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God's Story

Creation

Fall

Redemption

Restoration



Structure of the Bible

Old Testament

History Writings Prophecy

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

New Testament

History Writings Prophecy

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

FROM PROPHETS TO MISSIONARIES

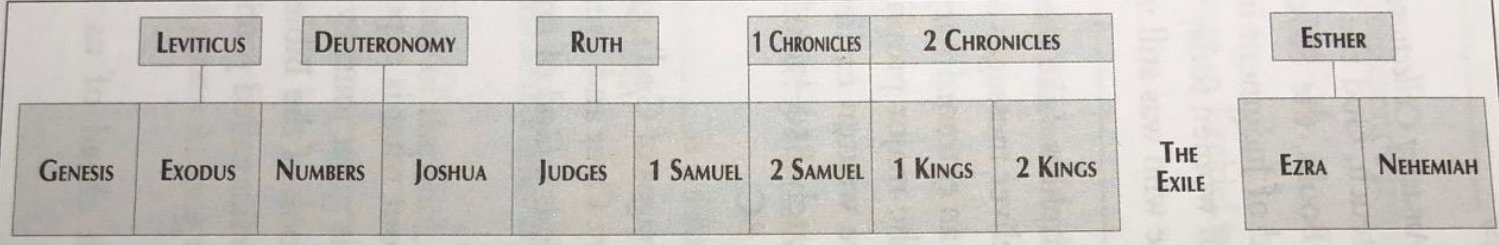
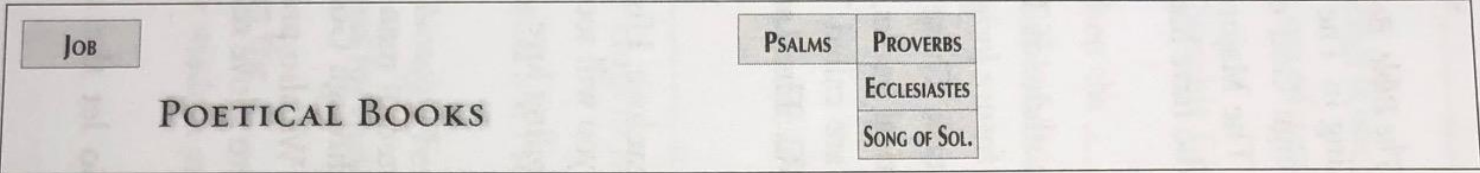
Nahum - Acts

The Prophets:

- Priests spoke to God for the people; prophets spoke to the people from God
- Writing and non-writing prophets
- Major prophets – longer books; Minor prophets – shorter books

Fourfold Theme of the Prophets

- God rebukes the people - Isaiah 1:4
- God calls for repentance – Isaiah 1:18
- If they refuse, God brings judgment –
Isaiah 1:19-20
- Following judgment, hope is always
offered – Isaiah 1:26

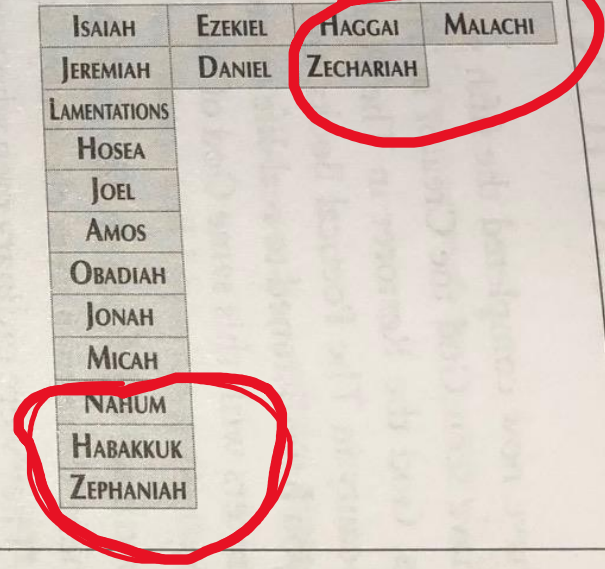


HISTORICAL BOOKS

NOTE:

The eleven books from Genesis through Nehemiah cover the Old Testament story from beginning to end. The other Historical, Poetical, and Prophetical books fit into this Old Testament story in various places, as shown by the vertical placement, and also provide additional information to the story.

PROPHETICAL BOOKS



Events during Later Minor Prophets

- Kingdom of Israel has been split into Israel and Judah
- Prophets Elijah, and Elisha
- Israel falls to Assyria - decimated;
Judah lasts a little longer then falls to Babylon and exiled
- Judah's exile lasts 70 years
- Esther becomes queen in Persia
- Ezra brings back the first wave of exiles to rebuild the temple
- Nehemiah rebuilds the wall

400 YEARS OF SILENCE...

Silent ... But Not Inactive
(The Intertestamental Period)

The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. (Psalm 33:11)

Where was God? Had He forgotten His people? For four hundred years, God was not directly speaking to the Jews. There were no prophets or visions, no communication from God. There was just silence.

But God was still at work. He was at work bringing about His grand purposes. He was fulfilling prophecy. He was "changing times and seasons." He was "removing kings and setting up kings." Do you remember Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the enormous statue made of gold, silver, bronze, iron, and clay? Each part of the statue was a different kingdom. *What kingdom was the head of gold?* The head of gold was the Babylonian kingdom, which defeated Judah and took the Israelites into captivity. Babylon was conquered by the Medes and Persians—the statue's chest and arms of silver. The prophecy was right. **God's Word is always true.**

The Persian kings Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes allowed the Jews to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple and the wall of Jerusalem. Then came the four hundred years of silence. The Bible does not record what happened during the four hundred years of silence, but history does—and it follows Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream exactly. The Persian kingdom was conquered by the Greeks, led by Alexander the Great. This was the kingdom of bronze—the statue's middle and upper legs. Alexander the Great conquered many nations, which made up a large part of the world of that day, including Israel. As he conquered, he spread Greek culture and language. In time, the Greek language became the common language used throughout his entire kingdom. This was just the opposite of what happened at Babel.



*But when the fullness of time had
come, God sent forth his Son,
born of woman,
born under the law,
to redeem those who were under the
law,
so that we might receive adoption as
sons.*

Galatians 4:4-5



God ACTS for those who wait for Him

Isaiah 50:10

Isaiah 64:4

Isaiah 26:3-4

Isaiah 25:1

Hebrews 1:1-2