

# GENESIS

**Who:** Moses

**What:** The Beginnings

**Where:** Egypt and Canaan

**When:** c. 1446 BC-1406 BC

**Why:** To demonstrate that God is sovereign and loves his creation.

## Outline (Chapter)

- Creation, Fall, and Flood (1-11)
- Abraham (12-25)
- Isaac and Jacob (26-36)
- Joseph (37-50)

**Key Verse:** I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.  
(Genesis 17:7)

# EXODUS

**Who:** Moses

**What:** Deliverance from Slavery

**Where:** Egypt and Canaan

**When:** c. 1446 BC-1406 BC

**Why:** To show God's faithfulness to the covenant and provide Israel with guidelines for holy living.

## Outline (Chapter)

- Moses (1-7)
- The Plagues (8-13)
- The Exodus (14-18)
- The Law (19-24)
- Tabernacle and Worship (25-40)

**Key Verse:** God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" (Exodus 3:14)

# LEVITICUS

**Who:** Moses

**What:** Law and Sacrifice

**Where:** Sinai and Canaan

**When:** c. 1446 BC-1406 BC

**Why:** To instruct Israel on how to be holy and to be a blessing to others.

## Outline (Chapter)

- Sacrifice (1-7)
- Priesthood (8-10)
- Clean and Unclean (11-15)
- Day of Atonement (16)
- Laws for Daily Life (17-27)

**Key Verse:** Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God. Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy. (Leviticus 20:7-8)

# NUMBERS

**Who:** Moses

**What:** Census and History

**Where:** Borders of Canaan

**When:** c. 1446 BC-1406 BC

**Why:** A reminder of what happens when people rebel against God.

## Outline (Chapter)

- Census (1-9)
- Sinai to Canaan (10-12)
- Spies and Rebellion (13-19)
- Moab (20-36)

**Key Verse:** The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

# DEUTERONOMY

**Who:** Moses

**What:** Sermons by Moses

**Where:** Plains of Moab

**When:** c. 1446 BC-1406 BC

**Why:** To remind the people what God expects from them.

## Outline (Chapter)

- Sermon 1: Journey Review (1-4)
- Sermon 2: Laws (5-28)
- Sermon 3: Covenant (29-30)
- Final Farewells (31-34)

**Key Verse:** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

# JOSHUA

**Who:** Unknown (Joshua or Samuel)

**What:** History of Conquest

**Where:** Canaan

**When:** c. 1300s BC

**Why:** To assure the people that obedience to God is rewarded.

## Outline (Chapter)

- The Conquest (1-12)
- Dividing the Land (13-22)
- Joshua's Farewell (23-24)

**Key Verse:** Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. (Joshua 1:7)

# JUDGES

**Who:** Unknown (Samuel)

**What:** History before Kings

**Where:** Canaan

**When:** c. 1400 BC-1000 BC

**Why:** To stress the importance of remaining loyal to God.

## Outline (Chapter)

- Reasons for Failure (1)
- The Judges: Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah, Gideon, Tola, Jair, Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon, and Samson (2-16)
- Days of Lawlessness (17-21)

**Key Verse:** In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit. (Judges 21:25)

# RUTH

**Who:** Unknown (Samuel)

**What:** Story of a Faithful Foreigner

**Where:** Canaan

**When:** c. 1350 BC-1000 BC

**Why:** To demonstrate the kind of faithfulness, godliness, loyalty, and love that God desires for us.

## Outline (Chapter)

- Naomi and Ruth (1)
- Ruth meets Boaz (2)
- The Threshing Floor (3)
- The Marriage (4)

**Key Verse:** But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." (Ruth 1:16)



# 1 SAMUEL

**Who:** Unknown

**What:** History of Events

**Where:** Israel and Judah

**When:** c. 1100 BC–931 BC

**Why:** To record how Israel got a king.

## Outline (Chapter)

- Samuel (1-7)
- Saul (8-15)
- Saul and David (16-31)

**Key Verse:** But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams."

(1 Samuel 15:22)

## 2 SAMUEL

**Who:** Unknown

**What:** History of Events

**Where:** Israel and Judah

**When:** c. 1100 BC–931 BC

**Why:** To demonstrate the prominence of David's line.

### Outline (Chapter)

- David's Reign in Judah (1-4)
- David Unites Israel (5-10)
- David and Bathsheba (11-12)
- Family Problems (13-20)
- Conclusions (21-24)

**Key Verse:** I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth. (2 Samuel 7:9)

# 1 KINGS

**Who:** Unknown

**What:** Evaluation of the Kings

**Where:** In Exile in Babylon

**When:** 561 BC-539 BC

**Why:** To demonstrate the value of obeying and the danger of disobeying God.

## Outline (Chapter)

- King Solomon's Reign (1-4)
- Temple Construction (5-8)
- Queen of Sheba (9-10)
- Kingdom Splits (11-16)
- Prophet Elijah (17-22)

