, and His return to claim His own. The book stands as a testament of hope in the Lord, the One who saves His people from themselves.

Notable Verses

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

-Isaiah 9:6-

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

-Isaiah 7:14-

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord.

-Isaiah 55:8-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Isaiah contains no stories. However, it is loaded with prophecy that closely matches the life of Jesus, and it has been used as a source of proof. Here are some prophecies it contains: The announcement of Christ's coming.

-Isaiah 40:3-5-

- ✓ The virgin birth.

-Isaiah 7:14-

- ✓ Christ proclaiming the good news.

-Isaiah 61:1-

- ✓ Christ's death as a sin sacrifice; The second coming of Christ.

-Isaiah 60:2-3-

*God, Most High
& Glorious*



Jeremiah

*Twenty-fourth Book of the Holy Bible
The 24th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 2nd Major Prophet*



Translation: Whom Yahh Has Appointed



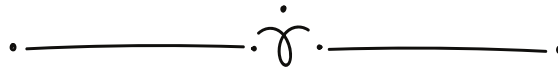
Time Period of Events: BC to 25 AD



Author: Prophet Jeremiah



Written Around: 585 to 570 BC



Significance

The prophecies of Jeremiah offer us a unique insight into the mind and heart of one of God's faithful servants. The book includes numerous personal statements of emotional engagement, painting Jeremiah not merely as a prophet brought on the scene to deliver God's message but also as a red-blooded human being who felt compassion for his people, desired judgment for evildoers, and was concerned about his own safety as well.

Notable Verses

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

-Jeremiah 29:11-

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

-Jeremiah 33:3-

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

-Jeremiah 17:9-

Popular Stories

- ✓ There are no stories in Jeremiah—only prophecies

*God of Those Who
Weep & Endure*



Lamentations

*Twenty-fifth Book of the Holy Bible
The 25th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 3rd Major Prophet*



Translation: Hymn's (sad) of Jeremiah



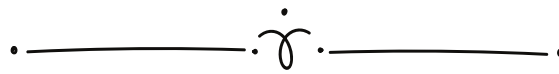
Time Period of Events: 586 BC to 585 BC



Author: Prophet Jeremiah



Written Around: 585 BC



Significance

Lamentations pictures a man of God puzzling over the results of evil and suffering in the world. However, while Job dealt with unexplained evil, Jeremiah lamented a tragedy entirely of Jerusalem's making. The people of this once great city experienced the judgment of the holy God, and the results were devastating. But at the heart of this book, at the center of this lament over the effects of sin in the world, sit a few verses devoted to hope in the Lord. This statement of faith standing strong in the midst of the surrounding darkness shines as a beacon to all those suffering under the consequences of their own sin and disobedience.

Popular Stories

- ✓ While not considered a story, the book is a very visual and spiritual look by the author at the horror that had become of Judah just after the Babylonian invasion and exile.

Notable Verses

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to her appointed festivals. All her gateways are desolate, her priests groan, her young women grieve, and she is in bitter anguish.

-Lamentations 1:4-

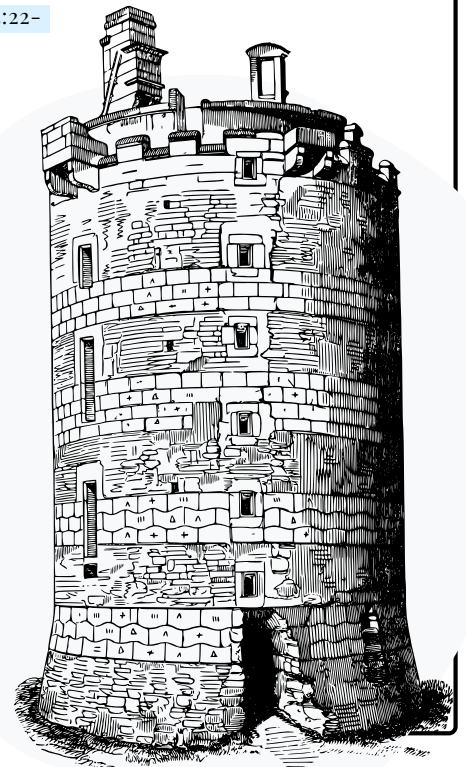
Those who once ate delicacies are destitute in the streets. Those nurtured in purple now lie on ash heaps.

-Lamentations 4:5-

The Lord's lovingkindness indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail.

-Lamentations 3:22-

God of Faithfulness



Ezekiel

*Twenty-sixth book of the Holy Bible
The 26th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 4th Major Prophet*



Written in: Hebrew as Yehezkel



Time Period of Events: 585 BC to future



Author: Prophet Ezekiel



Written Around: 590 to 570 BC



Significance

The book of Ezekiel pronounces judgment on both Israel and surrounding nations, but it also provides a vision of the future millennial kingdom that complements and adds to the vision of other Old and New Testament texts. Not only does the book present a striking picture of the resurrection and restoration of God's people, it also offers readers a picture of the reconstructed temple in Jerusalem, complete with the return of God's glory to His dwelling place. This latter section of Ezekiel's prophecy looks forward to the people's worship after Christ's return in the end times, when He will rule Israel and the nations from His throne in Jerusalem during His thousand year reign.

Notable Verses

Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, house of Israel?'

-Ezekiel 33:11-

This was the appearance and structure of the wheels: They sparkled like topaz, and all four looked alike. Each appeared to be made like a wheel intersecting a wheel...

-Ezekiel 1:16-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Ezekiel sees the Wheel of Time in the air Valley of the Dry Bones, signifying the rebirth of Israel in modern times

*God of Dreams
& Visions*



Daniel

*Twenty-seventh Book of the Holy Bible
The 27th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 5th Major Prophet*



Translation: Judgment of God



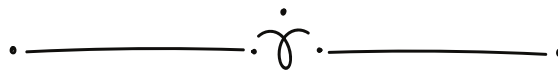
Time Period of Events: 586 BC to 585 BC



Author: Prophet Daniel



Written Around: 585 BC



Significance

Daniel is one of the few Bible books that takes place during a period of judgment and in a foreign nation. Whether it's in the contrast between the culture's idol worship and Daniel's faithful purity or in the account of the arrogant Nebuchadnezzar and his humbling encounter with God, the pagan backdrop in Daniel makes the Lord's power shine through in a magnificent and majestic way that stands out in Scripture. The book of Daniel makes it clear that the true God is the supreme ruler over heaven and earth, even when all seems lost and the consequences of sin seem overwhelming.

Notable Verses

At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people - everyone whose name is found written in the book - will be delivered.

-Daniel 12:1-

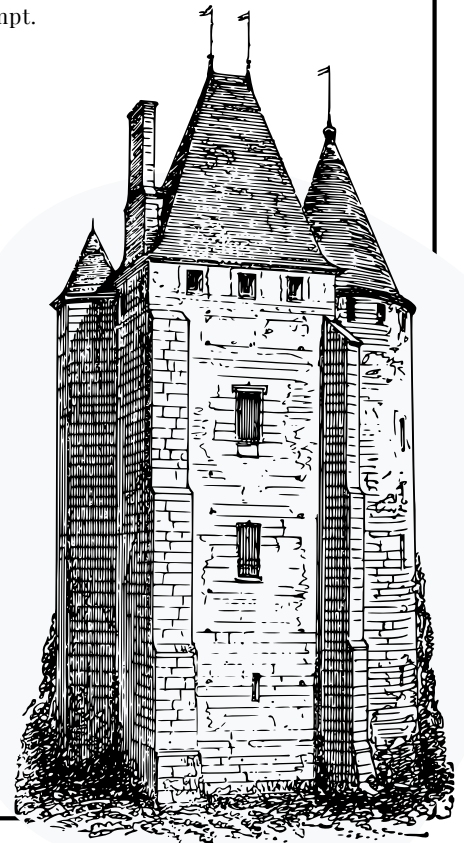
Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

-Daniel 12:2-

Popular Stories

- ✓ King Belshazzar sees invisible handwriting on the wall.
-Daniel 5-
- ✓ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace.
-Daniel 3-
- ✓ Daniel in the lions' den
-Daniel 6-

*God of Time
and History*



Hosea

*Twenty-eighth Book of the Holy Bible
The 28th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 1st of the Minor Prophets Books*



Written in: Hebrew as *Hoshea*



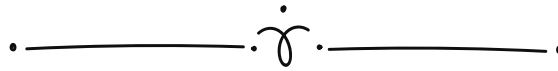
Time Period of Events: 750 BC to 6 BC



Author: Prophet Hosea



Written Around: 750 to 710 BC



Significance

Hosea linked his message closely with his personal life. By marrying a woman he knew would eventually betray his trust and by giving his children names that sent messages of judgment on Israel, Hosea's prophetic word flowed out of the life of his family. The cycle of repentance, redemption, and restoration evident in Hosea's prophecy and even his marriage remains intimately connected to our lives. This sequence plays itself out in the lives of real people, reminding us that the Scriptures are far from a mere collection of abstract statements with no relation to real life. No, they work their way into our day-to-day existence, commenting on issues that impact all our actions and relationships.

Popular Stories

- ✓ Hosea is told to marry a woman who would not be faithful to represent Israel and its behavior toward God.

Notable Verses

"When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son."

-Hosea 11:1-

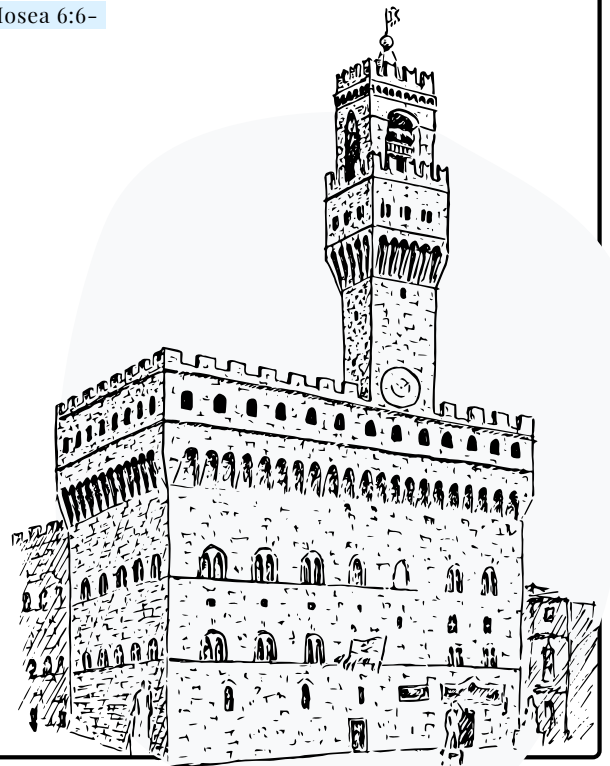
My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children."

-Hosea 4:6-

For I desire mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings..

-Hosea 6:6-

*God of The
Unfaithful*



Joel

*Twenty-ninth Book of the Holy Bible
The 29th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 2nd of the Minor Prophets Books*



Written in: Hebrew as Yoel



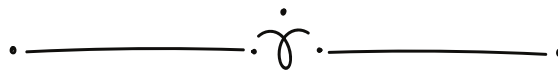
Time Period of Events: 750 BC to 6 BC



Author: Prophet Joel



Written Around: 750 to 710 BC



Significance

The book of Joel's importance to the canon of Scripture stems from its being the first to develop an oft-mentioned biblical idea: the day of the Lord. While Obadiah mentioned the terrifying event first, Joel's book gives some of the most striking and specific details in all of Scripture about the day of the Lord days cloaked in darkness, armies that conquer like consuming fire, and the moon turning to blood. Rooted in such vibrant and physical imagery, this time of ultimate judgment, still future for us today, makes clear the seriousness of God's judgment on sin.

Notable Verses

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sound the alarm on my holy hill.
Let all who live in the land tremble,
for the day of the Lord is coming.
It is close at hand

-Joel 2:1-

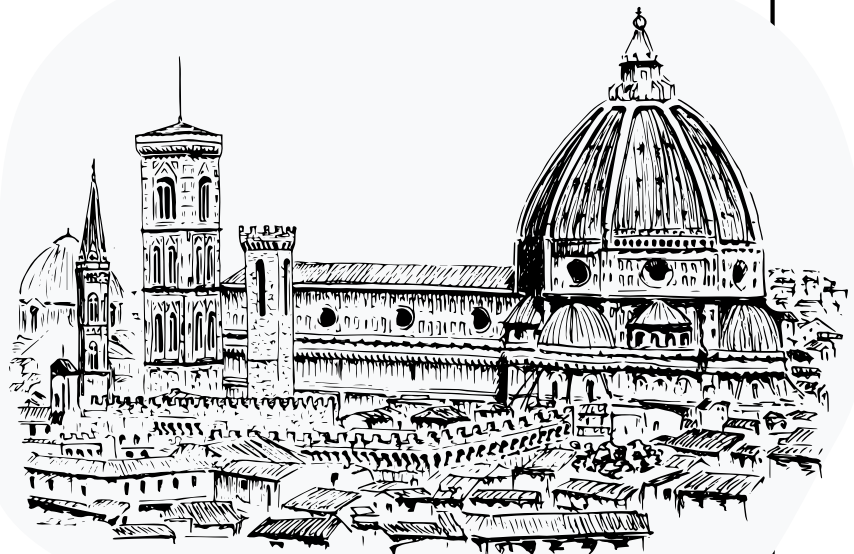
And afterward,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.

-Joel 2:28-

Popular Stories

- ✓ There are no stories in this prophetic book; only great images

*God of The
Locusts*



Amos

*Thirtieth Book of the Holy Bible
The 30th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 3rd of the Minor Prophets Books*



Written in: Hebrew as Amos



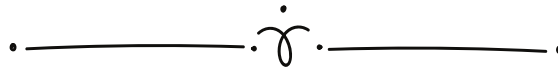
Time Period of Events: 722 BC to 516 BC



Author: Prophet Amos



Written Around: 750 BC



Significance

Amos was a shepherd. He lived with a group of shepherds in Tekoa, a small town 10 miles south of Jerusalem. Amos prophesied about 760 BC. Uzziah was king of Judah, and Jeroboam II was King of Israel. He was born in Judah but prophesied in Israel. He predicted the overthrow of the Kingdom of Israel by the Assyrians, which happened in 722 BC. He also predicted the doom of Judah and the doom of many surrounding nations. He had a short ministry, though his book contains nine chapters.

Notable Verses

"I hate, I despise your religious festivals; I cannot stand your assemblies."

-Amos 5:21-

For those who turn justice into wormwood and cast righteousness down to the earth.

-Amos 5:7-

*God of the Abused
& Oppressed*



Obadiah

*Thirty-first Book of the Holy Bible
The 31st out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 4th of the Minor Prophets Books*



Written in: Hebrew as Obadyah



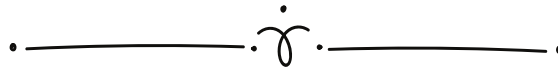
Time Period of Events: 700 BC to 575 BC



Author: Prophet Obadiah



Written Around: -



Significance

Most of Obadiah's prophecy is judgment on the foreign nation of Edom. Therefore, Obadiah is one of only three prophets who pronounced judgment primarily on other nations. The others are the prophets Nahum and Habakkuk.

Notable Verses

The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who live in the clefts of the rocks and make your home on the heights, you who say to yourself, "Who can bring me down to the ground?"

-Obadiah 1:3-

Though you soar like the eagle and make your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down," declares the LORD."

-Obadiah 1:4-

Behold, I will make you small among the nations; you are greatly despised.

-Obadiah 1:2-

Popular Stories

No stories are included in this shortbook of prophecy.

*God of the
Towering Mountain*



Jonah

*Thirty-second Book of the Holy Bible
The 32nd out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 5th of the Minor Prophets Books*



Written in: Hebrew as Yonah



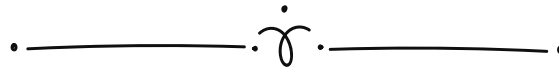
Time Period of Events: 775 BC



Author: Prophet Jonah



Written Around: 780 BC



Significance

Jonah was one of only four writing prophets that Jesus mentioned by name during His earthly ministry. But Jonah received more than a mere mention. Jesus actually identified Himself with the prophet's three-day sojourn in the belly of the great fish, noting it as a foreshadowing of His own death, when Jesus would spend three days "in the heart of the earth," before His resurrection. Jesus's identification with the prophet at the lowest point of Jonah's life finds echoes in the book of Hebrews, where it teaches that Jesus "had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest". The book of Jonah stands as an important link in the prophetic chain, giving readers a glimpse of Christ's death and resurrection hundreds of years before they actually occurred.

Notable Verses

And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

-Jonah 2:10-

And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

-Jonah 4:11-

The Lord hurled a great wind on the sea and there was a great storm on the sea so that the ship was about to break up.

-Jonah 1:4-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Jonah is swallowed by the giant fish.
- ✓ Jonah prophesies to Nineveh and the nation repents.

*God of Great
Compassion*



Micah

*Thirty-third Book of the Holy Bible
The 33rd out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 6th of the Minor Prophets Books*



Written in: Hebrew as Miykayah



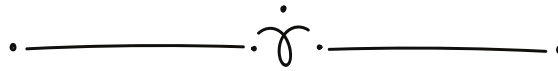
Time Period of Events: 722 BC to future



Author: Prophet Micah



Written Around: 780 to 710 BC



Significance

Micah prophesied at the same time as Isaiah and Hosea. He prophesied during the tragic and historic years surrounding the Assyrian invasion of the Northern Kingdom. Micah predicted the event, and it came to pass between 10 and 15 years later, in 722 BC. Micah's earlier prophecies concern judgment on the kingdoms of Israel and Judah for idolatry. His later prophecies concern the future kingdom that Jesus spoke of.

Notable Verses

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

-Micah 5:2-

He has shown all you people what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

-Micah 6:8-

Popular Stories

No stories are included in this book of prophecy

*God Who is and
Brings Justice*



Nahum

*Thirty-fourth Book of the Holy Bible
The 34th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 7th of the Minor Prophets Books*



Written in: Hebrew as *Nachuwum*



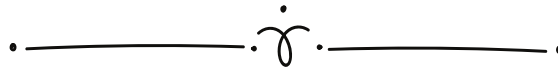
Time Period of Events: 658 BC to 615 BC



Author: Prophet Nahum



Written Around: 650 BC



Significance

Nahum's singular focus on the impending judgment of Nineveh offers a continuation of the story that began in Jonah. Sometime around 760 BC, God sent Jonah to Nineveh to preach repentance and hope to the Assyrian people, a message they heard and adopted—at least for a time. One hundred years later, during the time of Nahum, the Assyrians had returned to their bullish ways, conquering the northern kingdom of Israel and lording their power over Judah in the south. Jonah failed to realize what Nahum reminded the people of Judah: God's justice is always right and always sure. Should He choose to grant mercy for a time, that good gift will not compromise the Lord's ultimate sense of justice for all in the end.

Notable Verses

The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.

-Nahum 1:7-

But with an overwhelming flood, he will make an end of Nineveh; he will pursue his foes into darkness.

-Nahum 1:8-

Popular Stories

None; this book is a prophecy almost solely against Nineveh in Assyria.

*Trembling Before
the Wrath of God*



Habakkuk

*Thirty-fifth Book of the Holy Bible
The 35th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 8th of the Minor Prophets Books*



Written in: Hebrew as Chabaquwq



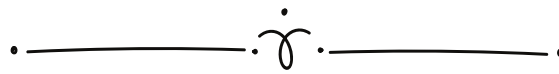
Time Period of Events: 608 BC to 598 BC



Author: Prophet Habakkuk



Written Around: 615 to 605 BC



Significance

Habakkuk provides us one of the most remarkable sections in all of Scripture, as it contains an extended dialogue between Habakkuk and God. The prophet initiated this conversation based on his distress about God's "inaction" in the world. He wanted to see God do something more, particularly in the area of justice for evildoers. The book of Habakkuk pictures a frustrated prophet, much like Jonah, though Habakkuk channeled his frustration into prayers and eventually praise to God, rather than trying to run from the Lord as Jonah did.

Notable Verses

"Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.
For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false.
Though it linger, wait for it;
it will certainly come and will not delay.

-Habakkuk 2:2-3-

They are dreaded and feared;
Their justice and authority originate with themselves.

-Habakkuk 1:7-

Popular Stories

There are no stories, just prophecy.

*God of the
Sovereign People*



Zephaniah

*Thirty-sixth Book of the Holy Bible
The 36th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 9th of the Minor Prophets Books*



Written in: Hebrew as Tsephanyah



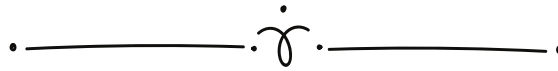
Time Period of Events: 608 BC to 598 BC



Author: Prophet Habakkuk



Written Around: 615 to 605 BC



Significance

Zephaniah prophesied during the reign of Josiah, the king of Judah from 640 to 609 BC. Josiah was one of the few good kings.

This book only has three chapters. It mentions things that will happen on "the day of the Lord." Often, the term is used by the prophets to mean the coming of the end of time. However, it is also used to mean any time in history where God personally intervenes to protect his people and forward his will.

Notable Verses

"I will sweep away everything from the face of the earth," declares the LORD.

-Zephaniah 1:2-

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger.

-Zephaniah 2:3-

Popular Stories

There are no stories in this book of prophecy, almost exclusively covering the end of time, known as "the day of the Lord"

*God of the
Sovereign People*



Haggai

*Thirty-seventh Book of the Holy Bible
The 37th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 10th of the Minor Prophets Books*



Written in: Hebrew as Chaggay



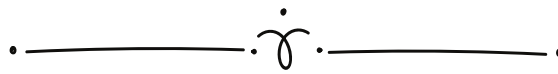
Time Period of Events: 526 BC



Author: Prophet Haggai



Written Around: 526 BC



Significance

Haggai wrote from Jerusalem when many people had returned from the Babylonian exile. Those who had returned in hope 15 years earlier were now facing dire struggles. They lacked clothing and food and had been mocked by other nations brutally about rebuilding their temple. The mocking had drained them of faith so that they had quit.

Haggai's messages are simple and straightforward. God tells the people through Haggai to rebuild the temple first. It would keep them from falling back into errors that had caused the Great Exile.

The book is only two chapters and focuses specifically on getting the returnees to build the temple as top priority. Such would bring unity, faith, and strength back to them.

Popular Stories

No stories are included in this book of prophecy, though the rebuilding of the Temple is what it's about. That story is found in the Book of Ezra.

*The God
Who Renews*

Notable Verses

Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."

-Haggai 1:5-6-

Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Consider your ways!"

-Haggai 1:7-



Zechariah

*Thirty-eighth Book of the Holy Bible
The 38th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 11th of the Minor Prophets Books*



Written in: Hebrew as Zekaryah



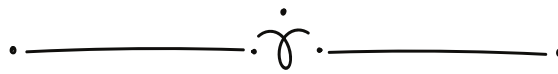
Time Period of Events: 520 BC to future



Author: Prophet Zechariah



Written Around: 520 to 484 BC



Significance

We often look for a chronological order when reading Bible prophecy, and that's one of the things that can make it confusing.

Zechariah does things like refer to Jesus' first coming, which references Palm Sunday. Then in the very next verses, he refers to the Second Coming.

Zechariah is quick to show us that God clearly sees a big picture. He sees what is coming as clearly as what is past. He is likely to cause prophecy that will mention the details of that big picture together, even though they may happen thousands of years apart.

Popular Stories

There are no stories included, but many prophecies about Jesus.

Notable Verses

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

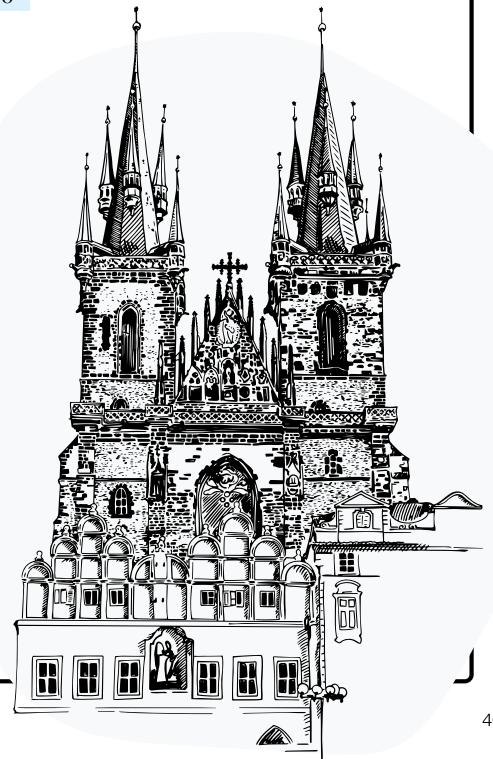
See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

-Zechariah 9:9-

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son."

