

# THE OLD TESTAMENT

## in Summary

- Genesis – creation account, Noah’s flood, Tower of Babel, Abrahamic covenant, enslavement in Egypt
- Exodus – Moses is born, raised in palace, called by God, leads Jews out of Egypt, receives 10 commandments
- Leviticus – laws regarding offerings, sacrifices, and festivals, plus rules for priests and purity
- Numbers – results of census, dedication of tabernacle, exploration of Canaan, wandering in the wilderness
- Deuteronomy – law is repeated and expanded, Moses blesses Israel and dies, Joshua succeeds him
- Joshua – Joshua leads Israelites into Canaan, fights battle of Jericho, saves Rahab the harlot, divides the land
- Judges – Jews rebel and God raises up judges, including Deborah, Gideon, Jephthah, Samson, and others
- Ruth – Ruth travels to Bethlehem with widowed mother-in-law, Naomi, then marries and has a family with Boaz
- 1 Samuel – Samuel is born and serves God, Saul is crowned king, David kills Goliath, befriends Jonathan, flees Saul
- 2 Samuel – David becomes king after Saul dies, commits adultery with Bathsheba, is rebuked by Nathan the prophet
- 1 Kings – David dies, Solomon becomes king, prays for wisdom, builds the temple, Elijah challenges prophets of Baal
- 2 Kings – Elijah rides in chariot of fire to heaven, passes mantle to Elisha, Babylon conquers Jews, destroys temple
- 1 Chronicles – genealogies of the tribes of Israel, plus more about David’s court, cabinet, and various exploits
- 2 Chronicles – more details about Solomon’s deeds, plus the various kings of Israel and Judah are contrasted
- Ezra – exiles return to Israel during reigns of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes to begin rebuilding temple
- Nehemiah – Nehemiah brings more exiles to Jerusalem, they rebuild walls around the city despite opposition
- Esther – Esther wins beauty pageant, becomes Queen “for such a time as this,” saves Jews from Haman’s evil plan
- Job – Job suffers incredible loss of children, possessions, and health, yet remains faithful to God
- Psalms – poetry and songs of praise to God and testimonies of His love, mercy, wisdom, justice, and faithfulness
- Proverbs – wisdom for righteous living plus warnings against foolishness, greed, anger, laziness, and other vices
- Ecclesiastes – Solomon’s philosophical writings on the meaning of life: “There is a time for everything. . .”
- Song of Solomon – a love song between Solomon and his bride: “I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine.”
- Isaiah – pronounces judgement against Israel, foretells in great detail Messiah’s birth and sacrificial death
- Jeremiah – calls Israel to repentance, pronounces judgement against lying prophets, idol worshipers, & wicked kings
- Lamentations – Jeremiah’s sorrowful groaning over the desolation of Jerusalem
- Ezekiel – the calling, visions, prophecies, and object lessons of Ezekiel, who served as a watchman for Israel
- Daniel – Babylonian captivity, service to king, interpreting dreams, lion’s den, fiery furnace, end-times prophecy
- Hosea – Hosea marries a harlot, preaches God’s unfailing love for His chosen people, calls Israel to repentance
- Joel – a warning about devouring locusts and a call to lamentation: “Rend your heart and not your garments.”
- Amos – shepherd pronounces judgement on Israel, summons witnesses: “Woe to you who are complacent.”
- Obadiah – this single chapter book of prophecy foretells disaster: “The pride of your heart has deceived you.”
- Jonah – God calls Jonah to Nineveh, he refuses, gets swallowed by a fish, repents, gets spit up 3 days later, obeys
- Micah – coming judgement, call to repent, a ruler to come out of Bethlehem: “What does the Lord require from you?”
- Nahum – judgement pronounced against Nineveh: “Woe to the city of blood, full of lies, full of plunder. . .”
- Habakkuk – prayer & revelation, God will raise up Babylon: “You, Lord, have appointed them to execute judgement.”
- Zephaniah – judgement pronounced upon Jerusalem, Judea, and other nations in the day of the Lord
- Haggai – a call to rebuild the temple during Darius’s reign: “I will shake the heavens & earth, the seas & dry land. . .”
- Zechariah – a call for Israel’s return to God, the coming of Zion’s king foretold: “Rejoice greatly! Behold thy King. . .”
- Malachi – judgement for broken covenants, coming prophet will turn hearts of fathers to their children, & vice versa

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- Matthew – life of Christ (including genealogy), Sermon on the Mount, miracles, parables, death, and resurrection
- Mark – the ministry, miracles, disciples, parables, crucifixion, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Christ
- Luke – a very detailed account of Christ’s birth (including genealogy), ministry, teachings, death, and resurrection
- John – the divine life and ministry of Jesus, told by one of his closest disciples: “In the beginning was the Word. . .”
- Acts – history of 1st century church: Day of Pentecost, conversion of Paul, persecution by Rome, missionary journeys
- Romans – Paul encourages church in Rome to be servants of God, not slaves to sin
- 1 Corinthians – Paul warns church in Corinth against sexual immorality, describes characteristics of love
- 2 Corinthians – Paul writes about forgiveness & reconciliation, describes personal trials, mentions a thorn in flesh
- Galatians – Paul urges church of Galatia to stand firm, forsake fleshly desires, & produce fruit of Spirit
- Ephesians – Paul gives Ephesians marriage & family advice: love, respect, honor, obey, put on full armor of God
- Philippians – Paul reminds believers in Philippi that God strengthens us, supplies our need, should fill our thoughts
- Colossians – Paul’s letter to believers in Colossae about freedom in Christ and setting affections on things above
- 1 Thessalonians – Paul’s letters to the church in Thessalonica: Rejoice always, pray continually, be thankful
- 2 Thessalonians – Paul requests prayers, urges Thessalonians to stand firm, don’t be deceived by man of lawlessness
- 1 Timothy – Paul sends Timothy a warning against false teachers, call to prayer, requirements for elders & deacons
- 2 Timothy – Paul urges Timothy to stand strong, flee temptation, pursue righteousness, prepare for difficulty
- Titus – Paul instructs Titus to do good & teach sound doctrine; urges older women to instruct younger
- Philemon – Paul’s letter to Philemon concerning runaway slave Onesimus, now a brother in Christ
- Hebrews – great examples of faith, admonition to run with endurance and hold fast to God’s promises w/o wavering
- James – James’s letter on perseverance: rejoice in trials, bridle your tongue, know that faith without works is dead
- 1 Peter – Peter’s letter on living a holy life, suffering for doing good, and watching out for false teachers
- 2 Peter – Peter offers encouragement to grow in grace & knowledge of Christ and to watch for His appearing
- 1 John – John’s letters on loving God, loving others, discerning light from darkness, and overcoming the world
- 2 John – John urges believers to continue in love and reject false teachers
- 3 John – John tells Gaius to reject evil, imitate good: “I have no greater joy than to know my children walk in truth.”
- Jude – Jude’s letter urging believers to persevere in the faith and avoid unrighteous, sinful living
- Revelation – John’s vision of the end times and Christ’s message to the seven churches



In the beginning was the Word,

AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD.

HE WAS WITH GOD IN THE BEGINNING.

THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE;

WITHOUT HIM NOTHING WAS MADE THAT  
HAS BEEN MADE. IN HIM WAS LIFE, AND THAT

LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF ALL MANKIND. -John 1:1-4