

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

AT-A-GLANCE

One-Page Reference Sheets for
the 66 Books of the Bible.

The image displays three sample reference sheets for the Bible, each titled 'AT-A-GLANCE'. The central sheet is for the book of Revelation, while the left and right sheets are partially visible, showing Genesis and Proverbs respectively.

REVELATION
AT-A-GLANCE

- BOOK #27
- AUTHOR: APOSTLE JOHN
- WRITTEN: APPROX. 95 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books | New Testament: 27 Books **27**

CLAIMS TO FAME: The only book of prophecy in the New Testament

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

GENESIS
AT-A-GLANCE

- AUTHOR: MOSES

PROVERBS
AT-A-GLANCE

- AUTHOR: SOLOMON
is the primary author with others contributing
- WRITTEN: 970-600 BC
- the time periods: Like Proverbs

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Books of the Bible At-a-Glance, a fast and assured way to get students to understand what each book of the Bible is about and how it contributes to the whole. Each sheet contains the very basics which you can use while teaching as a series or as lessons in and of themselves!

What's in this Package

Every book of the Bible is covered on a separate sheet. Even though the Bible is a wealth of different types of information, subtitles on each page help students understand its important points. The subtitles vary slightly, based on the different types of books. However most look like this:

Book Title: Its proper name.

Order in the Bible: Each book is presented in its appropriate order number of the 66 total books: 1 - 39 in the Old Testament, and 1 - 27 in the New Testament.

Claims to Fame: Nearly every book in the Bible contains something unique or spectacular. Examples would be that Exodus contains the Ten Commandments and Philemon is the New Testament Book written about a slave.

Who Authored the Book: Sometimes the book is named after its author, but sometimes not! Sometimes kids would have no idea without a helpful sheet like this. Examples are Solomon writing the famous Book of Proverbs and Apostle John writing the Revelation. Here's your chance to tell children that Moses compiled the first five books of the Bible.

Date the Book was Written: Often a book was written hundreds of years after its events. A good example is Genesis, which begins around 4004 BC with the creation of Adam and continues through the death of Joseph in 1805 BC. It was compiled by Moses almost 400 years later. Some dates, mainly those of Old Testament writings, are highly debated. For example, the Book of Joel has a 400-year span in the debate as to when it was written! Those we mark with a note. And of course, the others are approximations. Include the word “approximately” before each date, and you’ll have the right idea.

Covering this Time Period: It is great to be able to know at a glance what time period of history a book covers. Want students to give their heads a fun shake? Have them look at the time periods covered by the prophets, minor and major. Some of them speak of things that have happened in the last 50 years. Some speak of things that haven’t happened yet. If the answer is 700 BC – Future, what does that mean? It means that the prophet prior to 700 BC prophesied about things in the immediate future as well as things in the end times that haven’t happened yet. It sure is fun to see what all these prophets are talking about.

Famous Stories Included: This category changes in the New Testament Epistles to “Problems or Issues this Book is Addressing.” In the Old Testament and the gospels, it will help students see at a glance that the Tower of Babel is in Genesis and the Prophet Elijah being swept up to heaven happens in 2 Kings. In the New Testament, most every epistle was penned in response to an issue happening in a particular new church. Everything from legalism to liberalism, from the place of circumcision to the ousting of sexual deviates was covered—showing there were great commonalities between those times and our times!

Most Famous Verses: This came from a website of the most-searched-for verses in each Bible book; however it was not so clinical as for editors to simply take the first two. In some you can see Bible fans trying to come up with the same story but starting at different places or focusing on different verses or key words. This list also includes some scholarly ingenuity to see which verses in each book have been most beloved to the American people.

Important Points About this Book: This section can be an outline of events. Or it can state the overall message. If many Bible stories are in the book, it can order them. Basically, this is the most important and informative category, telling students briefly things they ought to remember about this particular book and in ways that will be engaging.

Ways to Use this Package

At-A-Glance Sheets is a rare package for students. You may not find another that is up-to-date and so clearly written. It provides the most important information about each and every Bible book on one sheet and in one glance. Use them in many ways:

Pass out At-A-Glance Sheets before you study particular books. It will give kids placement and a great overview of any book(s) or Bible stories you are studying.

Make a lesson series using the At-A-Glance Sheets. If you want kids to have a great overview and understanding of the Bible from a bird’s-eye perspective, use the cheat sheets for a semester, focusing on books you feel are most important.

Make worksheets from At-A-Glance Sheets. The Most Famous Verses make great fill-in-the-blank sheets. Create a timeline to post dates on. Names and authors make great word searches, and Most Important Points make great crosswords. Any way you can get students to repeat the information on a cheat sheet is great! Use your teacher’s heart and imagination.

The Importance of this Package

Children learn stories every year about Abraham, David, and Jesus. The characters do tend to look alike! There were no cell phones involved, no electricity, and they all wear dusty sandals and headdresses. So what’s the difference? Plenty!

Wouldn’t it help your students to know that each of these famed Bible characters lived 1,000 years apart? Father Abraham was the beginning of a great covenant between God and Israel. David came around the fruition of that covenant creating a unified nation. Jesus was the culmination of God’s promises. And then there is us.

The history of the people of Israel is one of the most intriguing, inspiring, and telling histories of any people in the world. For one, they introduced the God of Israel—the only God—to the rest of us. Give famous characters, Bible verses and situations placement and context, and you will have given your students a most precious foundational gift that they can build on for a lifetime!



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NEW TESTAMENT

MATTHEW

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N.T. BOOK #1



AUTHOR: MATTHEW THE APOSTLE



WRITTEN: 50-60 AD

Covering this time period: 7 BC to 26 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

1

New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: **First Gospel in the New Testament**

FAMOUS STORIES INCLUDED:

- The visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus
- Herod's slaughter of the infants, and Jesus' parents fleeing with him to Egypt to escape
- Jesus tells Peter that he will be primary in his building of the Church (Upon this rock...)
- Jesus pays tax by his disciples finding a fish with a coin in its mouth.
- The story of Judas' suicide

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- Matthew was writing to Jews as opposed to Gentiles, which is why his gospel often quotes the Old Testament to show how prophecy was fulfilled. The other gospels don't do that.
- The book contains a genealogy that dates back to Abraham. It differs from a genealogy in early Luke. Some say that is because one is a list of legal parentage and the other is a bloodline. Because women died in childbirth often and men had come to have less longevity, often there were remarriages and adoptions. The list in Matthew contained names of legal parents, or those who were the parents at the time a person came of age.
- The book is also famous for containing the Great Commission, listed above in Matthew 28:19.

MARK

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N.T. BOOK #2



AUTHOR: MARK

a.k.a. John Mark, a friend who traveled with the Apostle Paul



WRITTEN: 50-60 AD

Covering this time period: 7 BC to 26 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

2

New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: **Is thought to be a memoir dictated by the Apostle Peter**

FAMOUS STORIES INCLUDED:

- Jesus tells Simon Peter and his brother Andrew that he will make them “fishers of men.” Jesus specifically appoints 12 disciples early in his ministry.
- Jesus heals a deaf and mute man with his spittle.
- Jesus heals a blind man who reports that people look like trees; Jesus prays for him again.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- John Mark is thought first to be a friend of Apostle Peter, but then he traveled with Apostle Paul and his assistant Barnabas on Paul’s first missionary journey around Asia Minor. The book is loaded with miracles. Mark’s point was to show how powerful, kind, and merciful God is.
- The Gospel of Mark does not mention the birth or childhood of Jesus, but starts with the ministry of John the Baptist.
- Whereas Matthew presents Jesus as King, Mark presents him as a humble servant of man. That is why the verse above from Mark 10 is so beloved.

LUKE

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N.T. BOOK #3



AUTHOR: LUKE
the Historian, Physician, and Gentile



WRITTEN: 60-61 AD

Covering this time period: 7 BC to 26 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

3

New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: Contains the special Christmas story of shepherds watching over their flock by night.

