



HOW TO USE THE BIBLE SERIES

# BOOK DESCRIPTIONS

AN ENRICH YOUR STUDY TOOL



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Law

History

<b>GENESIS</b>	<b>MOSES</b>
The events from Creation to Noah and the flood, and the lives of the patriarchs from Abram to Joseph.	
<b>EXODUS</b>	<b>MOSES</b>
The events from the birth of Moses, to the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt, to the building of the tabernacle in the desert.	
<b>LEVITICUS</b>	<b>MOSES</b>
The laws given by God to the people after the exodus from Egypt.	
<b>NUMBERS</b>	<b>MOSES</b>
A census of the people and the events of the travels of the Israelite people from Mt. Sinai to the plains of Moab.	
<b>DEUTERONOMY</b>	<b>MOSES</b>
Moses reiterates the laws for the people before they enter the Promised Land, ending with Moses' death.	
<b>JOSHUA</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>
The conquest and settlement of the Promised Land under Joshua's leadership.	
<b>JUDGES</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>
The events under various leaders of Israel and the nation's declining morality as they fall away from God.	
<b>RUTH</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>
Set during the later judges, the story of widow Naomi returning to Bethlehem with her widowed daughter-in-law Ruth, and the eventual marital union of Ruth and Boaz.	
<b>1 SAMUEL</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>
The events from the birth of the prophet Samuel, to the calling of David, to the death of King Saul.	

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History

<b>2 SAMUEL</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>
The events under King David's reign of Judah and Israel.	
<b>1 KINGS</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>
The events from the end of King David's reign, to King Solomon's reign, to the waxing and waning morality of the nation under other kings, and events under the prophet Elijah.	
<b>2 KINGS</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>
The events from under the prophet Elisha, to the continued waxing and waning morality of the nation under other kings, to the fall of Israel and Judah.	
<b>1 CHRONICLES</b>	<b>EZRA</b>
The genealogy of Israel starting with Adam and the retelling of the history of Israel from the death of Saul to the death of David.	
<b>2 CHRONICLES</b>	<b>EZRA</b>
The continued retelling of the Israel's history from Solomon building the temple to the fall of Israel and Judah.	
<b>EZRA</b>	<b>EZRA</b>
The exiles return to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple.	
<b>NEHEMIAH</b>	<b>NEHEMIAH</b>
The exiles continue the rebuilding of Jerusalem's wall amidst persecution.	
<b>ESTHER</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>
The story of Esther, set during the exile, how she became Queen in the Persian capital of Susa and saved her people, the Israelite exiles, from being victims of legalized genocide.	
<b>JOB</b>	<b>POSSIBLY MOSES</b>
The narrative story of Job losing everything, a metaphor for Christian suffering.	

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Poetic  
Prophetic

<b>PSALMS</b>	<b>DAVID AND VARIOUS</b>	Emotion filled songs and prayers to God written mostly by King David.
<b>PROVERBS</b>	<b>SOLOMON</b>	Proverbs of how to live a wise life written mostly by King Solomon.
<b>ECCLESIASTES</b>	<b>SOLOMON</b>	A treatise on wisdom and the meaning of life.
<b>SONG OF SONGS</b>	<b>SOLOMON</b>	A love song, symbolic of the love between God and his people.
<b>ISAIAH</b>	<b>ISAIAH</b>	The prophet Isaiah's ministry to convince the people of Judah that salvation from sin is possible through repentance and to stop looking for salvation from other nations and gods.
<b>JEREMIAH</b>	<b>JEREMIAH</b>	The prophet Jeremiah's ministry to warn the people of Judah pre-exile about the coming destruction, in hopes that they would repent.
<b>LAMENTATIONS</b>	<b>JEREMIAH</b>	A sorrowful poem by Jeremiah expressing the grief of the people of Judah for the loss of their land.
<b>EZEKIEL</b>	<b>EZEKIEL</b>	The prophet Ezekiel's ministry to the exiles in Babylon that God's presence is still with them and would be a source of restoration, in hopes that they would be faithful to God.
<b>DANIEL</b>	<b>DANIEL</b>	The prophet Daniel's ministry and visions while serving in Nebuchadnezzar's court in Babylon during the exile.

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Prophetic

**HOSEA**

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The prophet Hosea's ministry to warn the Northern Kingdom of Israel pre-exile about the coming destruction, in hopes that they would repent. God commands Malachi to marry a prostitute as an example of God's never ending love regardless of the people's adultery.

**JOEL**

**JOEL**

The prophet Joel's ministry to the people of Judah about God's judgement and blessings.

**AMOS**

**AMOS**

The prophet Amos' ministry to Israel pre-exile addressing the people's apathy toward God and people during a time of peace.

**OBADIAH**

**OBADIAH**

The prophet Obadiah's ministry to Edom addressing their mistreatment of Israel.

**JONAH**

**JONAH**

The story of Jonah and the whale, and his ministry in Nineveh, Assyria, calling them to repentance in light of God's love for all people.

