

Souls for Christ Ministries Presents: New Believer's Lessons

Lesson #7 Learning the Books of the Bible

In this lesson you will learn:

- The Books of the Old and New Testaments
- What the books are about
- About the end times

How do we learn the books of the **Bible**? What works best if you've never read the Bible?

There are a number of ways to learn the books of the Bible

1. Memorization method, through constant reading over and over.
2. Repetition Method, saying it over and over to keep it fresh in your mind.
3. Word Association Method, memorizing the first letter of each book.

In this lesson we will be studying the books of the Bible and the categories they fall into.

First let us look at the books of the Old Testament in order as listed in the Bible.

Note, the books of the Bible are listed in the *canon* as it was created. The word canon is an English word from the Greek language meaning "rule" or "measuring stick" and refers to a set of authoritative texts. The books are not in chronological order, by date and event.

Books of the Old Testament (39 books)

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

Let us look at how the books of the Old Testament of the Bible are grouped and the name of each group.

The Pentateuch, which is also called the books of the law, written by Moses

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

The Historical Books, the history writers, were prophets who dictated to scribes as God spoke to them and they wrote words on parchment.

Joshua	1 Chronicles
Judges	2 Chronicles
Ruth	Ezra
1 Samuel	Nehemiah
2 Samuel	Esther
1 Kings	
2 Kings	

The Poetry Books dealt with the spiritual life of the nation of Israel.

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Songs of Songs or Song of Solomon

The Major Prophets, through whom the nation of Israel was instructed about the coming Messiah. Many blessings and warnings were given to the nation about obedience, life, and results of disobedience. The main message was familiar to Israel, judgement was coming. They were to turn from sin, repent and believe.

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel

The Minor Prophets shared a similar message to the Major Prophets. Judgement was coming, sin reigns, turn and repent and know God. God also promised the nation of Israel that deliverance would come.

Hosea	Jonah	Zephaniah
Joel	Micah	Haggai
Amos	Nahum	Zechariah
Obadiah	Habakkuk	Malachi

Now we will look at the second half of the Bible, the New Testament.

Books of the New Testament (27 books)

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

Let us look at how the books of the New Testament of the Bible are grouped and the name of each group.

The Gospels There are four different writers with 4 different perspectives of the Life of Jesus.

Matthew illustrates Jesus as Messiah, son of David. Read: **Mathew 1:21**

Mark illustrates Jesus as the suffering servant. Read: **Mark 10:45**

Luke reveals Jesus as Son of Man who came to seek and save the lost. Read: **Luke 19:10**

John declares Jesus is the Son of God, teaching the way to eternal life. Read: **John 20:30-31**

Acts is the historical book of the New Testament demonstrating the acts and works of the Holy Spirit and the history and creation of the church.

The Pastoral Epistles of Paul These books were written by the Apostle Paul to teach doctrine while educating, equipping and encouraging the church toward unity and spreading the Gospel message beyond the boundaries of Israel.

Romans	Philippians	1 Timothy
1 Corinthians	Colossians	2 Timothy
2 Corinthians	1 Thessalonians	Titus
Galatians	2 Thessalonians	Philemon
Ephesians		

The General Pauline Epistles These were also written by the Apostle Paul to encourage churches to live in faithfulness to Christ. They promoted love, service in the kingdom and brought awareness of false teachers.

Hebrews	1 John
James	2 John
1 Peter	3 John
2 Peter	Jude

The Book of Prophecy This is a book of the Bible about the end times.

Revelation

To better explain this very interesting and much discussed book, here it is broken down.

1. Rapture of the Church The return of Christ for the church.
Read: **1 Thessalonians 4:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-8, Matthew 24:30-31**
2. Tribulation period Seven years of the antichrist's rule on earth after the rapture.
Read: **Isaiah 2:12, Daniel 12:9, Matthew 13.40-49**
3. The Great Tribulation The last 3 years of tribulation, God's wrath poured out on men.
Read: **Matthew 24:29-31, Revelation 7:14**
4. Marriage Supper of the Lamb The great feast in heaven after the rapture.
Read: **Revelation 19:7-9, Revelation 21:9, John 14:3**
5. Judgment Seat of Christ Judgment of believers for their works, tried by God's fire.
Read: **Romans 14:10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:10-11, Romans 8:1**
6. Second Coming of Christ The coming of Jesus with the church to the earth.
Read: **Acts 1:9-11, Hebrews 9:28, Revelation 19:11-21**
7. Battle of Armageddon Satan, antichrist and their army set to oppose Jesus Christ. He defeats them, casts Satan into the bottomless pit, and sets up millennial kingdom.
Read: **Revelation 16:16**
8. Millennium 1000-year reign of Christ on earth with believers. This is the age of restoration; evil is banished, earth is restored, Jews' promises fulfilled.
Read: **Revelation 20:4-6**
9. Resurrection of Unsaved Unbelievers who died and went to hell before the second coming are resurrected for the final judgment. Read: **John 5:28-29**
10. Great White Throne Judgment Final judgment of unsaved, cast into the Lake of fire with Satan and his demons. Read: **Revelation 20:11**
11. Eternal State Final state after last judgment, believers are in the new heaven and earth. Unbelievers are in the lake of fire for eternity. Read: **Revelation 21:1-22:5**

Questions for you about this lesson

1. How many books are there in the Old Testament?
2. How many books are there in the New Testament?
3. How many Gospels are there?
4. Which book is the book of prophecy?

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