

Old Testament Survey

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<u>Pentateuch</u>	<u>Historical</u>	<u>Wisdom</u>	<u>Poetry</u>	<u>Prophetic</u>
Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel 1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah Esther	Job Proverbs Ecclesiastes	Psalms Song of Solomon Lamentations	<u>Major:</u> Isaiah Jeremiah Ezekiel Daniel <u>Minor:</u> Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi

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The Pentateuch (Torah)

- ▶ Genesis – Creation, Fall, Election of Abraham, Covenant
- ▶ Exodus – Children of Israel freed from Egyptian captivity, The Law
- ▶ Leviticus – Ritual/Cultic Laws
- ▶ Numbers – Years in the Wilderness, Apportionment of the Land (Levites assigned to the tabernacle and as priests and refuge cities throughout Canaan)
- ▶ Deuteronomy – Preparation to possess Canaan, Covenant

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Historical Books:

- ▶ Joshua – Joshua leads Children of Israel into Canaan
- ▶ Judges – Further conquests and residing in Canaan
- ▶ Ruth – Story of loyalty and fidelity
- ▶ 1 Samuel – Establishment of Kingship in Israel – Saul and David – Self-centered and God-centered
- ▶ 2 Samuel – David becomes King, Civil War, Court Intrigue
- ▶ 1 Kings – Solomon – 1st Temple is built

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Historical Books (cont'd):

Divided Kingdom after Solomon:

Jeroboam–Northern Kingdom (Israel) – 10 Tribes

Rehoboam–Southern Kingdom (Judah) – 1 Tribe

- ▶ **2 Kings** – Kings of the Northern and Southern Kingdoms – good kings – mainly bad
- ▶ **1 Chronicles** – Genealogies of the Children of Israel, Conflicts with the Philistines, Saul and David's kingships, the preparation for the construction and administration of the Temple, the transfer of power from David to Solomon, and the death of David.

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Historical Books (cont'd):

- ▶ **2 Chronicles** – Construction of the Temple, reign of Solomon, death of Solomon, the kingships of the divided kingdom, the Northern Kingdom (Israel) exiled to Assyria, the Southern Kingdom (Judah) exiled to Babylon, and the permission of King Cyrus to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem.
- ▶ **Ezra** – Return from Exile, rebuilding the Temple (Second Temple)
- ▶ **Nehemiah** – Return from exile, rebuilding the Temple (Second Temple)
- ▶ **Esther** – Female Savior of Israel

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Wisdom Books:

- ▶ Job – Suffering of the righteous, Justice of God, Where can Wisdom be found?
- ▶ Proverbs – Rewards of Wisdom, Righteous vs. Wicked, Conduct.
- ▶ Ecclesiastes – Life is transitory, Be careful what you value, Maintain reverence for God.

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Poetic Books:

- ▶ Psalms – 150 Psalms, Originally meant to be sung, 5 Groupings meant to parallel Israel's history from King David to the repatriation of Palestine.
- ▶ Song of Solomon – A love poem that talks about sexuality between a wife and a husband.
- ▶ Lamentations – 5 Laments over the fall of Jerusalem

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Prophetic Books: Major Prophets

- ▶ **Isaiah** – God’s sovereignty and majesty, God’s love for Israel and his plans for judgment, redemption, and salvation.
- ▶ **Jeremiah** – God’s warnings and impending judgment against Judah and the nations.
- ▶ **Ezekiel** – Prophecies about the fall of Jerusalem and the future restoration of Israel with the return of the Messiah
- ▶ **Daniel** – Exaltation in captivity; prophetic visions about future kingdoms, and God’s final judgment.