-Zechariah 12:10-

The God Who Restores



Malachi

*Thirty-ninth Book of the Holy Bible
The 39th out of 39 Old Testament Books
The 12th of the Minor Prophets Books*



Written in: Hebrew as *Malakiy*



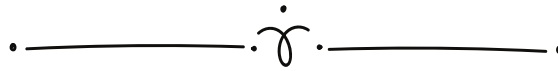
Time Period of Events: 424 BC to 24 AD



Author: Prophet Zechariah



Written Around: 433 to 424 BC



Significance

Malachi's unique position as the final book of the Old Testament offers a glimpse into the hearts of Israelite men and women, members of a nation that had been specially chosen by God, descendants of Abraham, and inheritors of the rich tradition of the Jewish people. Their history told of glories like the exodus from Egypt and the faithfulness of God to King David. But they had also experienced the judgment of wandering in the desert and the shame of exile from the Promised Land. The book of Malachi teaches us that they still strayed from the Lord's path. They needed God's intervention as much as ever, so this book, as a final statement of judgment in the Old Testament, anticipates God's saving work through the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Notable Verses

See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes.

-Malachi 4:5-

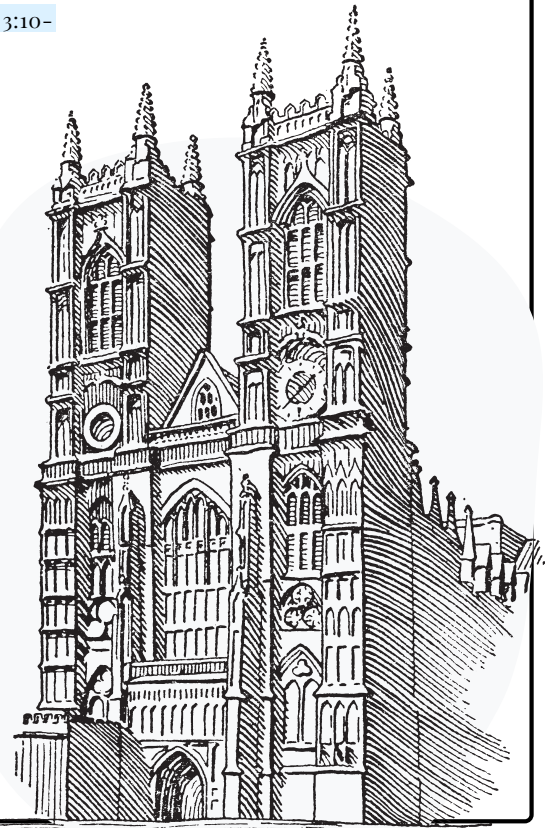
"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there maybe food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the flood gates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

-Malachi 3:10-

Popular Stories

There are no stories in this final book of Old Testament prophecy.

God of Praise and Worship



New Testament

Being the foundation of the Christian faith, the New Testament became the revered basis for the sacraments, catechism, the churches and congregations, and, for many Christians, spiritual and moral development.

Directed and moving forward because of God's promises, the Old Testament finally leads us to its fulfillment through the life and death of Jesus Christ, the embodiment of God's promise, the Messiah, here in the New Testament.

Divided into four, the New Testament composes the Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, Epistles, and the Revelations.

As a whole, the testament realizes the power of God's love and sacrifice. With sin present in the world, the presence of pain and suffering will continue to test human existence. It is here in the New Testament are we enlightened with hope that we can be forgiven and absolved of our sin. Given the opportunity to constantly mold ourselves to be one like Jesus Christ.



Matthew

*Fortieth Book of the Holy Bible
The 1st out of 27 New Testament Books
The 1st of the Gospels*



Written in: Greek as *Matthaios*



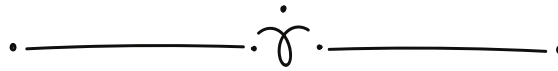
Time Period of Events: 7 BC - 26 AD



Author: Matthew the Apostle



Written Around: 50 - 60 AD



Significance

The Gospel of Matthew has, for a long time now, been known to be the most important of the four Gospels for it contains all the elements essential to the establishment of the early church, including the story about Jesus' miraculous conception. It provides an explanation of the importance of liturgy, law, discipleship, and teaching; and an account of Jesus' life and death here on Earth.

Notable Verses

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

-Matthew 11:28-

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

-Matthew 28:19-

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.'"

-Matthew 5:38-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus.
-Matthew 2:1-12-
- ✓ Herod's slaughter of the male infants, and Jesus' family's escape to Egypt.
-Matthew 2:16-
- ✓ Jesus tells Peter that he will be the foundation of His building of the Church.
-Matthew 16:18-
- ✓ Jesus pays tax by his disciples finding a fish with a coin in its mouth.
-Matthew 17:24-27-
- ✓ The story of Judas' betrayal
-Matthew 27:1-10-



God of the Romans

Mark

*Forty-First Book of the Holy Bible
The 2nd out of 27 New Testament Books
The 2nd of the Gospels*



Written in: Greek as *Márkou*



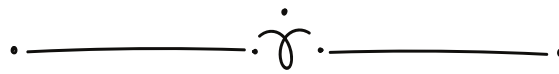
Time Period of Events: 7 BC - 26 AD



Author: Mark the Evangelist



Written Around: 50 - 60 AD



Significance

The Gospel of Mark depicts Jesus as constantly on the move. The direction of going forward in Mark's writing keeps the intellectual reader looking forward to the crucifixion and the resurrection. Thirty-nine times Mark used the word 'immediately', providing a sense that Jesus' time on Earth was short-lived yet with so much to accomplish in His few years of ministry.

Notable Verses

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

-Mark 10:45-

"Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

-Mark 8:34-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Jesus tells Simon Peter and his brother Andrew that He will make them fishers of men.
-Mark 1:17-
- ✓ Jesus specifically appoints the 12 apostles earlier in His ministry and journey.
-Mark 3:13-19-
- ✓ Jesus heals a deaf and mute man with his spit.
-Mark 7:31-37-
- ✓ Jesus heals a blind man who reports that people resemble trees. Jesus prays for him again.
-Mark 8:22-25-

God of Romans



Luke

*Forty-Second Book of the Holy Bible
The 3rd out of 27 New Testament Books
The 3rd of the Gospels*



Written in: Greek as *Loukas*



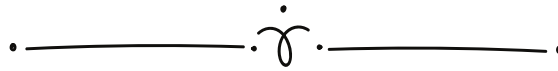
Time Period of Events: 7 BC - 26 AD



Author: Luke the Evangelist



Written Around: 60 - 61 AD



Significance

The significance of Luke's gospel consists of Jesus' many unconventional interactions with sinners, the sick and dying, women, children and outcasts. Luke's account of a woman approaching to pour perfume on Jesus' feet is unique among the others as it was his Gospel that notes she was an immoral woman. Luke's depiction of Jesus in this Gospel shows how our Lord came to show compassion and concern for all people, no matter what they are in life.

Popular Stories

- ✓ Story of John the Baptist's birth to Elizabeth and Zechariah.
-Luke 1:5-25-
- ✓ Shepherds watching over their flocks by night and saw the host of angels at the birth of Jesus.
-Luke 2:8-
- ✓ First miraculous catch and yield of fish on the Lake of Gennesaret.
-Luke 5:1-
- ✓ Raising of the widow's son from the dead in Nain.
-Luke 7:11-17-
- ✓ Parable of the Good Samaritan.
-Luke 10:25-37-
- ✓ The difference of the rich man's death and Lazarus'.
-Luke 16:19-31-
- ✓ The conversation between Jesus and the thieves with Him at the crosses of Golgotha.
-Luke 23:39-43-

Notable Verses

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

-Luke 19:10-

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

-Luke 23:34-

Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

-Luke 6:37-



God of the Exiles and the Unwanted

John

*Forty-Third Book of the Holy Bible
The 4th out of 27 New Testament Books
The 4th of the Gospels*



Written in: Greek as *Ioannes*



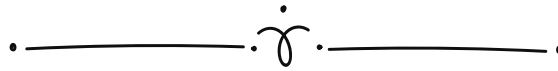
Time Period of Events: 7 BC - 26 AD



Author: John the Evangelist



Written Around: 80 - 90 AD



Significance

John took a different narrative in his gospel. Foregoing from the nativity story to rewind further back in time, or as he writes "in the beginning. He linked the nature of God and the nature of the incarnated Word, Jesus Christ. The emphasis on the deity of Christ is a striking quality of John's gospel. This made notable with His "I am." statements.

Notable Verses

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

-John 3:16-

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

-John 14:6-

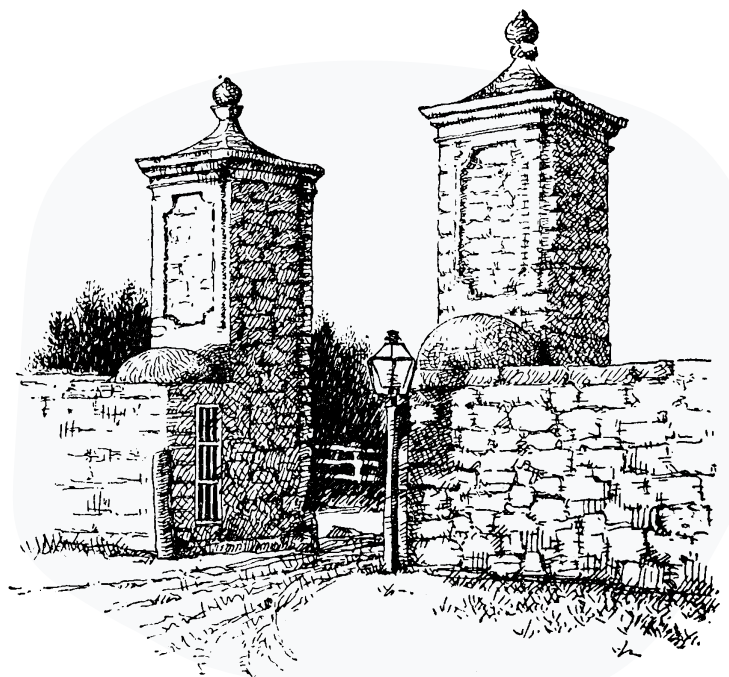
Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born again."

-John 3:3-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Jesus turning water into wine
-John 2:1-11-
- ✓ Healing the nobleman's son who was dying
-John 4:46-54-
- ✓ Healing of a man at the Pool of Bethesda
-John 5:2-9-
- ✓ Jesus walking on water
-John 6:16-21-
- ✓ Feeding of five thousand with five loaves and two fishes
-John 6:1-14-
- ✓ Healing of the man born blind
-John 9:1-12-
- ✓ Raising Lazarus from the dead
-John 11:38-44-

*God of
All Existence*



Acts

*Forty-Fourth Book of the Holy Bible
The 5th out of 27 New Testament Books
The Only Book of the Acts of the Apostles*



Written in: Greek; Often known as the Gospel of the Holy Spirit



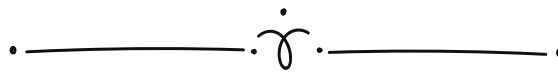
Time Period of Events: 30 - 62 AD



Author: Luke the Evangelist



Written Around: 62 AD



Significance

Acts is the sole Biblical book that tells the history of the church right after Jesus' ascension to heaven. Providing us with a substantial account of how the Church expanded and grew from Jerusalem into the rest of the Roman Empire. In a third of a century, a small group of terrified believers grew to become what is now more than an empire-wide movement of people who commit their lives to Jesus Christ.

Popular Stories

- ✓ The Ascension
-Acts 1:6-11-
- ✓ The Day of Pentecost
-Acts 2:1-21-
- ✓ Conversion of Saul to the Apostle Paul
-Acts 9:1-19-
- ✓ Peter's move to preach to the Gentile world and not just the Jews.
-Acts 10:1-48-
- ✓ Peter and John faced before the Sanhedrin, a tribunal assembly of elders in Ancient Israel
Acts 4:13-

Notable Verses

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

-Acts 1:8-

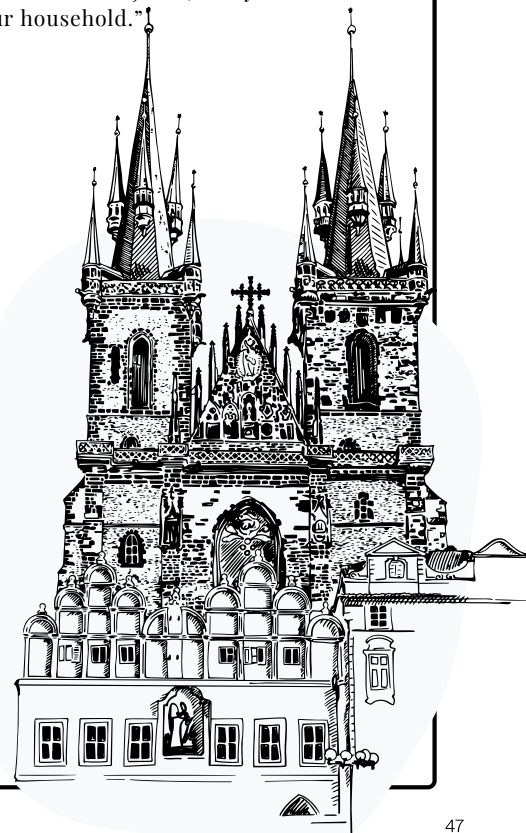
"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name given under heaven by which we must be saved."

