

The 66 Books of the Bible: A Printable Overview

Explore the books of the Bible in canonical order. Each entry gives the number of chapters and a brief guide to its central story or message.

This overview covers the 66 books shared by Protestant Bibles: 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. Catholic and Orthodox Bibles include additional books, and their collections differ by tradition. Chapter counts follow common Protestant editions. Summaries are paraphrases, not quotations from a particular Bible translation.

Old Testament • The Law

- Genesis** · 50 chapters · Creation, humanity's fall, and God's covenant with the family of Israel.
- Exodus** · 40 chapters · God frees Israel from slavery, makes a covenant, and gives instructions for worship.
- Leviticus** · 27 chapters · Instructions for worship, holiness, sacrifice, and life among God's people.
- Numbers** · 36 chapters · Israel's wilderness journey tests the people's trust before they enter the land.
- Deuteronomy** · 34 chapters · Moses recalls the covenant and calls Israel to love and obey God.

Old Testament • History

- Joshua** · 24 chapters · Israel enters the promised land and renews its commitment to serve God.
- Judges** · 21 chapters · Israel cycles through unfaithfulness and oppression before deliverance by judges.
- Ruth** · 4 chapters · Ruth's loyalty and Boaz's kindness bring hope and lead into David's family line.
- 1 Samuel** · 31 chapters · Samuel, Saul, and David feature in Israel's transition to monarchy.
- 2 Samuel** · 24 chapters · David's reign includes God's promise and the painful consequences of the king's failures.
- 1 Kings** · 22 chapters · Solomon builds the temple, then the kingdom divides and Elijah confronts idolatry.
- 2 Kings** · 25 chapters · The kingdoms persist in disobedience and fall into exile despite prophetic warnings.
- 1 Chronicles** · 29 chapters · Genealogies and David's reign recall Israel's story and prepare for temple worship.
- 2 Chronicles** · 36 chapters · Judah's kings, temple worship, and exile frame a call to seek God.
- Ezra** · 10 chapters · Exiles return to Jerusalem, rebuild the temple, and renew their commitment to God's law.
- Nehemiah** · 13 chapters · Jerusalem's walls are rebuilt as the people gather, confess, and renew their covenant.
- Esther** · 10 chapters · Esther risks her life to help save her people from a plot of destruction.

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OLD TESTAMENT • WISDOM AND PROPHECY

Wisdom and the Prophets

Wisdom and Poetry

- Job** · 42 chapters · A righteous sufferer wrestles with pain as the book explores trust and God's wisdom.
- Psalms** · 150 chapters · Songs and prayers voice praise, grief, confession, thanksgiving, and hope in God.
- Proverbs** · 31 chapters · Practical sayings encourage wise, just, and faithful living in everyday relationships.
- Ecclesiastes** · 12 chapters · Reflections on life's limits point towards reverence for God and gratitude for daily gifts.
- Song of Solomon (Song of Songs)** · 8 chapters · Love poetry celebrates the beauty and delight of committed love.

Major Prophets

- Isaiah** · 66 chapters · Isaiah warns of judgement and proclaims God's holiness, comfort, and promised salvation.
- Jeremiah** · 52 chapters · Jeremiah calls Judah to turn back to God and speaks of a renewed covenant.
- Lamentations** · 5 chapters · Poems mourn Jerusalem's fall while holding to God's compassion and faithfulness.
- Ezekiel** · 48 chapters · Visions warn of judgement and promise a renewed heart and restoration for God's people.
- Daniel** · 12 chapters · Faithful exiles serve God amid empire, while visions affirm God's rule over history.

Minor Prophets • Hosea to Micah

- Hosea** · 14 chapters · Hosea's marriage portrays Israel's unfaithfulness and God's persistent love.
- Joel** · 3 chapters · A locust plague prompts repentance and hope for God's Spirit and restoration.
- Amos** · 9 chapters · Amos condemns injustice and empty religion, calling the people to righteousness.
- Obadiah** · 1 chapter · Edom's pride and violence are condemned, and God's kingdom is affirmed.
- Jonah** · 4 chapters · Jonah resists his calling, yet God shows mercy to Nineveh.
- Micah** · 7 chapters · Micah challenges corruption and calls for justice, mercy, and humility before God.