**MICAH**

**MICAH**

The prophet Micah's vision to Samaria and Jerusalem pre-exile addressing the leader's corruption, warning about destruction, and providing hope of future restoration.

**NAHUM**

**NAHUM**

The prophet Nahum's message to Judah concerning the impending destruction of the Ninevah due to its wickedness.

**HABAKKUK**

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The prophet Habakkuk's question to God asking why the wicked seem to get away with their deeds.

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↑ Prophetic ——— Gospels ——— Acts ↓

**ZEPHANIAH** | **ZEPHANIAH**

The prophet Zephaniah's ministry to Judah and surrounding nations pre-exile during spiritual reforms calling them to repentance before destruction comes.

**HAGGAI** | **HAGGAI**

The prophet Haggai's ministry to Jerusalem post-exile encouraging the returned exiles to complete the work of rebuilding the temple.

**ZECHARIAH** | **ZECHARIAH**

The prophet Zechariah's ministry to Jerusalem post-exile encouraging the returned exiles to complete the work of rebuilding the temple, and hope for the future.

**MALACHI** | **MALACHI**

The prophet Malachi's ministry to Jerusalem addressing the people's actions and to provide hope for the future that God's promises would come to pass.

**MATTHEW** | **MATTHEW**

The ministry of Jesus, written by his disciple Matthew, to the Jews.

**MARK** | **MARK**

The ministry of Jesus, written by companion of Paul and Peter, John Mark, to the Gentiles.

**LUKE** | **LUKE**

The ministry of Jesus, written by doctor and companion of Paul, Luke, to Theophilus and Christians.

**JOHN** | **JOHN**

The ministry of Jesus, written by his disciple John, to the Jews.

**ACTS** | **LUKE**

The events concerning the disciples post-Jesus' resurrection, written by Luke as a continuation of his gospel.

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Letters

<b>ROMANS</b>	<b>PAUL</b>
Letter written to Christians in Rome detailing theological pillars of the Christian faith.	
<b>1 CORINTHIANS</b>	<b>PAUL</b>
Letter written to Christians in Corinth responding to sexual immorality, factions, and answering various questions.	
<b>2 CORINTHIANS</b>	<b>PAUL</b>
Letter written to Christians in Corinth reiterating his previous letter and defending his ministry.	
<b>GALATIANS</b>	<b>PAUL</b>
Letter written to Christians in Galatia about the justification of faith, Christian freedom, and Christian living.	
<b>EPHESIANS</b>	<b>PAUL</b>
Letter written to Christians in Ephesus about the unity of Jew and Gentile believers, God's purpose for the church in the world, and the responsibility of Christian living.	
<b>PHILIPPIANS</b>	<b>PAUL</b>
Letter written to Christians in Philippi expressing thanks for gifts and discussing joy, humility, and unity.	
<b>COLOSSIANS</b>	<b>PAUL</b>
Letter written to Christians in Colossae addressing distorted mysticism and Jewish ritualism.	
<b>1 THESSALONIANS</b>	<b>PAUL</b>
Letter to Christians in Thessalonica to express satisfaction over the church's growth, provide encouragement, and clarify teachings on the end times.	

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Letters

<b>2 THESSALONIANS</b>	<b>PAUL</b>	Letter to Christians in Thessalonica to provide encouragement and clarify teachings on the return of Christ.
<b>1 TIMOTHY</b>	<b>PAUL</b>	Letter to Timothy addressing false teachers.
<b>2 TIMOTHY</b>	<b>PAUL</b>	Letter to Timothy giving personal encouragement to strengthen Timothy and the church.
<b>TITUS</b>	<b>PAUL</b>	Letter to Titus granting him authority, discussing salvation by grace, and discerning doctrines.
<b>PHILEMON</b>	<b>PAUL</b>	Letter to Philemon about reconciliation and forgiveness between people and the transforming power of Christ.
<b>HEBREWS</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	Letter to Jewish Christians from an anonymous writer about the superiority of Christ over everything, including all of the Old Testament authorities.
<b>JAMES</b>	<b>JAMES</b>	Letter to Jewish Christians from James, the half-brother of Jesus, addressing the actions of arrogant Christians.
<b>1 PETER</b>	<b>PETER</b>	Letter to Jewish and Gentile Christians, giving encouragement and discussing God's grace.
<b>2 PETER</b>	<b>PETER</b>	Letter to Jewish and Gentile Christians, giving instructions on discerning false doctrine.

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**1 JOHN** | **JOHN**

Letter to various churches in Asia Minor, providing encouragement addressing heretical teachings such as Gnosticism.

**2 JOHN** | **JOHN**

Letter to various churches in Asia Minor, addressing heretical teachings.

**3 JOHN** | **JOHN**

Letter to Gaius, discussing the ministry of hospitality.

**JUDE** | **JUDE**

Letter to Jewish Christians from Jude, half-brother of Jesus, addressing the issue of false teachers.

**REVELATION** | **JOHN**

John's prophetic vision concerning the future and Christ's ultimate triumph.

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