



# OLD TESTAMENT

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVES:

The history of God's interaction with mankind. It's important to know that this is a history of God revealing His presence and mankind's response, both right and wrong. We don't look to emulate all that the people did, but we do want to learn from what they did as they pursue the heart of God.

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy
- Joshua
- Judges
- Ruth
- 1 & 2 Samuel
- 1 & 2 Kings
- 1 & 2 Chronicles
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Esther

## WISDOM/POETRY LITERATURE:

**Job**  
To cause us to meditate on life, the authority, power and awe of God.

**Psalms**  
Poetry, songs to be sung in worship and that reflect upon the nature and character of God, gut wrenching prayers and proclamations of who God is.

**Proverbs**  
Inspired general truths. These are meant to be meditated on and talked over with others to gain wisdom for living a God honoring life..

**Ecclesiastes**  
To cause us to meditate on life, the authority, power and awe of God.

**Song of Songs**  
Poetry, the beauty of God-given love in marriage.

## PROPHETS:

The history of God's people, the Jews, in captivity as seen through the eyes of the prophets. These prophets were sent by God to speak on behalf of God to their specific time and place. The prophets would often foretell the future coming of the Messiah we know to be Jesus.

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Daniel
- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi



# NEW TESTAMENT

## GOSPELS:

Authoritative, historical, eyewitness accounts of the life and teachings of Jesus. These are meant to be used for understanding what Jesus taught and to prove He is the long awaited Messiah that God promised in the Old Testament.

**Matthew**  
Written to Jews to prove Jesus is Messiah. This is why there are so many Old Testament citations. The more you learn about the Old Testament the more alive this book becomes.

**Mark**  
Written for Non-Jewish people.

**Luke**  
Written for Non-Jewish people.

**John**  
Written for new Christians and searching non-Christians.

## LETTERS:

Letters written to churches in response to questions, encouragements, challenges, corrections, and instructing them how to live the life and teachings of Jesus.

- Romans**
- 1 & 2 Corinthians**
- Galatians**
- Ephesians**
- Philippians**
- Colossians**
- 1 & 2 Thessalonians**
- 1 & 2 Timothy**
- Titus**
- Philemon**
- Hebrews**
- James**
- 1 & 2 Peter**
- 1,2,3 John**
- Jude**

## APOCALYPTIC:

A prophetic book describing events, both past and future, that lead us to the end of days and Jesus making all things new. The prophecies contained within this book are also to be understood in conjunction with other Old Testament Prophets.

**Revelation**

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE:

The history of God's church lead by the Apostles sharing Jesus life and teachings to the world starting in Jerusalem.

**Acts**



# UNDERSTANDING THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE