

Bible at a Glance

Quick Guide to Each Book's Core Message

Old Testament

The Pentateuch (Law - first 5 books)

1. **Genesis:** Creation, beginnings, covenant with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob.
2. **Exodus:** Deliverance from slavery, Ten Commandments, covenant with Israel.
3. **Leviticus:** Holiness, worship, and instructions for sacrifices.
4. **Numbers:** Israel's wilderness journey, faithfulness vs rebellion.
5. **Deuteronomy:** Review of God's law, covenant renewal before entering the Promised Land.

Historical Books

6. **Joshua:** Conquest and settlement of the Promised Land.
7. **Judges:** Cycle of rebellion, judgment, and deliverance through judges.
8. **Ruth:** Redemption, loyalty, and God's providence in hardship.
9. **1 Samuel:** Transition from judges to monarchy, Samuel, Saul, David.
10. **2 Samuel:** Reign of King David, his triumphs and failures.
11. **1 Kings:** Solomon's reign, division of Israel and Judah.
12. **2 Kings:** Decline of both kingdoms, exile to Assyria and Babylon.
13. **1 Chronicles:** Genealogies, reign of David, emphasis on worship and Temple.
14. **2 Chronicles:** History of Judah's kings, emphasizing faithfulness and Temple worship.
15. **Ezra:** Return from exile, rebuilding of Temple, spiritual renewal.

16. **Nehemiah:** Rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls, restoration of worship and law.

1. **Esther:** God's providence and protection for His people during exile.

Wisdom and Poetry

18. **Job:** Suffering, faith, God's sovereignty.

19. **Psalms:** Praise, worship, lament, trust in God.

20. **Proverbs:** Wisdom, practical guidance for life.

21. **Ecclesiastes:** Searching for life's meaning apart from God is futile.

22. **Song of Solomon:** Love and marriage celebrated.

Major Prophets

23. **Isaiah:** Judgment, salvation, prophecy of the Messiah.

24. **Jeremiah:** Judgment, call to repentance, promise of a new covenant.

25. **Lamentations:** Mourning over Jerusalem's destruction, hope in God's mercy.

26. **Ezekiel:** Exile, restoration, God's glory, prophecy and visions.

27. **Daniel:** Faithfulness in exile, God's sovereignty over kingdoms.

Minor Prophets

28. **Hosea:** Faithfulness and redemption, illustrated by marriage analogy.

29. **Joel:** Call to repentance, Day of the Lord.

30. **Amos:** Justice, judgment against social injustice.

31. **Obadiah:** Judgment on Edom, warning against pride.

32. **Jonah:** God's mercy and compassion for all peoples.

33. **Micah:** Judgment and future hope, prophecy of Messiah's birthplace.

34. **Nahum:** Judgment on Nineveh, sovereignty of God.

- 35. **Habakkuk:** Faith in God despite circumstances, questioning evil.
- 36. **Zephaniah:** Warning of judgment, restoration of the faithful.
- 37. **Haggai:** Encouragement to rebuild the Temple, prioritizing God.
- 38. **Zechariah:** Prophecy, Messiah's coming, restoration of Israel.
- 39. **Malachi:** True worship, warning against complacency, promise of the Messiah.

New Testament

The Gospels

- 40. **Matthew:** Jesus as Messiah fulfilling Old Testament prophecies.
- 41. **Mark:** Jesus the servant, action-packed life and ministry.
- 42. **Luke:** Jesus as Savior for all people, compassion for outcasts.
- 43. **John:** Jesus as divine Son of God, believing for eternal life.

History of the Early Church

- 44. **Acts:** Growth of the early church, spread of the Gospel, power of the Holy Spirit.

Pauline Epistles (Letters by Paul)

- 45. **Romans:** Salvation through faith, righteousness from God.
- 46. **1 Corinthians:** Correction, unity, spiritual gifts, Christian living.
- 47. **2 Corinthians:** Encouragement, Paul's authority, reconciliation.
- 48. **Galatians:** Freedom in Christ, faith vs works of the law.
- 49. **Ephesians:** Unity in Christ, spiritual blessings, practical living.
- 50. **Philippians:** Joy in Christ, humility, encouragement.

51. **Colossians:** Supremacy and sufficiency of Christ.
52. **1 Thessalonians:** Christ's return, encouragement to faithfulness.
53. **2 Thessalonians:** Clarification about Christ's return, encouragement in persecution.
54. **1 Timothy:** Instructions for church leadership and godliness.
55. **2 Timothy:** Perseverance, sound doctrine, Paul's final words.
56. **Titus:** Leadership, Christian living, sound teaching.
57. **Philemon:** Forgiveness, reconciliation, brotherhood in Christ.

General Epistles

58. **Hebrews:** Supremacy of Christ, faithfulness, new covenant.
59. **James:** Practical faith, works demonstrating genuine belief.
60. **1 Peter:** Perseverance in suffering, holiness.
61. **2 Peter:** Warning against false teachers, growth in faith.
62. **1 John:** Fellowship with God, love, assurance of salvation.
63. **2 John:** Walk in truth, warning against false teaching.
64. **3 John:** Hospitality, supporting Christian workers.
65. **Jude:** Contending for the faith, warning against false teaching.

Apocalyptic Literature

66. **Revelation:** Prophecy of end times, victory of Christ, new heaven and new earth, encouragement in trials.

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