FAMOUS STORIES INCLUDED:

- Story of John the Baptist's birth to Elizabeth and Zechariah
- Shepherds watching over their flocks by night, who saw the host of angels at the birth of Jesus
- First miraculous catch of fish on the Lake of Genesaret
- Raising of the widow's son from the dead in Nain
- Parable of the good Samaritan
- The rich man and Lazarus meet different fates after death
- The conversation between Jesus and the robbers as they are dying on the crosses

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- Much of the material in to Luke's gospel involves Jesus' dealings with individuals. Many are not wealthy or part of the acceptable society of their day. They include many sinners. Hence, Luke is considered a gospel of extremely good news—for the common man. This is why stories show up in Luke such as the Good Samaritan (who helps the injured man while religious leaders pass right by him). The conversations between the robbers on the cross with Jesus show the Lord's love for those who have committed crimes.
- While Matthew attempts to prove Christ's kingship, Luke shows him as the one who offers salvation to all humanity—Jew and Gentile alike.

JOHN

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N.T. BOOK #4



AUTHOR: JOHN THE APOSTLE



WRITTEN: 80-90 AD

Covering this time period: 7 BC to 26 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

4

New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: Known in America as the Bible book that new Christians should start with

FAMOUS STORIES INCLUDED:

- Jesus turning water into wine
- Raising Lazarus from the dead
- The seven famous "I AM" statements of Jesus (i.e. I am the door of the sheep...)

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- John wanted to make sure people knew that Jesus was not just a great prophet, miracle man, or teacher. He was "the only begotten son of God." Jesus was different than we are. We are born of men, and Jesus was born of God, according to all that John stated.
- John did not tell the story of Jesus' birth. Instead he reached back into eternity to start his gospel. He started with, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." It is this statement and others in the Book of John which had the early church moving to recognize the Trinity, or three in one: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- John, his brother James, and Simon Peter had the honor of being with Jesus during his ministry more than the other disciples. Hence his witness to the truth of Jesus' divine nature is meant to be taken quite seriously.
- New Christians often start reading their Bibles with the Book of John. This is because he was a fisherman before becoming an apostle, and not a Jewish scholar. All he has to say is very relatable to normal, working-class people—like us and the generations who came before us.

ACTS

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N.T. BOOK #5



AUTHOR: LUKE
the Historian, Physician, and Gentile



WRITTEN: 62 AD

Covering this time period: 30-62 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

5

New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: Covers the works of the Apostles in the early days after Christ's death

FAMOUS STORIES INCLUDED:

- The Ascension
- The Day of Pentecost
- Paul's Conversion
- Peter's move to preach to the Gentile world and not just the Jews

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- Acts is the only book in the Bible that tells us how the early church was born. It gives a valuable account of how the church was able to spark in Jerusalem and spread throughout the Roman Empire.
- Chapters 1 - 12 primarily follow Peter until his belief in preaching to the Gentiles is fulfilled. Chapters 13-28 primarily follow Paul and his missionary journeys far and wide. The book ends before either man is martyred (killed) for the faith, which is why it is dated in the early 60s AD.

ROMANS

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N.T. BOOK #6



AUTHOR: APOSTLE PAUL



WRITTEN: 56 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

6

New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: Contains the most popular and famed salvation scriptures of any epistle.

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

- Paul was writing to Christians living in Rome. Nero was emperor. He did very mean things to Christians, but he hadn't started yet. It was a time of peace. However, Paul knew he was writing to city people who can be really different from each other. Tough sailors, well-traveled tradesmen, wealthy former idolaters, and slaves were all part of the new church in Rome. He wanted them to see their likeness in Christ with statements like, "All have sinned. All fall short of the glory of God." **Romans 3:23**

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- In Chapters 1-8, Paul explains the foundations of the Christian faith. This is why the book is quoted so often in salvation messages.
- In Chapters 9-11, he explains how people can receive a relationship with God
- In chapters 12-16, Paul explains how to use this information to live a godly life.

