

OLD TESTAMENT	WRITTEN	A KEY THEME FOR EACH OLD TESTAMENT BOOK	SECTION		
Genesis	1445-1405	Creation, fall, redemption promised; story of Adam to the formation of Israel	BASIC LAW (5)	HISTORY (17 BOOKS)	
Exodus	1445-1405	Israel delivered from Egyptian slavery is given God's law through Moses			
Leviticus	1445-1405	God's invitation to live a life of holiness which includes sacrifices for offenses			
Numbers	1445-1405	Records Israel's wilderness journey in preparation to enter their promised land			
Deuteronomy	1445-1405	New believing generation renews Moses' covenant as he dies without entering			
Joshua	1405-1385	Israel enters, overcomes, and occupies the land which is partitioned by tribe			PRE-EXILE RECORDS (9)
Judges	1043	Israel's series of declines and subsequent deliverances by God-given judges			
Ruth	1030-1010	A Gentile bride is redeemed by Boaz to bear a child in the Messiah's lineage			
I Samuel	931-722	The profit Samuel's ministry that includes anointing Israel's first king Saul			
II Samuel	931-722	The triumphs and troubles as king David reigns over Israel			
I Kings	561-538	Solomon's monarchy to the divided kingdom of Israel and Judah			POST EXILE (3)
II Kings	561-538	History of the divided kingdom as well as the history of surviving Judah			
I Chronicles	450-430	Priestly history during the reign of king David			
II Chronicles	450-430	Priestly history during the nation of Israel and the nation of Judah	HEART INNER LIFE (5)	POETRY	
Ezra	457-444	Jews return from the Babylonian captivity to rebuild the temple and Jerusalem			
Nehemiah	424-400	Jews rebuild the city walls and reestablish God's laws in troubled times			
Esther	450-431	A Jewess becomes queen of Persia and helps the Jews escape extermination			
Job	Unknown	Self-righteous debate with friends as Job suffered, then is healed and restored			
Psalms	971-965	A collection of poems Israel uses for prayer and thanksgiving to God			
Proverbs	971-931	A collection of short and wise sayings about living a moral meaningful life			
Ecclesiastes	940-931	A story by Solomon illustrating the vanity of an earthly life without God			
Song of Solomon	970-931	An allegory of love between Solomon the bridegroom and his bride			
Isaiah	739-681	Foretells Assyria's captivity of Israel; Judah warned to form no foreign alliances			MAJOR PROPHETS (5)
Jeremiah	586-570	Foretells Babylon's captivity of Judah and of a coming New Covenant			
Lamentations	586	Jeremiah's laments the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of Judah's temple			
Ezekiel	590-570	Judgments on the Gentiles and Judah with Israel's future restoration and glory			
Daniel	536-530	Daniel foretells future coming world kingdoms from Babylon to the Millennium			
Hosea	750-710	Unfaithful Gomer married to Hosea symbolizes God's love for unfaithful Israel	PRE-EXILE MINOR PROPHETS (9)		
Joel	835-796	Plagues coming and then God will pour His Spirit out on everyone who believes			
Amos	750	Judgments pronounced on nations. Israel's judgment will come from the North			
Obadiah	850-840	Edom's pride draws destruction for violence to Israel during their misfortune			
Jonah	775	God demonstrates compassion on the Gentile nation of Nineveh when they repent			
Micah	735-710	Assyria and Babylon invasions foretold as well as the birthplace of Jesus			
Nahum	650	God was patient. Now Nineveh will fall to Babylon for continuing to be violent			
Habakkuk	615-605	Judah will be invaded, destroyed, and deported like Israel before for sinning more			
Zephaniah	635-625	Images of Babylon taking Judah; All nations judged before the Day of the Lord			
Haggai	520	Rebuild the temple before their houses. Obedience turns Israel's curse to blessing		POST EXILE (3)	
Zechariah	520-518	The temple must be rebuilt because it will be the gathering point for all nations			
Malachi	433-424	Corrupted Israel must wait 400 years for a forerunner before their Messiah comes			
NEW TESTAMENT	WRITTEN	A KEY THEME FOR EACH NEW TESTMENT BOOK	SECTION		
Matthew	50-60	Jesus, the Son of God, the Messiah, King of Kings	CHRIST & CHURCH (5)	HISTORY	
Mark	50-60	Jesus, the Son of God, the miracle worker			
Luke	60-61	Jesus, the Son of God, the faithful servant of God			
John	80-90	Jesus, the Son of God, with divine wisdom			
Acts of the Apostles	62	Jesus, the head of the Church using believers to mature the rest of His Body			
Romans	56	God's redemption plan is justification by faith, life in the Spirit and Christian unity	CHRISTIAN CHURCH EPISTLES TO ASIA (9)	APOSTLE PAUL	
I Corinthians	55	Paul answers questions causing division and confirms the use of spiritual gifts			
II Corinthians	55-56	Continued trouble causes Paul to defend his ministry, his motivation and authority			
Galatians	49-50	Faith in Christ brings freedom, while keeping the law brings bondage			
Ephesians	60-62	Paul explains our inheritance in Christ and the Lord's power to perfect his body			
Philippians	60-62	Paul joyfully explains it is believers who follow Jesus that manifest life to others			
Colossians	60-62	Christ is all in all, so risen in Christ means Christians are to pursue a godly life			
I Thessalonians	51	True Christian hope is the return of Christ regardless of suffering in this life			
II Thessalonians	51-52	Growing persecution until the Antichrist is revealed and then Jesus will return			
I Timothy	62-64	A manual for developing strong Christian leadership in a congregation			PASTOR HEART (4)
II Timothy	66-67	God's revealed truth in Christians is a deposit that should be faithfully passed on			
Titus	62-64	Paul emphasizes living that is holy and worthy of the gospel empowered by Christ			
Philemon	60-62	Paul writes Philemon to forgive his runaway slave by treating him as a Christian	INDIVIDUAL APOSTOLIC EPISTLES (9)	OTHER APOSTLES	
Hebrews	67-69	Jews should pursue spiritual maturity by the living Christ not Old Testament law			
James	44-49	True faith produces good deeds by the Spirit, so faith without change is no faith			
I Peter	64-65	As Christians come to understand salvation, they grow in humility and holiness			
II Peter	67-68	Gain strength in Christ to produce the faith and growth to resist what is false			
I John	90-95	Those who believe Jesus was the anointed Messiah come to abide in eternal life			
II John	90-95	Abide in Christ's doctrine by being obedient while loving God and one another			
III John	90-95	Walk in the truth, serve the church, maintain a good reputation in the community			
Jude	68-70	Remove destructive heresy. build faith praying in the Spirit, stay in the love of God			
Revelation	94-96	Glorified Jesus is working to defeat the devil to establish God's righteous kingdom			