-Acts 4:12-

They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

-Acts 16:31-

*The Great
Power of God*



Romans

*Forty-Fifth Book of the Holy Bible
The 6th out of 27 New Testament Books
The 1st of the Pauline Letters or Epistles*



Written in: Greek as Romaioi



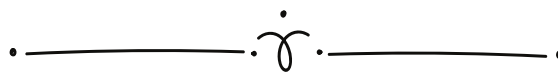
Time Period of Events: 56 - 57 AD



Author: Paul the Apostle



Written Around: 56 - 57 AD



Significance

Romans emphasizes that the Gospel is God's power and gift of salvation for anyone who believes in Him. Paul reiterates and stands strong on informing the world of how the good news is not the enthronement of a new Roman emperor, but the God-given gift of salvation - to be saved from our sins.

Notable Verses

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

-Romans 10:9-

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

-Romans 6:23-

Popular Stories

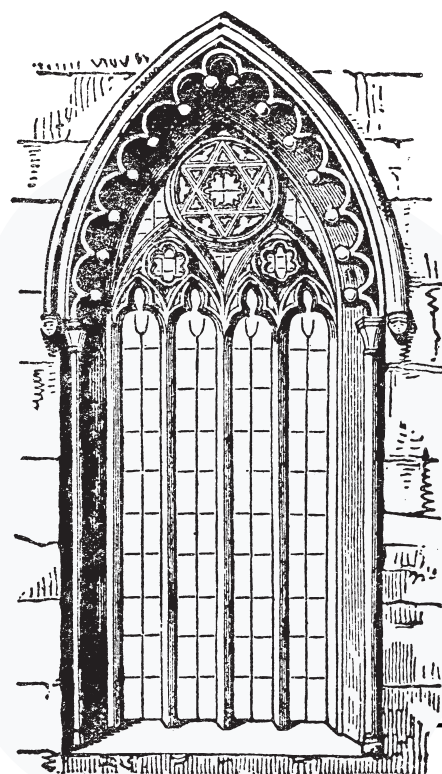
- ✓ Paul intended to write to the Christians in Rome. At that time, Nero ruled the Roman Empire and his treatment towards Christians was not kind. Nero was emperor. Paul understood that the people there at the time would have many differences. They could be traders, wealthy nobles, sailors, slaves, and the common people. They were all part of the new Church found in Rome. Paul wanted these individuals to unite in their likeness under one God and being human.

-Romans 3:23-

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

-Romans 12:2-

*God Saves us
All Sinners*



1 Corinthians

*Forty-Sixth Book of the Holy Bible
The 7th out of 27 New Testament Books
The 2nd of the Pauline Letters or Epistles*



Written in: Greek as *Korinthiakoi*



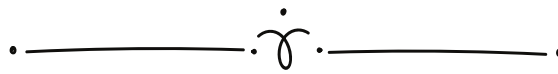
Time Period of Events: 55 AD



Author: Paul the Apostle



Written Around: 55 AD



Significance

Saint Paul evaluates the faith the Corinthians, Christians, have and also, his own faith. The book shows how our quarrels as a community can be resolved with wisdom and advice. It exposes the sexual immorality, social injustice, and more immorality present in the Church then. He helps them understand the doctrines of the faith. Most importantly, he teaches us about the Gospel and with the good that truly matters.

Notable Verses

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud...

-1 Corinthians 13:4-

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

-1 Corinthians 10:31-

I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power

-1 Corinthians 2:3-4-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Paul the Apostle overheard a conflict was present in the Church. A problematic situation that disappointed him greatly.

-1 Corinthians 1:11-

- ✓ For 18 months, Paul was present among the Corinthian Christians. Solving their quarrels and eventually, fulfill his hope for them to do well.

-1 Corinthians 1:18-31-

*God is the Holy,
Mighty One*



2 Corinthians

*Forty-Seven Book of the Holy Bible
The 8th out of 27 New Testament Books
The 3rd of the Pauline Letters or Epistles*



Written in: Greek as *Korinthiakoi*



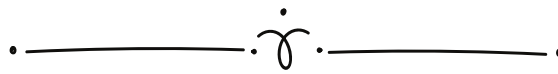
Time Period of Events: 55 AD



Author: Paul the Apostle



Written Around: 55 - 56 AD



Significance

Paul's letter here in Second Corinthians also provides us with a deeper perspective into the life of Paul. Moreover, his letter also divulges God's great plan for each of us to be generous among one another amidst our differences. And, support each other in our weaknesses. Giving in this Bible book is encouraged to be a fundamental way of becoming a true person of God.

Notable Verses

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

-2 Corinthians 6:14-

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

-2 Corinthians 9:6-

And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

-2 Corinthians 12:9-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Paul has already sent four letters to the Christians here in Second Corinthians. Among these letters, two have been lost through history. Succeeding three reports of their misconduct inspired Paul to finally write a letter to encourage them to a lifestyle that seeks and pursues the kingdom of God.

-2 Corinthians 3:1-6-

*God, Strength
of the Weak*



Galatians

*Forty-Eighth Book of the Holy Bible
The 9th out of 27 New Testament Books
The 4th of the Pauline Letters or Epistles*



Written in: Greek as *Galátai*



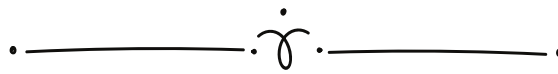
Time Period of Events: 49 AD



Author: Paul the Apostle



Written Around: 49 - 50 AD



Significance

Paul's letter to the Galatians was an initiative to inspire clarity with wisdom in the first real issue that corrupted the Church in its early beginnings. This was the undergoing tension and lack of amity between Christian Jews and the Christians Gentiles. Paul's assertion emphasized how significant it was to bring people together in Christ amidst differences. It is only right and just for those who unite in a direction together to consider the differences of each person's path and pace of journey.

Notable Verses

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you?
-Galatians 3:1-

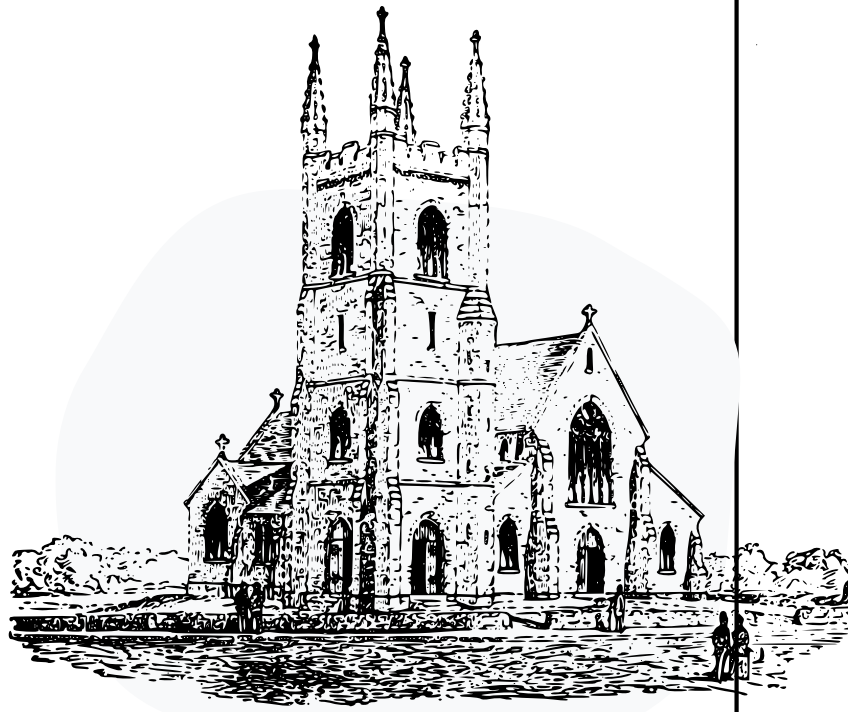
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.
-Galatians 5:22-

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer
I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which
I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of
God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
-Galatians 2:20-

Popular Stories

- ✓ This letter is focused on how the Galatians instructed the Gentile communities to follow and abide by Jewish laws in order to be saved. It brought chaos and a burdening misunderstanding that Paul wanted to resolve and bring clarity.
-Galatians 2:11-14-

*God is Right
and Just*



Ephesians

*Forty-Ninth Book of the Holy Bible
The 10th out of 27 New Testament Books
The 5th of the Pauline Letters or Epistles*



Written in: Greek as *Ephesioi*



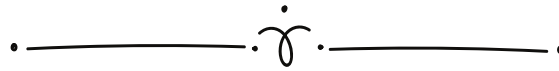
Time Period of Events: 60 AD



Author: Paul the Apostle



Written Around: 60 - 62 AD



Significance

In this Bible book, Paul inspires Christians to a level of importance as they are "adopted sons" and daughters of God. That God, Himself, chose His believers before existence. Paul encourages Christians to live a life that allows them to become a better child of God.

Notable Verses

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

-Ephesians 6:12-

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

-Ephesians 2:10-

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

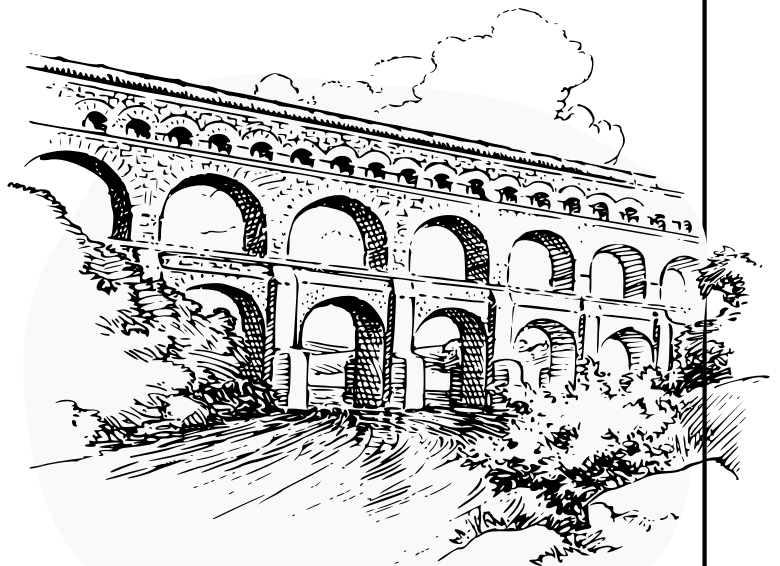
-Ephesians 4:11-

Popular Stories

- ✓ On Paul's second visit at Ephesus, a wealthy silver craftsman, Demetrius, discovers his business suffer with the conversion of many to Christianity. His silver craft business was intended for idols, and now, with Christianity, there was no longer a demand for idols. Paul had to leave because of a riot at Ephesus. But, before he did so, he was able to establish a wide Christian community there. More inspiring, he wrote this epistle in prison.

-Ephesians 3:1-3-

*God, Forever,
Unites his People*



Philippians

*Fiftieth Book of the Holy Bible
The 11th out of 27 New Testament Books
The 6th of the Pauline Letters or Epistles*



Written in: Greek as *Philippoi*



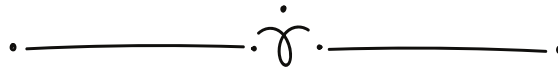
Time Period of Events: 60 AD



Author: Paul the Apostle



Written Around: 60 - 62 AD



Significance

At the beginning of the Bible book, Paul describes his imprisonment and isolation in Rome. Under house arrest, he writes the letter to the Philippians and his three other epistles.

He elaborates on how he believes he will be delivered by God. He encourages the people and Church of Philippi to live lifestyles that reflect Christianity and the teachings and wisdom of the Gospel.

Finally, he tells them that he is delivering Timothy along with his hopes and wishes of peace and enjoyment of God's blessings!