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OLD TESTAMENT • MINOR PROPHETS • NEW TESTAMENT

The Gospels and Early Church

Minor Prophets • Nahum to Malachi

- Nahum** · 3 chapters · Nahum announces Nineveh's fall and declares that oppression will not last.
- Habakkuk** · 3 chapters · Habakkuk questions injustice and learns to trust God through hardship.
- Zephaniah** · 3 chapters · Warnings of judgement are paired with hope that God will restore a humble people.
- Haggai** · 2 chapters · Haggai urges returned exiles to rebuild the temple and put God's work first.
- Zechariah** · 14 chapters · Visions encourage temple rebuilding and look towards God's coming king and renewal.
- Malachi** · 4 chapters · Malachi confronts unfaithfulness and anticipates a messenger who prepares the way.

New Testament • The Gospels

- Matthew** · 28 chapters · Jesus is presented as Messiah and teacher who announces God's kingdom.
- Mark** · 16 chapters · A swift account follows Jesus' ministry, suffering, death, and resurrection.
- Luke** · 24 chapters · Luke recounts Jesus' compassionate mission to seek and save the lost.
- John** · 21 chapters · Signs and teaching reveal Jesus as God's Son and invite belief and life in him.

New Testament • History

- Acts** · 28 chapters · The Holy Spirit empowers the early church as the good news spreads across nations.

Letters of Paul • Romans to Galatians

- Romans** · 16 chapters · Paul explains sin, grace, faith, and new life, then explores service among believers.
- 1 Corinthians** · 16 chapters · Paul guides a divided church towards unity, love, holiness, and resurrection hope.
- 2 Corinthians** · 13 chapters · Paul defends his ministry and describes God's strength at work through weakness.
- Galatians** · 6 chapters · Paul defends freedom through faith in Christ and calls believers to live by the Spirit.

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NEW TESTAMENT • LETTERS AND PROPHECY

Letters and Prophecy

Letters of Paul • Ephesians to Philemon

- Ephesians** · 6 chapters · God's grace creates one people in Christ, called to unity and a new way of life.
- Philippians** · 4 chapters · Paul encourages joy, humility, and perseverance centred on knowing Christ.
- Colossians** · 4 chapters · Christ's supremacy is proclaimed alongside practical teaching for a renewed life.
- 1 Thessalonians** · 5 chapters · Paul commends a young church and encourages holiness and hope in Christ's return.
- 2 Thessalonians** · 3 chapters · Paul corrects confusion about the day of the Lord and urges steady, faithful work.
- 1 Timothy** · 6 chapters · Paul advises Timothy on sound teaching, church leadership, and community care.
- 2 Timothy** · 4 chapters · Paul urges Timothy to endure, teach faithfully, and continue in the Scriptures.
- Titus** · 3 chapters · Titus is instructed to appoint leaders and encourage good works shaped by grace.
- Philemon** · 1 chapter · Paul appeals for Onesimus to be welcomed as a beloved brother in Christ.

General Letters

- Hebrews** · 13 chapters · Jesus is presented as the ultimate high priest, and readers are urged to persevere in faith.
- James** · 5 chapters · Practical wisdom calls for integrity, patient endurance, and faith expressed in action.
- 1 Peter** · 5 chapters · Peter encourages believers facing hardship to live with hope and honour.
- 2 Peter** · 3 chapters · The letter warns against false teaching and urges growth in knowledge and godly character.
- 1 John** · 5 chapters · John links confidence in Christ with truth, obedience, and love for one another.
- 2 John** · 1 chapter · John calls the community to walk in truth and love while guarding its teaching.
- 3 John** · 1 chapter · John commends generous hospitality and contrasts it with self-serving leadership.
- Jude** · 1 chapter · Jude urges believers to hold firmly to the faith and resist corrupt teaching.

New Testament • Prophecy

- Revelation** · 22 chapters · Visions encourage faithful witness and promise Christ's victory and creation's renewal.

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