I CORINTHIANS

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N.T. BOOK #7



AUTHOR: APOSTLE PAUL



WRITTEN: 55 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

7 New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: Contains the famous chapter about “love,” which is included at nearly every Christian wedding. It is 1 Corinthians 13.

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

- Paul heard there was quarrelling in the church. He was disappointed. He had spent 18 months with the Corinthian Christians and they had been doing well. He wanted to help them solve their quarreling.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- In Chapters 1-4 Paul talks about the quarrels he’s heard about and offers advice.
- In Chapters 5-11 Paul exposes sins he’s heard are already infesting the church. They had to do with sexual immorality, filing lawsuits against each other, and other things.
- In Chapters 12-15, he helps them understand difficult doctrines such as what speaking in tongues means.
- In Chapters 15-16, he preaches the pure gospel again and encourages these believers to hold fast to what is good.

II CORINTHIANS

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #8



AUTHOR: APOSTLE PAUL



WRITTEN: 55-56 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

8 New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: One of the few books where Paul gives details of his own life.

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

- Second Corinthians is actually the fourth letter Paul had written to this feisty group of believers. Two of the letters were lost in history. After three bad reports of their behavior, Paul finally got a good one. He wrote this letter to encourage them on their journey toward the kingdom of God.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- Paul speaks about his own apostleship at great length in this book. It helps you get to know him as a person. Apparently, some people in Corinth had said he wasn't really an apostle because he didn't know Jesus until after Jesus' death and resurrection. He corrects that.
- He then uses a description of his own ministry as an exhortation for the Corinthians to live godly and open-hearted lives. He describes how he's been honest, hopeful, and devoted while suffering, and how these things have blessed his ministry.

GALATIANS

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #9



AUTHOR: APOSTLE PAUL



WRITTEN: 49-50 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

9 New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: Contains the famed "fruit of the spirit" passage which lists the nine fruits.

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

- The Galatians were starting to say Gentiles needed to follow Jewish laws in order to be saved. It was confusing the people and putting a burden on them that was unnecessary. Paul wanted to straighten that out.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- In the first two chapters, Paul defends against accusations that he is not a true apostle by explaining his spiritual experience with the gospel, and what his life was like before his conversion. He then uses his relationship with the other apostles as proof that he is an apostle.
- In Chapters 3-5 Paul rails on the Galatians a bit for becoming legalistic. He explains that Jesus sets people free; he doesn't put them in bondage to hard laws. Salvation comes through faith and not following laws, he reminds them.
- In Chapters 5 & 6 he teaches about how to live, and the fruit of the spirit is part of that.

EPHESIANS

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #10



AUTHOR: APOSTLE PAUL



WRITTEN: 60-62 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

10 Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: Contains the famed passages about the “armor of God.”

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

- Paul visited Ephesus twice. The second time, a rich silversmith, Demetrius, found his business suffering greatly because people were converting to Christianity. He built silver for the idols, and suddenly there wasn't as much demand. There was a near-riot that led Paul to leave Ephesus, but only after he had done much to stabilize and grow the Christian community there. He wrote this letter while in prison in Rome to encourage them.

MOST FAMOUS 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***

Important Points about the Book:

- In Chapters 1-3, Paul greatly encourages believers, calling them “adopted sons” of God, and saying things like God picked believers before the foundation of the world.
- In Chapters 4-5, he encourages believers to walk in a manner worthy of their calling. Chapter 6 is where he tells the church how to do this, by putting on the full armor of God.

PHILIPPIANS

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N.T. BOOK #11



AUTHOR: APOSTLE PAUL



WRITTEN: 60-62 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: Considered to be one of the most encouraging epistles for those under trial

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

- The Apostle Paul did not write Philippians to address a crisis, like he did with other letters. Instead, he wrote to express his appreciation and affection for the believers in the church of Philippi. More than any other church, the people offered Paul support for his ministry in payments, gifts, and comfort.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- This book begins with Paul describing his imprisonment and the situation in Rome. He is under house arrest while writing this and three other epistles. He explains that he believes he will be delivered, and goes on to encourage the church of Philippi to live lives worthy of the gospel. Lastly, he explains that he is sending Timothy to them and wishes them blessings and peace, warning against legalism.

COLOSSIANS

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #12



AUTHOR: APOSTLE PAUL



WRITTEN: 60-62 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: Famous for teaching us to be wary of false teachers.

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

- The Colossian church was trying to mix Greek philosophy with Christian theology. The result was called Gnostic philosophy. Among other things, it taught that the physical world was evil and Jesus was a spirit and not a man.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- Paul begins this book by defending the authority of Jesus and warning against spiritual practices which are not of God. He tells the people that Jesus is divine. They were starting to say what many people say today, that he was simply a great prophet and teacher and there are other paths to contact with God the Father.
- In Chapters 3-4, he teaches the people about love. He feels if they put on the love of Christ they will stop getting distracted by false doctrines. He teaches believers how to live at home, how to manage family matters, and how to get along with other believers in Christ.

I THESSALONIANS

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N.T. BOOK #13



AUTHOR: APOSTLE PAUL



WRITTEN: 51 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: Famous for a verse that talks about Christians meeting Jesus in the sky.

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

- Paul spent around three months in Thessalonica when it was a small and new church. He wanted to check up on their faith, fearing that false teachers might have infiltrated their number. He sent back Timothy, who gave a surprisingly good report. That prompted Paul to write 1 Thessalonians as a letter of encouragement.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- Paul uses this book to encourage the church in their pursuit of holiness, diligence, love, and hope. He tells them to walk in the light and makes many mentions of the Second Coming of Jesus.
- One passage, Christians look at a lot today. 1 Thessalonians 4:16 states, "For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first." Many Christians hope they are the ones who will get to meet Jesus in the sky. Some feel it will happen before a great period of tribulation. Others feel it is as the Second Coming.

II THESSALONIANS

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #14



AUTHOR: APOSTLE PAUL



WRITTEN: 51-52 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 14 of 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: One of a few epistles focusing on the end times.

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

- Paul wrote this letter to speak to the people again about the coming return of Jesus Christ. Some of the believers in that church thought that Jesus had already returned. The letter was penned to correct any misunderstandings.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- In an effort to clear up a misunderstanding that Jesus will be returning immediately or had already returned, Paul explains that the church members should be steadfast in their holiness so that they will be ready when Jesus does come.
- In Chapters 2-3 of this short book, he gives details about Jesus' Second Coming, including some information about the Antichrist, whom he says will come first.

1 TIMOTHY

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #15



AUTHOR: APOSTLE PAUL



WRITTEN: 62-64 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 15 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: Famous for giving instructions for church leadership.

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

- The letter was addressed to Paul's young disciple Timothy, who may have been experiencing some burnout as most pastors do at times. Paul is encouraging him and advising him.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- Paul begins 1 Timothy by encouraging him to fight the good fight and not to let his young age be a hindrance.
- He then gives instructions for Timothy about leadership and managing all of the different situations he will encounter in the church community. These passages have been used over the centuries to train people in church leadership.

II TIMOTHY

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #16



AUTHOR: APOSTLE PAUL



WRITTEN: 66-67 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 16 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: Gives a glimpse into the end of Paul's life.

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

- This book was the second written to Paul's young disciple Timothy. From the serious nature of this letter, it seems that Paul knew that his work was done and that his life was nearly at an end. Paul was arrested by the Roman Emperor Nero during the time when Nero was being very mean. Paul was martyred, which means he gave up his life for Christ. Nero had him decapitated.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- Paul begins this letter with encouragement for Timothy. Paul is very old and he wants to get in some final instructions and words of encouragement. He reminds Timothy to follow his example and to be steadfast in the trials to come. Paul ends the letter by asking Timothy to visit him because he is very old and would like to see him again before he dies.