Notable Verses

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

-Philippians 4:6-

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

-Philippians 4:13-

"He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus"

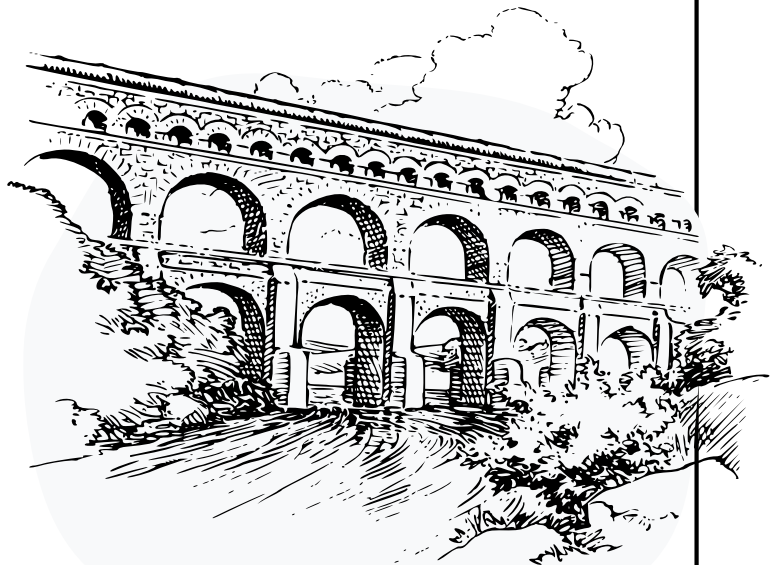
-Philippians 1:6-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Unlike the other Epistles, Paul wrote to the Philippi out of gratitude and relation to the Church of Philippi. Out of every other church, the Church of Philippi encourages and promotes Paul's ministerial support through donations, comfort, food, and gifts.

-Philippians 4:10-23-

*One of God's
Gifts is Joy*



Colossians

*Fifty-First Book of the Holy Bible
The 12th out of 27 New Testament Books
The 7th of the Pauline Letters or Epistles*



Written in: Greek as *Kolossaeis*



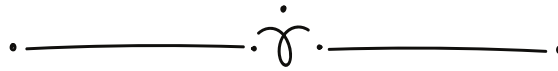
Time Period of Events: 60 AD



Author: Paul the Apostle



Written Around: 60 - 62 AD



Significance

At the start of this Bible book, Paul goes on defending the dignity and deity of Jesus. He warns and discourages the religious practices that are not godly, and even Christian-like. He teaches the people that Jesus Christ is divinity. He was not a mere prophet or teacher. He was the Son of God Our Father.

Moreover, He teaches people about love. The inspiration that comes from the love of Christ will keep them away from false doctrines and practices that will lead them astray from salvation. Included here is the teaching of how to live, commit to the family, and uniting Christian communities.

Notable Verses

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

-Colossians 1:16-

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

-Colossians 3:12-

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving;

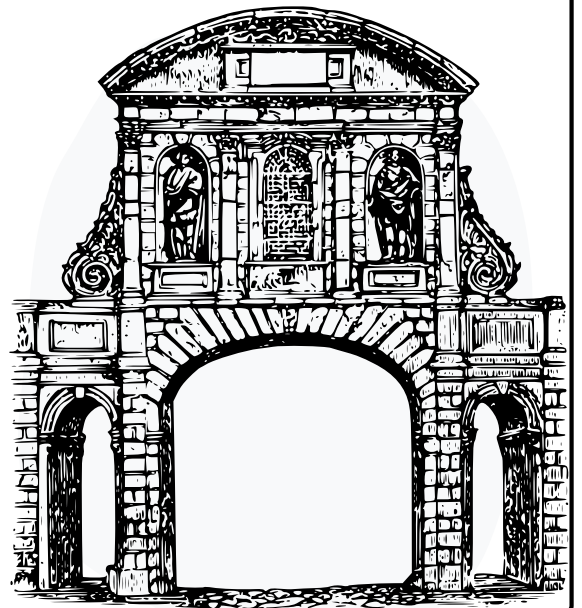
-Colossians 4:2-

Popular Stories

- ✓ In this Epistle, the issue Paul faced was the Colossian church's blending of Greek philosophy and Christian theology. Out of which became the Gnostic philosophy. It taught believers that the world we are in is presumably evil, and Jesus was a spirit, not man.

-Colossians 1:14-16-

*God is the
Greatest*



1 Thessalonians

*Fifty-Second Book of the Holy Bible
The 13th out of 27 New Testament Books
The 8th of the Pauline Letters or Epistles*



Written in: Greek as *Thessalonikeōn*



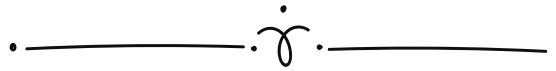
Time Period of Events: 51 AD



Author: Paul the Apostle



Written Around: 51 AD



Significance

First Thessalonians provides Christians with a clear Biblical narrative of the rapture of Christians. At the rapture, Christ will return for His people. Those who are dead in Christ will rise first with the living following closely. Every believer will meet Jesus in the heavens to enter paradise together.

Notable Verses

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

-1 Thessalonians 5:18-

So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.

-1 Thessalonians 5:6-

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

-1 Thessalonians 4:16-

Popular Stories

- ✓ For three months, Paul spent his time at Thessalonica in its earlier church days. His visit was a check up on their faith to see if any false preachers were among them. Sending back Timothy, he got a favorable report that followed his writing to the Thessalonians in encouragement.

-1 Thessalonians 3:6-

*God is the Source
of All Courage*



2 Thessalonians

*Fifty-Second Book of the Holy Bible
The 14th out of 27 New Testament Books
The 8th of the Pauline Letters or Epistles*



Written in: Greek as *Thessalonikeōn*



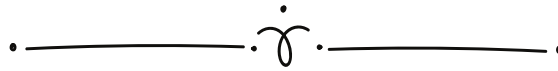
Time Period of Events: 51 - 52 AD



Author: Paul the Apostle



Written Around: 51 - 52 AD



Significance

With the motivation to explain to Christians that the return of Jesus is not immediate, Paul explains they must be faithful to their holiness to be ready whenever Jesus arrives.

He adds his explanation on foretelling Jesus' Second Coming including the presence of an earlier Antichrist.

Popular Stories

- ✓ In this letter, Paul speaks to the Thessalonians again about Christ's Second Coming. This is in light of how some of the believers in Thessalonica presumed that Jesus has returned already. This letter was made to bring peace and understanding among the community.

-2 Thessalonians 2:1-

Notable Verses

He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

-2 Thessalonians 2:14-

On the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

-2 Thessalonians 1:10-

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from every brother who leads an unruly life and not according to the tradition which you received from us.

-2 Thessalonians 3:6-

*God is the
Great Counsel*



1 Timothy

*Fifty-Fourth Book of the Holy Bible
The 15th out of 27 New Testament Books
The 10th of the Pauline Letters or Epistles*



Written in: Greek as *Timótheos*



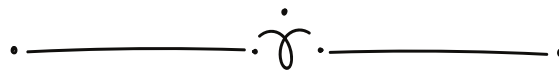
Time Period of Events: 62 AD



Author: Paul the Apostle



Written Around: 62 - 64 AD



Significance

First Timothy is a letter of encouragement Paul provides Timothy, his pastoral staff, to persevere and be resilient in serving the Lord. Disallowing his young age be a hindrance to the progress of his admirable pastoral mission.

Paul provides Timothy instruction about leadership in the Church and resolving all varieties of situations he will and might encounter in his service of God.

This very letter has been used as a medium of instruction in leading and training devoted servants of God throughout the ages.

Notable Verses

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

-1 Timothy 4:12-

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

-1 Timothy 6:10-

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.

-1 Timothy 1:15-

Popular Stories

- ✓ This letter is addressed to Timothy, Paul's young disciple and confidant who may have been experiencing burnout and exhaustion as most pastoral staff do at times. In this letter, Paul encourages and advises him on his journey of service to God.

*The Only and
Most Godly is God*



2 Timothy

*Fifty-Fifth Book of the Holy Bible
The 16th out of 27 New Testament Books
The 11th of the Pauline Letters or Epistles*



Written in: Greek as *Timótheos*



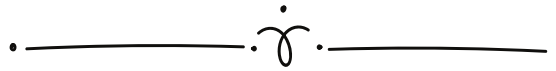
Time Period of Events: 66 AD



Author: Paul the Apostle



Written Around: 66 to 67 AD



Significance

Paul encourages Timothy in this letter. His old age is coming to him and wishes to impart final words of wisdom and instruction to guide Timothy's following him. Reminding Timothy to follow his example and to stay faithful for all the challenges that will come in his ministry. Lastly, he asks Timothy if he could visit him as he wants to see him one last time before he dies.

Notable Verses

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

-2 Timothy 1:7-

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

-2 Timothy 2:15-

The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

-2 Timothy 2:2-

Popular Stories

- ✓ This book was the second written to Paul's young disciple Timothy. Given the directness and earnest tone in Paul's writing, it was possible that he was concluding his ministerial work and accepting death with open arms. Paul was arrested during the time by the cruel Roman Emperor Nero. Nero had Paul's head cut off making Paul a martyr, a disciple who died for the life of Christ.

*God Blesses
the Enduring*



Titus

*Fifty-Sixth Book of the Holy Bible
The 17th out of 27 New Testament Books
The 12th of the Pauline Letters or Epistles*



Written in: Greek as *Títos*



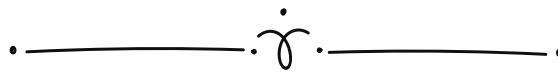
Time Period of Events: 62 AD



Author: Paul the Apostle



Written Around: 62 to 64 AD



Significance

The Bible book, Titus, discusses the establishment and organization of the Church. Paul provides instructions about choosing other leaders. Additionally, Paul teaches how Titus' believers can lead healthy and holy lives that are inspired and likened to the ways and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Notable Verses

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

-Titus 3:5-

It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.

-Titus 2:12-

To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.

-Titus 1:15-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Titus was a youthful pastor in charge of the churches there at Crete. Paul wrote to inspire him and brought to light some of the same issues there is when it comes to leading a church. This is another redirection Paul makes similar to his young disciple, Timothy.

*God the Creator
of All Life*



Philemon

*Fifty-Seventh Book of the Holy Bible
The 18th out of 27 New Testament Books
The 13th of the Pauline Letters or Epistles*



Written in: Greek as *Filémonas*



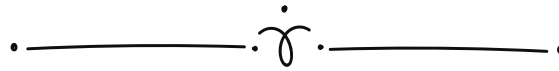
Time Period of Events: 60 AD



Author: Paul the Apostle



Written Around: 60 to 62 AD



Significance

In this letter, Paul has discovered a slave, whom he is getting back to Philemon, his slave owner. Paul requests that Philemon excuse the slave and return him to Paul since Paul has discovered him valuable in lecturing the gospel.

Paul's message is that despite having slavery as an acknowledged piece of Roman culture, we should treat each other as equals, similar to how he encouraged Philemon to regard his slave as a brother.

Notable Verses

No longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

-Philemon 1:16-

I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.

-Philemon 1:6-

Yes, brother, let me benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ.

-Philemon 1:20-

Popular Stories

- ✓ The book was written so that a slave would be accepted as a beloved brother among Christians, and Paul wanted to encourage Christians to not be inclusive and accepting of everyone's differences.

*He is the God
Who Reconciles*



Hebrews

*Fifty-Eighth Book of the Holy Bible
The 19th out of 27 New Testament Books
The 14th of the Pauline Letters or Epistles*



Written in: Greek as Ivri



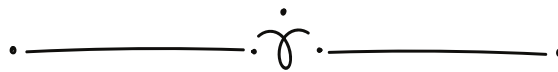
Time Period of Events: 66 AD



Author: Unknown



Written Around: 67 to 69 AD



Significance

Hebrews clearly templates the holy ministry of Christ in the life of the Christian. Jesus is both the divine Son of God and totally human, and in His priestly duty He makes it possible for people to come to the Father in paradise through prayer and forgiveness. The ministry of Jesus is better than the Old Testament organization of Aaron, on the grounds that just through Jesus do we get endless salvation. Moreover, Jesus turned into the lasting and immaculate High Priest, going past all different clerics by offering Himself as a pure sacrifice in intercession of the sins of the people.

Notable Verses

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

-Hebrews 11:1-

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us...

