

The Bible

Psalm 1:1-6

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- BiBlios – The Book
- 39 books in the Old Testament
- 27 books in the New Testament
- *He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." (Lk. 24:44 NIV)*
- *³⁴ Therefore I am sending you prophets and sages and teachers. Some of them you will kill and crucify; others you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town. ³⁵ And so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berekiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. (Matt. 23:34-35 NIV)*

Books of the Bible

Old Testament

New Testament

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Law

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
Acts

Gospels

Church History

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

History

Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians

Letters

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Songs
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel

Poetry

Major Prophets

1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians
1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon

Letters

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

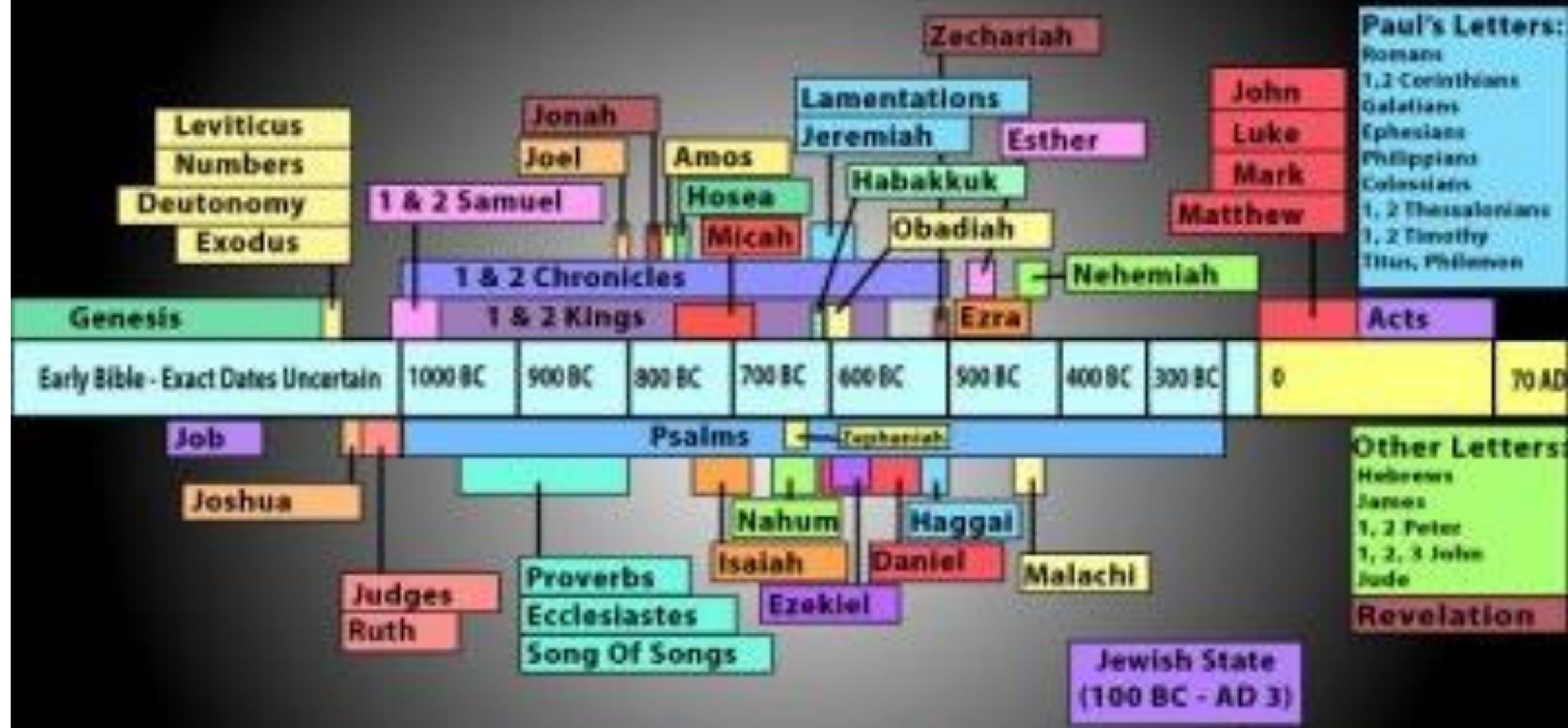
Minor Prophets

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

Letters

Prophecy

BIBLE TIMELINE



Scripture

- From Origen cited by Eusebius:
 - (1-5) Five books of Moses, (6) Joshua, (7) Judges-Ruth, (8) 1&2 Samuel, (9) 1&2 Kings, (10) 1&2 Chronicles, (11) Ezra-Nehemiah, (12) Psalms, (13) Proverbs, (14) Ecclesiastes, (15) Song of Solomon, (16) Isaiah, (17) Jeremiah-Lamentations, (18) Daniel, (19) Ezekiel, (20) Job, (21) Esther, (22) The Book of the Twelve.
- *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* (Acts 1:8 NIV)
- ²⁰ *"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (Jn. 17:20-21 NIV)*

Old Testament

- Earliest Hebrew manuscripts – 895AD – 916AD. The oldest complete manuscript of entire Old Testament - 1008AD.
- In 1948 Dead Sea Scrolls found.
 - Two copies of Isaiah – Isaiah A – complete except for a few words / Isaiah B incomplete.
 - Isaiah A dates back to 100BC or earlier. Discovered in time to be used in the Revised Standard of 1952.
 - 13 variant readings used. Can be found with note “One Ancient MS”.

New Testament

- Close of 1st Century (100AD) – wide acceptance of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and letters of Paul.
- End of 2nd Century – accepted without controversy – Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts, 13 letters of Paul, Hebrews, 1Peter, 1John, Revelation. Disputed – 2 & 3 John, 2 Peter, James and Jude. Rejected the Gnostic gospels.
- By 367AD, the books as we have them.
- Nag Hammadi text – “Gospel of Thomas”
 - Recent books from – “The DaVinci Code”, “Lost Christianities”, “Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas.

Criteria used to decide

- Authorship – connection to an apostle
- Widespread acceptance and use
- Conformance to the “gospel” tradition as received orally from the first century and as defined in the four written gospels and the letters of Paul.
- We have the message of the apostles and prophets – either in the text or in the footnotes.
- *Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.
(Matt. 24:35 NIV)*