TITUS

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #17



AUTHOR: APOSTLE PAUL



WRITTEN: 62-64 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 17 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: Titus is important because it teaches us about redemption and how Jesus becoming human was a necessary step in that process.

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

- Titus was a young pastor being put in charge of the churches at Crete. Paul wrote to encourage him and addressed some of the same problems with leading a church as he addressed with Timothy, his young disciple.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- This letter discusses the organization of the church. Paul gives instructions in Chapter 1 about choosing other leaders. In Chapters 2 and 3 of this short book, he teaches how Titus' believers can lead healthy and holy lives.

PHILEMON

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #18



AUTHOR: APOSTLE PAUL



WRITTEN: 60-62 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

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CLAIMS TO FAME: Written about a slave with encouragement to treat all equally

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

- 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 think in snobbish terms.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- In this letter Paul has found a slave, whom he is returning to Philemon, his owner. Paul asks Philemon to forgive the slave and return him to Paul because Paul has found him useful in preaching the gospel.
- Paul's message is that even though slavery was an accepted part of Roman society, we should treat each other as equals, like he encouraged Philemon to treat his slave as a brother.

HEBREWS

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #19



AUTHOR: UNKNOWN



WRITTEN: AD 67-69

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 **19**ks

CLAIMS TO FAME: It is the only book in the New Testament where scholars are unsure of its author. It contains a rundown of Old Testament figures to show how they believed by faith in the Messiah, even though Christ had not come yet.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- The author of Hebrews tried very hard to paint an image of Jesus as divine.
- According to Hebrews, Jesus has a role that is higher than the angels. He has created a clear path to the throne room of God. He is a priest who intercedes to us before the Father. He is the only path to salvation. He was a sacrifice for the sinfulness of mankind. All of these ideas are put forth in Hebrews.
- The book was written around the time when the evil leader Nero was feeding Christians to the lions and other disturbing things. Thus it was a great letter of hope and help for people considering giving up the faith.

JAMES

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #20



AUTHOR: JAMES,
half-brother of Jesus



WRITTEN: 67-69 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 **20**ks

CLAIMS TO FAME: Written by the half-brother of Jesus. Known as the “Proverbs of the New Testament.”

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- James was not a follower of Jesus during the Savior’s time on earth. In fact, Mark 3:21 has the half-brothers of Jesus during his early ministry thinking Jesus was “out of his mind.”
- James finally became a believer upon seeing Jesus alive and well after the crucifixion. He became one of the leaders of the church at Jerusalem.
- This book is overflowing with wisdom and is often thought to be among the first books that Christians read after the Gospel of John.

I PETER

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #21



AUTHOR: APOSTLE PETER



WRITTEN: 64 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books **21**

CLAIMS TO FAME: **Is considered a great source to read when you are being picked on, bullied, or persecuted for your faith.**

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

Peter wrote the letter during Nero's reign. Nero was the Roman Emperor in the 60s AD, and he hated 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.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- Jesus becomes the source of example and source of strength when we come into trials and tribulations. By allowing God to help you in your perseverance and work of Christ, we can always have hope in the midst of our suffering.

II PETER

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #22



AUTHOR: APOSTLE PETER



WRITTEN: 67 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books **22**

CLAIMS TO FAME: Contains the famous verse encouraging Christians to be patient for God's coming: "A 1,000 years is a day to God."

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

Peter appeared to have heard reports that false teachers had arisen in Asia Minor. He wrote the book partly to discourage people from listening to them, and also to continue encouraging them, though the time under Roman Emperor Nero had grown very tough on Christians. Hence, he talked about the Lord's return and how grand it would be if the people would hang in there.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- Peter wanted to accomplish two things in this book. The first was to encourage people not to listen to false teachers. The second was to encourage them to continue on in the faith, no matter what persecution they came into. He gave a great image of the Day of the Lord, when he said the heavenlies would burn up, but we would be given a new heaven and a new earth.

I JOHN

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #23

AUTHOR: JOHN THE APOSTLE

WRITTEN: 90-95 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books **23**

CLAIMS TO FAME: The first epistle by Jesus' closest disciple, according to many.

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

1 John was written to combat false teachings called "Gnosticism." Gnostics taught that Jesus was a spirit and never really had a body and other errors. Teachings like this created imbalance in believers that could spoil their faith.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- John wanted people to know that love is most important. Love comes from God. When we feel it, we know that God is near. He also wanted people to know that it is important not to listen to false teachers.

II JOHN

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #24



AUTHOR: JOHN THE APOSTLE



WRITTEN: 90-95 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books **24**

CLAIMS TO FAME: The only book in the Bible that is a letter written to a woman

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

1 John was written to combat false teachings called “Gnosticism.” In 2 John, he is addressing the same issue but not in as much detail. The 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.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- Many scholars have tried to symbolize this letter. John clearly states three times that it is to a “chosen lady.” Some think that John would not have any reason write to a woman, and therefore they say it is a church. However, it would be in John’s kind and gentle nature to write to anyone who had written to him.
- This short, one-chapter book offers great encouragement to walk in the light and to love one another, even when it is hard.

III JOHN

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #25



AUTHOR: JOHN THE APOSTLE



WRITTEN: 90-95 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

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CLAIMS TO FAME: The shortest book in the New Testament

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

John criticized a false teacher in this very brief letter. He even called him by name—Diotrephes. He accused the man of having a big ego and being a troublemaker. The letter shows us that even when the church was less than 50 years old, it had the same types of problems we have today with divisions and dishonesty.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- This book is a brief letter to two people named Gaius and Demetrius. They had been faithfully speaking the truth. John mentions having sent a previous letter, one that is not in our Bible. However, this evil Diotrephes rejected the letter out of pride. He may have destroyed it and refused to let people be encouraged by John's message. But John is not disheartened.

JUDE

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #26



AUTHOR: JUDE,
half-brother of Jesus



WRITTEN: 75 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

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CLAIMS TO FAME: Jude is the half-brother of Jesus, who didn't believe in him until after the Resurrection.

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

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.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- This book is just a few lines longer than 3 John. Jude reminds his readers that all the disciples and apostles had warned about false teachers and prophets that were coming to deceive. He encourages them to focus on Jesus Christ and to watch out for each other so that no one is misled into error.
- The book mentions two stories which are not in our Bible but would make us very curious! One is that Satan tried to argue with the Archangel Michael over top of Moses' dead body! The book of Exodus only tells us that Moses died on Mount Nebo and God had him secretly buried.
- Jude also mentions Enoch, from all the way back in Genesis, who pleased God so much that God took him to heaven without dying. Early believers knew a lot about this great Enoch, but most of the material has been lost.
- Jude also takes many examples of peoples from the Old Testament who did not come into God's promises because of errors and lack of faith. The tone of this book is meant to encourage; however, it is very frank in its talk of just consequences.

REVELATION

AT-A-GLANCE



N.T. BOOK #27



AUTHOR: APOSTLE JOHN



WRITTEN: APPROX. 95 AD

Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

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CLAIMS TO FAME: The only book of prophecy in the New Testament

PROBLEMS OR ISSUES THIS BOOK IS ADDRESSING:

The Book of Revelation is primarily addressing the end of times surrounding the coming of Jesus back to earth.

MOST FAMOUS 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**

Important Points about the Book:

- The Apostle John is very old by the time he wrote this book. In fact, he was the only disciple who hadn't died. He was in prison on an island called Patmos, which is like an ugly giant rock in the middle of the Adriatic Sea.
- While there, he experienced the visions that are contained in the Book of Revelation. They concern the end times and all the good and bad things that will happen. The book is full of symbols and visions that are hard to understand. That's because it isn't time to understand them yet.
- The book shows visions about a seven-year tribulation or "hard time" that will come upon the earth, and after that, Jesus will return. He invites everyone to be part of his new heaven and new earth who want to be with him.