-Hebrews 12:1-

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

-Hebrews 13:8-

*God Fulfills All
His Promises*



James

*Fifty-Ninth Book of the Holy Bible
The 20th out of 27 New Testament Books
The Only Epistle by James*



Written in: Greek as *Iakobos*



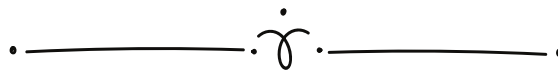
Time Period of Events: 49 AD



Author: James



Written Around: 67 to 69 AD



Significance

The book of James looks somewhat like the Old Testament book of Proverbs reproduced in line with the New Testament. Its steady action in the life of faith is suggestive of the Wisdom Literature in the Old Testament, urging God's kingdom to act like God's children. The pages of James are packed with direct orders to seek after an existence of blessedness. He comes up with no reasons for the individuals who don't have the goods. In the brain of this early church pioneer, Christians proof their confidence by strolling in specific manners and not others. For James, a confidence that doesn't deliver genuine change is a confidence that is useless.

Notable Verses

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

-James 1:5-

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if people claim to have faith but have no deeds? Can such faith save them?

-James 2:14-

Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

-James 5:16-

*No Trial is
Greater than God*



1 Peter

*Sixtieth Book of the Holy Bible
The 21st out of 27 New Testament Books
The 1st Epistle by Peter*



Written in: Greek as *Pétros*



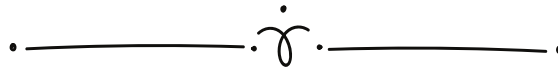
Time Period of Events: 62 AD



Author: Apostle Peter



Written Around: 64 AD



Significance

Jesus turns into the origin of strength and solidarity when we come into difficulties in life. By allowing God to help you in your diligence and work of Christ, we can continue to have trust in Him amidst our pains and sufferings.

Notable Verses

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

-1 Peter 5:8-

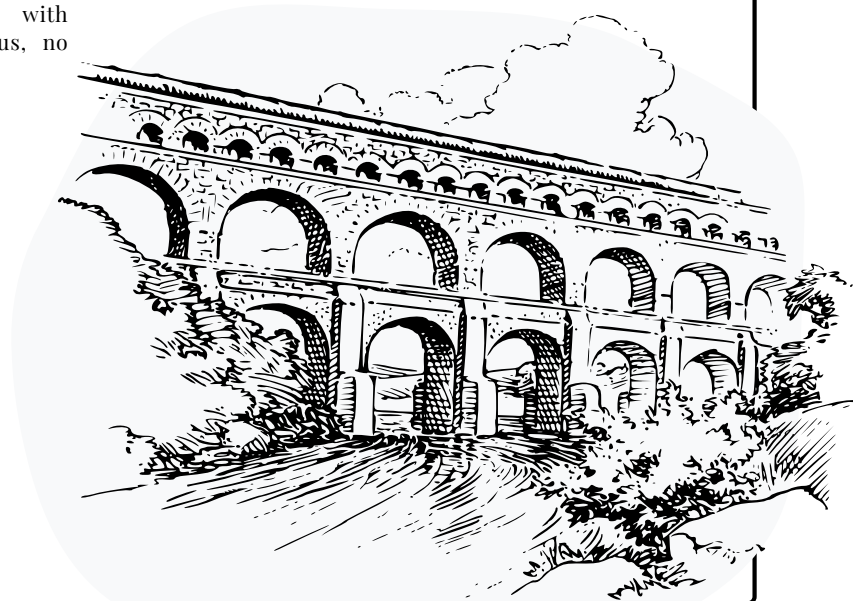
But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

-1 Peter 3:15 -

Popular Stories

- ✓ Peter wrote the letter during Nero's emperorship. Nero was the Roman Emperor during the 60s AD, and he detested Christianity. He eventually did horrible things like throw Christians to lions to be eaten. He was addressing both Jews and Gentiles with encouragement to stay the course with Jesus, no matter what happened.

*God & Hope of
the Oppressed*



2 Peter

*Sixty-First Book of the Holy Bible
The 22nd out of 27 New Testament Books
The 2nd Epistle by Peter*



Written in: Greek as *Pétros*



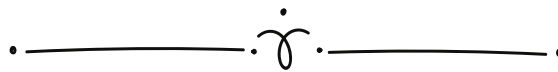
Time Period of Events: 67 AD



Author: Apostle Peter



Written Around: 67 AD



Significance

Peter needed to achieve two things in this book. The first was to urge individuals not to tune in to false teachers. The second was to urge them to proceed in the confidence, regardless of what abuse they came into. He gave an incredible picture of the Day of the Lord when he said the paradise untruths would catch fire, however, we would be given another paradise and another earth.

Notable Verses

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

-2 Peter 3:9-

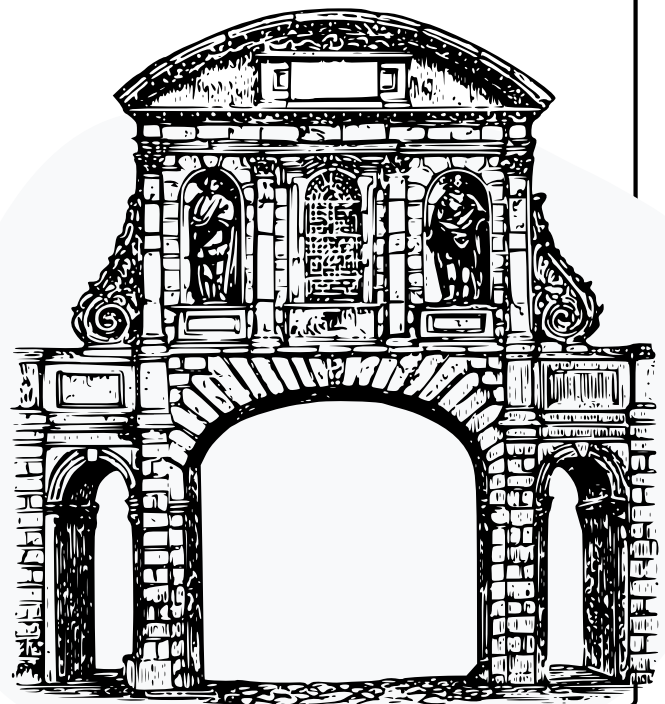
But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

-2 Peter 3:10-

Popular Stories

- ✓ Peter seemed to have heard reports that false teachers had emerged in Asia Minor. He wrote the book mostly to discourage individuals from listening to them and continue to keep empowering them, in Christ. However, the time under Roman Emperor Nero had become more difficult on Christians. Consequently, he discussed the Lord's return and how amazing it would be if individuals would stay strong.

The Virtuous Gift of Patience



1 John

*Sixty-Second Book of the Holy Bible
The 23rd out of 27 New Testament Books
The 1st Epistle by John*



Written in: Greek as *Giánnis*



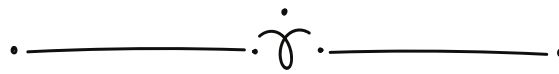
Time Period of Events: 90 AD



Author: Apostle John



Written Around: 90 to 95 AD



Significance

John needed individuals to realize that adoration is generally significant. Love originates from God. At the point when we feel it, we realize that God is close. He additionally needed individuals to realize that it is significant not to tune in to false educators.

Notable Verses

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

-1 John 1:8-9-

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

-1 John 4:7-

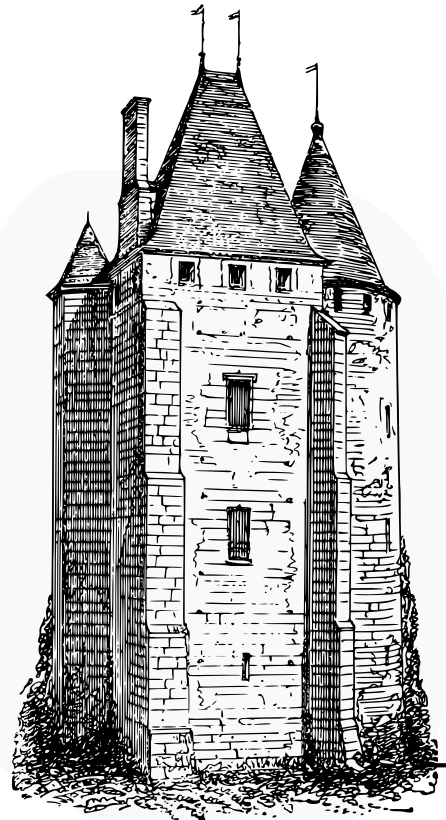
The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

-1 John 4:8-

Popular Stories

- ✓ 1 John was written to battle false teachings called "Gnosticism." Gnostics instructed that Jesus was a soul and never truly had a body and different blunders. Lessons like this made unevenness in devotees that could ruin their confidence.

*God's Ultimate
Power is Love*



2 John

*Sixty-Third Book of the Holy Bible
The 24th out of 27 New Testament Books
The 2nd Epistle by John*



Written in: Greek as *Giánnis*



Time Period of Events: 90 AD



Author: Apostle John



Written Around: 90 to 95 AD



Significance

2 John makes clear what our stand should be concerning the enemies of the truth, liars and escapist of truth. With 1 John focusing on our fellowship with God, 2 John focuses on protecting our fellowship from those who teach falsehood. The apostle committed time and effort to warning his readers against inviting false teachers into the house or even offering them a greeting. Such practices align the believer with the evildoer, and John was keen on keeping the believers pure from the stain of falsehood and heresy.

Popular Stories

- ✓ In 2 John, he is addressing the same issue as 1 John but not much in detail. The letter's tone suggests that John is writing a letter to someone who wrote to him first. He is encouraging that woman in a general way, saying he hopes to see her soon and give her details in person.

Notable Verses

And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.

-2 John 1:6-

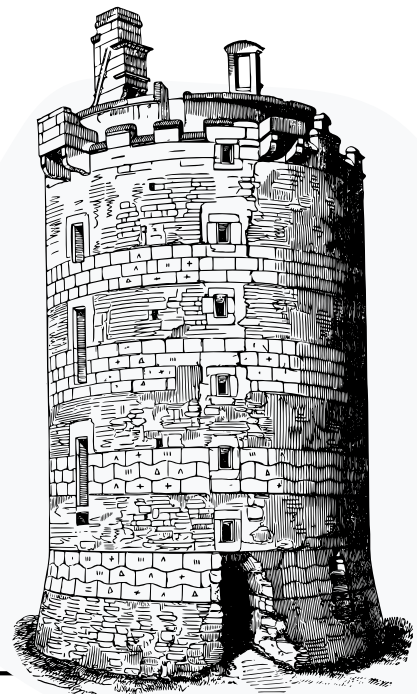
Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.

-2 John 1:7-

Grace, mercy and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

-2 John 1:3-

*God Speaks
Only of Truth*



3 John

*Sixty-Fourth Book of the Holy Bible
The 25th out of 27 New Testament Books
The 3rd Epistle by John*



Written in: Greek as *Giánnis*



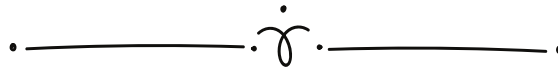
Time Period of Events: 90 AD



Author: Apostle John



Written Around: 90 to 95 AD



Significance

This book is a short letter to two individuals named Gaius and Demetrius. They had been loyal. John specifies having sent a past letter, one that isn't in our Bible.

Nonetheless, these wicked Diotrephes dismissed the letter out of pride. He may have made it into ashes and wouldn't leave individuals alone energized by John's message. In any case, John isn't unwavering in faith.

Popular Stories

- ✓ John scolds a false teacher in this concise letter. He even called him by his name—Diotrephes. He blamed the man for having a major inner self and being a miscreant. The letter gives us that in any event, when the church was under 50 years of age, it had similar sorts of issues we have today with divisions and untruthfulness.

Notable Verses

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

-3 John 1:4-

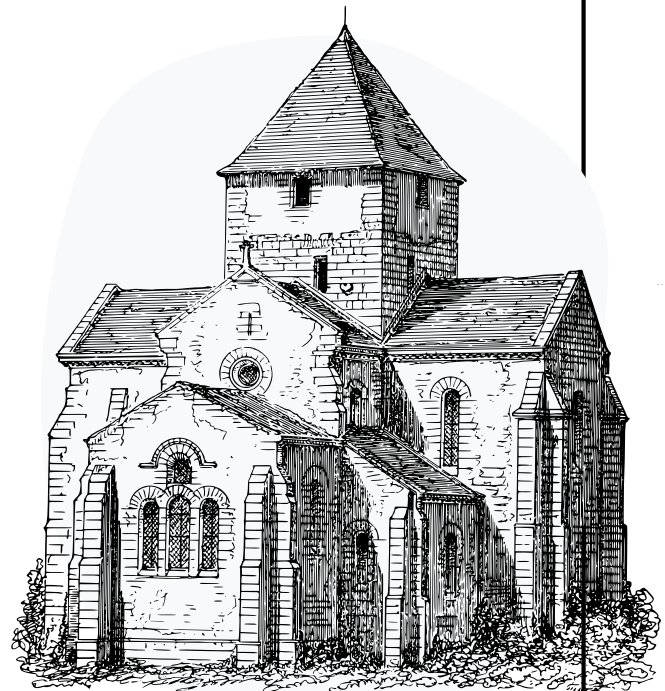
Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good.

