

Bible Basics

Bible Chronology Chart

The events and people in the Bible can be divided into 8 eras.

Take a look at how the Testaments, the three stages of God's plan, and the eight eras of Bible history fit together.

OLD TESTAMENT					
God Prepares for Salvation Through Jesus					
1 Creation & Fall	2 Patriarchs	3 Exodus & Conquest	4 Judges	5 Kings & Prophets	6 Exile & Return
NEW TESTAMENT					
God Offers Salvation Through Jesus			God Sends Salvation Through Jesus		
7 Jesus' Life			8 Early Church		

Old Testament

The 66 books of the Bible are divided into 2 sections, the Old and New Testaments. The Old and New Testaments are each divided into 4 sections, called *divisions*.

There are 39 books in the Old Testament. The events in the Old Testament happened before Jesus was born. The Old Testament tells how God chose a group of people to obey and worship Him. It tells how God prepared these people for the coming of His Son, Jesus.

<p style="text-align: center;">Old Testament Law</p> <p style="text-align: center;">helps us know what God is like.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Old Testament History</p> <p style="text-align: center;">teaches us to obey God.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Old Testament Poetry</p> <p style="text-align: center;">helps us worship God.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Old Testament Prophecy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">points to Jesus.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> Genesis Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Joshua Judges Ruth 1 Samuel 2 Samuel 1 Kings 2 Kings 1 Chronicles 2 Chronicles Ezra Nehemiah Esther </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Job Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Songs </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah Micah Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah Haggai Zechariah Malachi </p>

New Testament

There are 27 books in the New Testament. The New Testament tells about Jesus. It tells about His life. It tells us what He taught. The New Testament also tells how the church began. It tells us how to live. It promises that Jesus will return.

<p style="text-align: center;">New Testament Gospels</p> <p style="text-align: center;">help us know Jesus.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">New Testament History</p> <p style="text-align: center;">helps us tell the good news.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">New Testament Letters</p> <p style="text-align: center;">help us love one another.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">New Testament Prophecy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">points to Jesus' return.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> Matthew Mark Luke John </p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Acts</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Romans 1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Galatians Ephesians Philippians Colossians 1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians 1 Timothy 2 Timothy Titus Philemon Hebrews James 1 Peter 2 Peter 1 John 2 John 3 John Jude </p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Revelation</p>

Era Rhyme

Use this rhyme to help you remember the eras of Bible history. Making up motions will help you even more!

After the CREATION came man's sinful FALL.
Through the PATRIARCHS God blessed us all.
The EXODUS and CONQUEST led to the promised land.
JUDGES saved the nation from the enemy's hand.
Many KINGS ruled while God's PROPHETS spoke His Word.
But the nation fell because God's message wasn't heard.
A march into EXILE—the captives' RETURN.
Faithfulness to God had to be relearned.
JESUS' LIFE brought salvation. He showed us the right way.
And believers in the EARLY CHURCH learned to love and pray.