**Key Verse:** So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.

(1 Kings 3:9a)

## 2 KINGS

**Who:** Unknown

**What:** Evaluation of the Kings

**Where:** In Exile in Babylon

**When:** 561 BC–539 BC

**Why:** To demonstrate the value of obeying God.

### **Outline (Chapter)**

- The Prophet Elisha (1–8)
- Kings of Judah and Israel (9–16)
- Fall of Israel (17–21)
- King Josiah (22–23)
- Fall of Judah; Exile (24–25)

**Key Verse:** And Hezekiah prayed to the LORD: "LORD, God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth." (2 Kings 19:15)

# 1 CHRONICLES

**Who:** Unknown (Ezra)

**What:** Review of David's Reign

**Where:** Judah

**When:** c. 450 BC-400 BC

**Why:** To encourage the remnant.

**Key Verse:** "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." (1 Chronicles 4:10)

## 2 CHRONICLES

**Who:** Unknown (Ezra)

**What:** Highlights Kings of Judah

**Where:** Judah

**When:** c. 450 BC-400 BC

**Why:** To show the benefits that come from obedience.

**Key Verse:** As for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken him. (2 Chronicles 13:10a)

# EZRA

**Who:** Ezra

**What:** History of Reconstruction

**Where:** Judah

**When:** c. 400s BC

**Why:** Provide a detailed account of the exiles' return and the rebuilding of the temple.

## **Outline (Chapter)**

- The Exiles Return (1-2)
- Rebuilding the Temple (3-6)
- The Work of Ezra (7-10)

**Key Verse:** With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the LORD: "He is good; his love to Israel endures forever. And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid." (Ezra 3:11)

# NEHEMIAH

**Who:** Ezra

**What:** History of Reconstruction

**Where:** Judah

**When:** c. 400s BC

**Why:** Rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem.

## Outline (Chapter)

- Nehemiah Returns (1-2)
- Rebuilding of the Walls (3)
- Threats and Persecution (4-7)
- Renewal of Covenant (8-10)
- Dedication and Laws (11-13)

**Key Verse:** Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." (Nehemiah 8:10)



# ESTHER

**Who:** Unknown

**What:** Story of Redemption

**Where:** Persia

**When:** c. 400s BC

**Why:** To demonstrate that, in all circumstances, God is in control.

## Outline (Chapter)

- Search for a New Queen (1-2)
- Haman's Plot (3)
- Esther's Plan (4-6)
- Haman's Downfall (7)
- Esther Saves the Jews (8-10)

**Key Verse:** For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this? (Esther 4:14)

# JOB

**Who:** Unknown

**What:** Story of Perseverance

**Where:** Mesopotamia (Uz)

**When:** Unknown

**Why:** To show the sovereignty of God and to illustrate faithfulness in the midst of suffering.

## **Outline (Chapter)**

- Job Tested (1-3)
- Job's Friends (4-31)
- Elihu's Speech (32-37)
- God's Answer (38-42)

**Key Verse:** I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. (Job 19:25-26)

# PSALMS

**Who:** David, Moses, Asaph, Solomon, Ethan, Sons of Korah

**What:** Poetry and Song

**Where:** Ancient Israel

**When:** c. 1000 BC–450 BC

**Why:** To communicate with God and worship him.

## Outline (Chapter)

- Book I: Psalms 1-41
- Book II: Psalms 42-72
- Book III: Psalms 73-89
- Book IV: Psalms 90-106
- Book V: Psalms 107-150

**Key Verse:** My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

(Psalm 145:21)

# PROVERBS

**Who:** Solomon and others

**What:** Wisdom

**Where:** Israel

**When:** c. 900s BC–700s BC

**Why:** To provide wisdom and guidance for God's children.

## Outline (Chapter)

- Lessons in Wisdom (1–9)
- Proverbs of Solomon (10–22)
- Other Wise Sayings (23–24)
- Solomon's Sayings (25–29)
- Other Proverbs (30–31)

**Key Verse:** Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5–6)

# ECCLESIASTES

**Who:** Unknown (Solomon)

**What:** Wisdom

**Where:** Jerusalem

**When:** c. 900s BC or 500s BC

**Why:** A search to discover truth.

## Outline (Chapter)

- The Meaning of Life (1-2)
- Life is Not Always Fair (3-6)
- Wisdom (7-8)
- No One Knows the Future (9-10)
- Obedience to God (11-12)

**Key Verse:** Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of mankind. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil. (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

# SONG OF SONGS

**Who:** Solomon and others

**What:** Love Poem

**Where:** Jerusalem

**When:** c. 900s BC or 500s BC

**Why:** To illustrate the joy of authentic love found in marriage.

## Outline (Chapter)

- The Courtship (1-2)
- The Wedding (3-4)
- The Lasting Relationship (5-8)

**Key Verse:** Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned.  
(Song of Songs 8:7)