-3 John 1:11-

Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

-3 John 1:2 -

*God of Realization
and Thinking*



Jude

Sixty-Fifth Book of the Holy Bible
The 26th out of 27 New Testament Books
The Only Epistle by Jude



Written in: Greek as loudaios



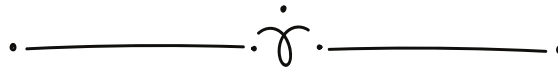
Time Period of Events: 65 AD



Author: Jude



Written Around: 75 AD



Significance

Jude's edgy brevity communicates the urgency of his notion that false teachers needed to be condemned and removed from the church. Few words meant that Jude would not waste space dancing around the issue. He saw within the church people and practices that were worthy of condemnation, including rejecting authority and seeking to please themselves. In response to these errors, Jude marshaled much biblical imagery to make clear what he thought of it all—anything from Cain killing his brother Abel to the punishment of the sinful people who populated Sodom and Gomorrah.

Notable Verses

For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.

—Jude 1:4—

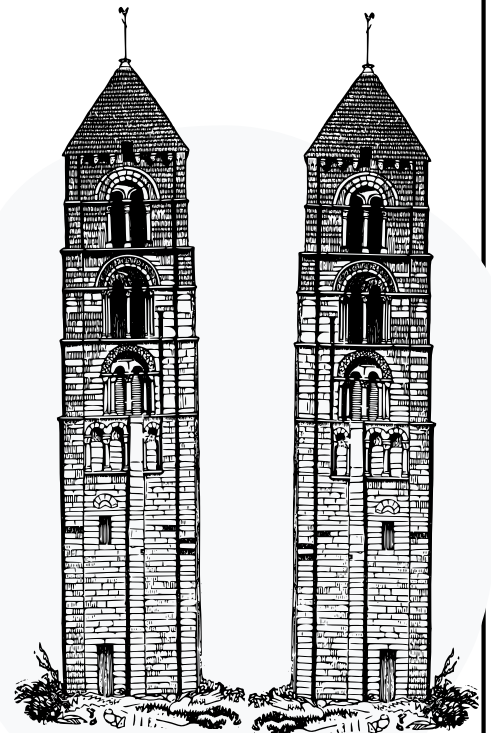
But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not himself dare to condemn him for slander but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

—Jude 1:9—

Popular Stories

- ✓ The purpose of this book is to address false teachings. He uses the words in verse four, "For certain persons have crept in unnoticed." It is another attempt by an early church leader to keep errors out of believer's thinking.

He Who Safeguards



Revelation

*The Sixty-Sixth and Final Book of the Holy Bible
The Last of All 27 New Testament Books
The Apocalyptic Prophecy Presented to John*



Written in: Greek as Apokalypsis



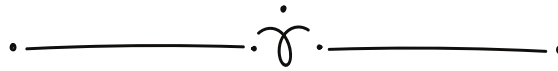
Time Period of Events: -



Author: Apostle the John



Written Around: Approx. 95 AD



Significance

The book of Revelation provides the clearest biblical portrait of the events of the tribulation, dealing with the specifics of that terrible time. The tribulation will be a time of judgment, a time when those left on the earth after the rapture will suffer deeply for their lack of faith. John pictured this judgment as a series of twenty-one events—inaugurated by the breaking of seven seals, the blowing of seven trumpets, and the pouring out of seven bowls. This grand judgment on the sinfulness of humanity shows the seriousness with which God views sin—payment will be exacted from those not covered by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Popular Stories

- ✓ The Book of Revelation is primarily addressing the end of times surrounding the coming of Jesus back here on Earth.
- ✓ It was a bible Book filled with extraordinary narratives.

Notable Verses

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with them, and they with me.

-Revelation 3:20-

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

-Revelation 21:1-

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.

-Revelation 20:1-

*He Who
Safeguards*



Deuterocanonical

The seven books included in this volume are books from the era of the Old Testament that were not included in the Hebrew canon. The seven books include Tobit, Judith, Baruch, The Wisdom of Solomon, The Wisdom of Ben Sira, and 1 & 2 Maccabees. As mentioned, they are not included in the Hebrew canon or the Protestant Bible. To Protestants, they are considered “apocryphal” which means “hidden, concealed, or false and inauthentic.” Protestants do not consider the books to have the canonical authority or to be divinely inspired literature. Catholic and Orthodox Christians, on the other hand, do consider these books to be divinely inspired and retain them in their canons.

Whatever you feel about the inspiration of these books, they are undoubtedly valuable in the history, wisdom, and insight they provide. Tobit and Judith are fantastic stories that highlight the power and faithfulness of God. The Wisdom of Solomon and Ben Sira is very similar to Proverbs in that they contain nuggets of wisdom, and Baruch and 1 & 2 Maccabees provide valuable history into the intertestamental period of Jewish history.



Tobit

*First Book of the Seven Deuterocanonical Books
Found in the Catholic and Orthodox Old Testaments*



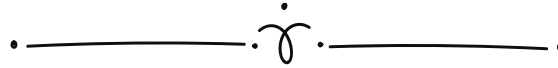
Author: Unknown



Time Period of Events: 722 – 700 BC



Written Around: 450 BC



Significance

The story begins with the father of Tobit (whose name also was Tobit) having been exiled to Nineveh around 720 BC. The Assyrians invaded the northern kingdom of Israel in 722 BC and exiled the people to several other countries. The father Tobit had gone blind. In extreme poverty, both father and son continued to serve others and God. The father sent the son to the Media to try to recover a debt from an old friend. If the friend could be found and agreed to pay, the family would have money for food.

Tobit Jr. is accompanied by the angel Raphael, whom he thinks is simply a handsome and kind Ninevite. The angel sees him through many trials on the road, including the taking of a wife whose seven groomsmen had been killed by a demonic force. Raphael shows Tobias how to use fish entrails (guts) to drive away from the dark forces, and upon their successful return to Nineveh, how to use them to cure his father's ailing vision.

The book is great for teaching people how to behave while under stress. Tobit's example, similar to Job's, shows that God comes to the rescue and rewards those who love him and continue serving to share his love, even when trials come our way.

Popular Stories



TOBIT SECRETLY BURIES BODIES

During one of the feast days, Tobit tells his son to go and invite others to the feast. In the process, Tobit Jr. discovers a person that had been murdered, and his body was left in the street. Tobit goes out to the body and gives it a proper burial. Because of this, the Assyrian king marked Tobit for death. However, Tobit continues to find defiled bodies and bury them in secret.



BLINDED BY BIRD POOP

After burying several bodies one day, Tobit goes inside, leans against the wall, and falls asleep. While he's sleeping, a swallow bird makes some droppings that fall into his eyes and leaves him blind. Tobit does not let this misfortune turn him away from God, however. He stands strong in his faith.



DEMON HUSBAND KILLERS

A woman named Sarah was continually being offered to different husbands, but before she could consummate the marriage with them they would be killed by a demon named Asmodeus. She lost seven husbands in this way. (Tobit 3:7-8)

Notable Verses

"Then Tobit sighed, and he began to pray with tears, saying, "O Lord, you are just and all your judgments are just, and all your ways are mercy, and truth, and judgment. And now, O Lord, remember me, and do not take vengeance for my sins, and do not call to mind my offenses, nor those of my parents."

Tobit 3:1-3 CPDV

"Confess to the Lord with your good things, and bless the God of all ages, so that he may rebuild his tabernacle in you, and he may recall all the captives to you, and you may be glad in all ages and forever."

Tobit 13:12 CPDV

"Prayer with fasting is good, and almsgiving is better than hiding away gold in storage. For almsgiving delivers from death, and the same is what purges sins and makes one able to find mercy and everlasting life. But those who commit sin and iniquity are enemies to their own soul."

Tobit 12:8-10 CPDV

Important Facts



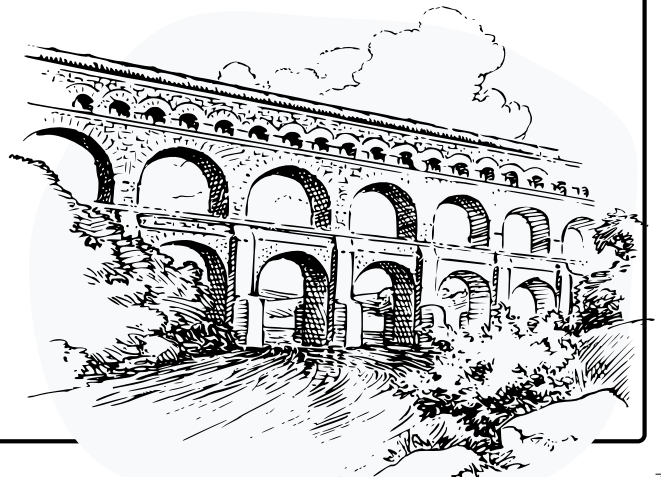
The Book of Tobit is also known as the *Book of Tobias*.



This book introduces Angel Raphael by name.



Five copies of this book were found around the Dead Sea Scrolls in the 1940s



Judith

*Second Book of the Seven Deuterocanonical Books
Found in the Catholic Old Testament*



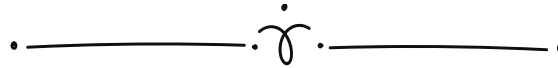
Author: Unknown



Time Period of Events: 500 BC



Written Around: Unknown



Significance

The book of Judith opens with some war history that is either fictional or poorly translated. In this story, King Nebuchadnezzar is the king of Assyria rather than king of Babylon, as he is in our Old Testament. He defeats many kingdoms. He destroyed countries, their shrines, and their gods, insisting they worship him as a god.

God's people surrounding Jerusalem were terrified. They had just returned from a 70-year exile to Babylon and were struggling to exist as a nation. Israel's leadership ordered people to fast and pray in the temple.

A warrior named Achior told the Assyrian army of the history of the Jews. He suggested they don't invade the Jews if they are innocent, because their God would seek revenge. Achior was ousted, having infuriated the military leaders, who placed him where the army thought Israel would kill him. But the Jews were grateful for his story and continued to pray.

The widow Judith enters the story after Nebuchadnezzar's army had cut off the people's water supply and they were collapsing in the streets. She begged the elders to continue to worship God and suggested that this was a test. She also asked to be released from the town to do something to the enemy she would not speak about. They agreed.

She executed a plan to deceive the Assyrian army commander, Holofernes, into thinking he could seduce her. When he drank so much that he passed out, she stabbed him twice, beheaded him, and sneaked his head out of the camp in a food satchel.

She returned to Judah with the head and told the army to attack the Assyrians. The Israelites drove the enemy back and defeated them. Judith lived long and was remembered fondly.

Important Facts

- ✓ Many debates whether the story of Judith is factual.
- ✓ Most Catholics believe the story to be true because it was included in the Hebrew Bible that Jesus and his disciples read.
- ✓ Early leaders of the Church quoted the Book of Judith in their writing

Notable Verses

"For your power, O Lord is not in numbers, nor is your will with the strength of horses, nor from the beginning have the arrogant been pleasing to you. But the pleas of the humble and the meek have always pleased you."

Judith 9:16 CPDV

"Blessed is the Lord, who made heaven and earth, who has guided you in harming the head of the leader of our enemies. For he has so magnified your name this day, that your praise will not retire from the mouth of men, who will be mindful of the power of the Lord forever, because you have risked your life for the sake of the distress and tribulation of your people, and you have prevented our ruin before the sight of our God."

Judith 13:24-25 CPDV

"Enter and awaken him, for the mice have come out of their holes, intending to challenge us to fight."

Judith 14:12 CPDV

Popular Stories



JUDITH SEDUCES TO KILL

Judith uses her feminine wiles to seduce and then destroy the enemy. She dresses herself up with fine clothes and jewels, bathes and washes, and then seduces the general of the Assyrian army. She is invited into his tent and gets him drunk before stabbing him and cutting off his head and delivering it to the king of Judah.



ISRAEL'S STORY

An Assyrian warrior named Achior shares the story of Yahweh's intervention in Israel and how if Israel is faithful to Him, no army can overtake him. Nebuchadnezzar didn't like this because it suggested that there was a god more powerful than him. He sought to have Achior executed.

Wisdom of *Solomon*

*Third Book of the Seven Deuterocanonical Books
Found in the Catholic Old Testament*



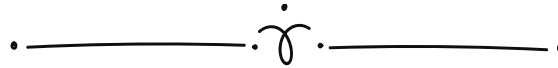
Author: Unknown



Time Period of Events: Around 50 BC



Written Around: Last edits made around 50 BC



Significance

The text divides into two main sections. The first part includes Chapters 1-10 and covers the theme of wisdom in many ways. The first section is written from the perspective of a king writing to other kings and teaches that ungodly living stands in contrast with wisdom.

Popular Stories

- ✓ **No real stories in this book**, just a collection of wisdom sayings. One interesting feature is that there are many parallels within the book to sayings of Jesus in the New Testament, leading many scholars to believe Jesus absolutely had access to the book.

Important Facts

- ✓ It was initially thought that Solomon wrote this book but was later disproven.
- ✓ It is very similar to Proverbs in that it is more a collection of sayings than a narrative.

Notable Verses

“For the spirit of wisdom is benevolent, and will not release the evil speaker from his talk, because God is a witness of his temperament, and a true examiner of his heart, and an auditor of his words.”

Wisdom 1:6 CPDV

“Wisdom is better than power, and a prudent man is better than a powerful one.”

Wisdom 6:1 CPDV

“Though many are strong, you alone always overcome. And who will withstand the strength of your arm? For, like a tiny grain on a scale, just so is the world before you, and like a drop dew before dawn, which descends upon the earth. But you are merciful to all, because you can do all, and you dismiss the sins of man because of repentance. For you love all things that are, and you hate nothing of the things you have made; for you would not have created or established anything that you hated.”

Wisdom 11:22-25 CPDV



Wisdom of *Ben Sira*

*Fourth Book of the Seven Deuterocanonical Books
Found in the Catholic Old Testament*



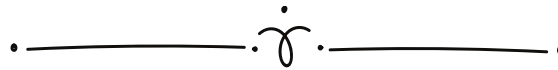
Author: Ben Sirach



Time Period of Events: 200-180 BC



Written Around: 180-175 BC



Significance

The contents of the Wisdom of Ben Sira are not easily divided into separate parts.

Chapters 1-43 deal largely with moral instruction. They sound a bit like Proverbs, only with more poetic sentencing. 44:1-50:24 contain a eulogy of the heroes of Israel, in the spirit of the writer of Hebrews who wrote about faith in Chapter 11. In the end, the author expresses his gratitude to God (51:1-12) and invites the unschooled to acquire true wisdom (51:13-30)

Popular Stories

- ✓ This book is another one that is more a collection of sayings and maxims than a book with stories.
- ✓ The last half of the book recalls stories of famous Old Testament prophets and figures like Elijah, Moses, David, Joshua, etc.

Important Facts

- ✓ This book was written by Ben Sira (Sirach) a wise man in Jerusalem.
- ✓ This book focuses on the value of Wisdom.

Notable Verses

"The Word of God on high is the source of wisdom, whose steps are eternal commandments. To whom has the root of wisdom been revealed, and who has recognized her astuteness? To whom has the discipline of wisdom been revealed and made manifest? And who has understood the multiplicity of her steps? The highest omnipotent Creator is One, and he is the mighty King, and he is exceeding to be feared, sitting upon his throne, and he is the sovereign God."

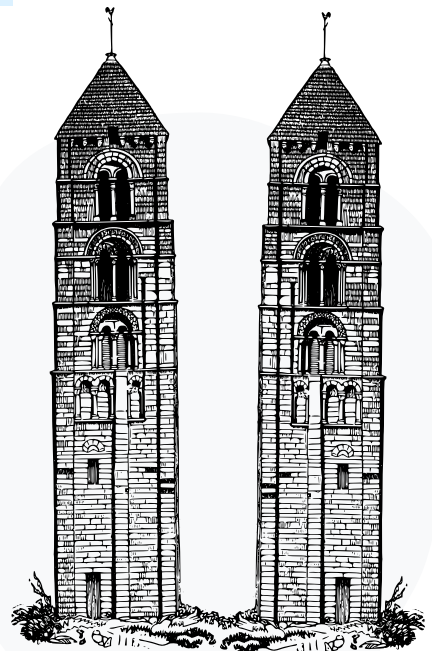
Sirach 1:5-8 CPDV

"Blessed is the man who has not slipped because of a word from his mouth, and who has not been stung by grief because of an offense."

Sirach 14:1 CPDV

"The bee is small among flying things, but its fruit holds the summit of sweetness."

Sirach 11:3 CPDV



Baruch

*Fifth Book of the Seven Deuterocanonical Books
Found in the Catholic Old Testament*



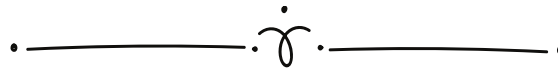
Author: Baruch



Time Period of Events: 586-582 BC



Written Around: 582 BC



Significance

The work attempts to explain the trauma of the Great Exile in terms of cycles of Israel's sins: punishment, repentance, and return. It is divided into four sections:

- Letter to Jerusalem (1:1 to 3:8)-In this letter, Baruch offers a confession that applies to all the exiled citizens of the southern kingdom of Judah. It is likely that by hearing it and saying it aloud, the people were able to conceive collectively of the weight of their sins.
- Praise of wisdom (3:9 to 4:4)-Baruch starts by saying how much the people have lost by not seeking wisdom and then goes into praise of those who change their ways to seek it.
- A series of addresses meant to console the people, including Baruch addressing the exiles in Babylon; Jerusalem addresses its neighboring countries and then addresses the people in exile, and finally, Baruch addresses those who remain in Jerusalem;
- Letter of Jeremiah (6:1-72), supposedly from the great prophet. The chapter is a fantastic encouragement of why people should not worship other gods.

Popular Stories

- ✓ This book is another one that is more a collection of sayings and maxims than a book with stories.
- ✓ The last half of the book recalls stories of famous Old Testament prophets and figures like Elijah, Moses, David, Joshua, etc.

Notable Verses

"And I will establish for them a new and everlasting covenant so that I will be their God and they will be my people. And I will no longer move my people, the sons of Israel, out of the land which I have given them."

Baruch 2:35 CPDV

"Listen, O Lord, and be merciful, for you are a merciful God, and so be merciful to us, for we have sinned before you. For you are enthroned in eternity, but we will pass away in time."

Baruch 3:2-3 CPDV

"Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand in exaltation, and look around towards the east, and see your sons, gathering together, from the rising of the sun to the setting of the sun, by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the remembrance of God."

Baruch 5:5 CPDV

Important Facts

- ✓ Baruch was a scribe to Jeremiah, a major prophet in the Old Testament
- ✓ The oldest copies of this book are in Greek since the Hebrew copies were lost

1 Maccabees

*Six Book of the Seven Deuterocanonical Books
Found in the Catholic Old Testament*



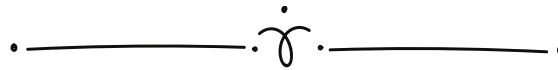
Author: Palestinian Jew



Time Period of Events: 167 – 142 BC



Written Around: 100 BC



Significance

The book gives an overview of the history behind the revolt. Then, several sections cover the battles of the Maccabean father and his warrior sons Judas, Jonathan, and Simon, each one taking up the cause after the previous was martyred.

Popular Stories



ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES DEFILES THE TEMPLE

One of the precipitating issues of the Maccabean Wars was that Antiochus Epiphanes, the Greek king desecrated the Temple by sacrificing a pig on the altar, erecting an altar to Zeus, and destroying all of the sacred vessels and writings. In the narrative, this was the last straw for Judah Maccabee and his cohorts.



The festival of Hanukkah comes from this story. After Judah defeats the Greek army and restores the Temple, he wanted to keep the menorah lit every day. However, even though there was not enough oil to keep it lit, it stayed lit for seven days. This is the origin of the festival of Hanukkah.

Notable Verses

“And Mattathias exclaimed with a loud voice in the city, saying, “All who hold zeal for the law, maintaining the covenant, let them follow me.”

1 Maccabees 2:27 CPDV

“And Judas said: “It is easy for many to be enclosed in the hands of a few, for there is no difference in the sight of the God of heaven to liberate by means of many, or by means of few. For victory in warfare is not in the multitude of the army, but in the strength from heaven.”

1 Maccabees 3:18-19 CPDV

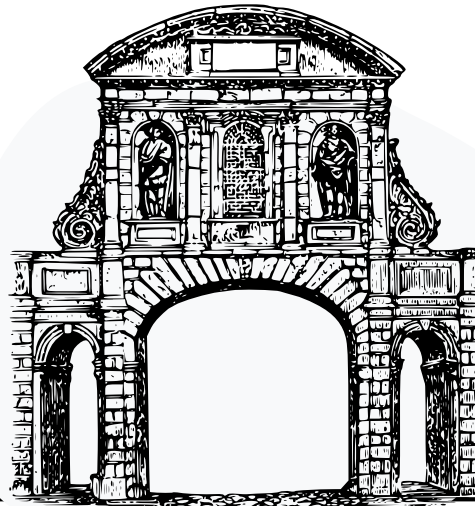
Important Facts



The book covers the Jewish revolt led by the Maccabee father lasting over 20 years.



Although titled 1 Maccabees and 2 Maccabees the books were authored by different people- Five copies of this book were found around the Dead Sea Scrolls in the 1940s.



II Maccabees

*Seventh Book of the Seven Deuterocanonical Books
Found in the Catholic Old Testament*



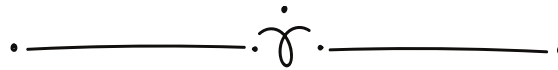
Author: An Alexandrian
Jewish Pharisee



Time Period of Events: – 161 BC



Written Around: 123 - 100 BC



Significance

The book opens with the horrific martyrdom of a woman and her seven sons who refused to eat pork while on display in some sort of pagan court. A scribe name Eleazar had likewise been killed by unspeakable violence for the same reason. The book uses these and other horrific tales to illustrate what faithful Jews were willing to go through to defend their faith. It was meant to serve as an example for suffering Jews in all eras.

Popular Stories

- ✓ Rather than focusing on the military exploits within the Maccabean revolts, 2 Maccabees focuses on God's intervention. The story is still focused on Judah Maccabees and how God used him to deliver his people.
- ✓ A man named Heliodorus from the king's army occupied the temple and was prepared to remove the sacred vessels. While he was attempting to do this, an angel on a horse appeared in golden armor with two other angels and beat Heliodorus badly. He was later told that his life was spared because of the intercession of Onias, the high priest.
- ✓ A mother with seven sons was captured and forced to eat pork. The sons declared that they would rather die than be defiled in this way. Each of the sons was tortured and killed for their rebellion, concluding with the mother.

Notable Verses

"So then, I beg those who will read this book, let them not be repelled by these adverse events, but let them consider that these things happened, not for the destruction, but for the correction, of our people."

2 Maccabees 6:12 CPDV

"May God be gracious to you, and may he remember his covenant, which was spoken to Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, his faithful servants. And may he give all of you the heart to worship him, and to do his will, with a great heart and a willing soul. May he throw open your heart with his law and with his precepts, and may he create peace."

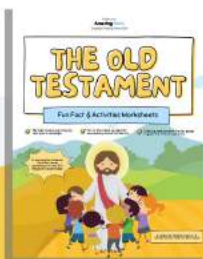
2 Maccabees 1:2-4 CPDV

Important Facts

- ✓ This book was written in Greek-It is not a sequel to 1 Maccabees. Rather, it is a summary of another work by Jason of Cyrene.
- ✓ There was at one time a 3 Maccabees.
- ✓ The Catholic Church has based its doctrines of both purgatory and masses for the dead on the text with 2 Maccabees

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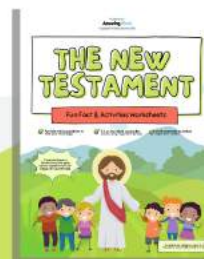
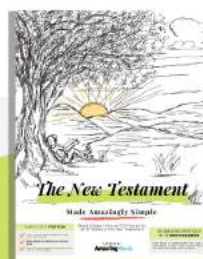


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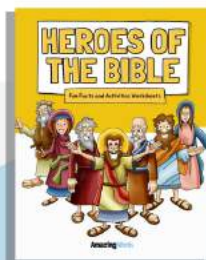
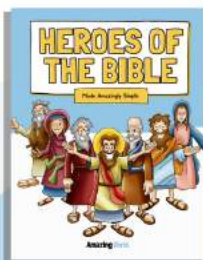


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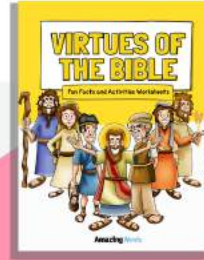


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