

**Books of the Bible**  
Summary Themes

<b>Pentateuch</b>	
Genesis	Moses' first book retells creation, the start of sin, a promised Savior, and God's separation of a people
Exodus	Moses' second book documents how God rescued his people from slavery in Egypt, led them through the wilderness, and gave them instructions for life and worship
Leviticus	Moses' third book describes how God's people were set apart through their Law to walk with a holy God
Numbers	Moses' fourth book recounts the wanderings of God's people through the desert
Deuteronomy	Moses' fifth book reminds the people of God's law and instructs them again to remain faithful to Him
<b>History</b>	
Joshua	Joshua leads God's people to enter the long-awaited Promised Land
Judges	God's people rebel by doing what is right in their own eyes, but God raises up judges to deliver them
Ruth	The story of two widows and a kinsman-redeemer demonstrates God's faithfulness and sovereignty
1 Samuel	God gives His people a king and the monarchy of Israel begins with Saul
2 Samuel	God continues the united kingdom through King David and promises an eternal king (a Son of David) to come
1 Kings	The united kingdom under Solomon divides into a southern kingdom (Judah) and northern kingdom (Israel)
2 Kings	Through a succession of kings, the kingdoms move from disobedience to ultimate defeat
1 Chronicles	A brief history of God's people culminates with the temple David commissioned and designed

2 Chronicles	The history of God's people continues from King Solomon to Babylon's capture of Judah
Ezra	God's people return to reinhabit their land, rebuild the temple, and renew the covenant as the scribe Ezra teaches them to obey's God law again
Nehemiah	Nehemiah leads efforts to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem and perseveres through obstacles and opposition
Esther	God's hand works through a Jewish woman Esther and shows His plan and protection cannot be thwarted
<b>Wisdom</b>	
Job	The suffering of the righteous man Job teaches that God is sovereign and faithful even over great trials, and that His ways cannot be fully understood
Psalms	Poems by King David and others describe an intimate relationship with God through both praise and lament
Proverbs	Writings from King Solomon and other authors describe how to live with wisdom in day-to-day life
Ecclesiastes	A search for the meaning of life amid the vanity of earthly things, which can only be found in God
Song of Songs	A collection of love songs gives practical wisdom about marriage, love, and sexuality
<b>Major Prophets</b>	
Isaiah	Isaiah warns God's people of future judgement and also prophesies the coming of Immanuel – God with us as both Servant and Messiah, who will bear the sins of many
Jeremiah	Jeremiah prophesies that God will protect a remnant in the midst of certain, just judgment
Lamentations	A collection of laments over the fall of Jerusalem as God's judgment brings grief and hope
Ezekiel	Ezekiel warns and comforts Jews in captivity as God's glory leaves Jerusalem, but not forever
Daniel	Daniel, a Jewish exile, remains faithful amid foreign gods and prophesies about future kingdoms, making clear that God will be King over the whole earth

Minor Prophets	
Hosea	God commands Hosea to take a prostitute for a wife and remain faithful to her, which demonstrates God's steadfast love for Israel despite her unfaithfulness
Joel	Joel prophesies that God will send a locust plague to judge Israel, but judgment on the surrounding nations is coming too, and God will receive and bless those who repent
Amos	Amos, a shepherd, preaches against injustice in Israel and prophesies that God will judge all nations for pride and people should repent
Obadiah	Obadiah warns that those who curse Israel, such as Edom, will be cursed by God
Jonah	The prophet Jonah is sent to the Assyrians, showing God hates sin, but still calls people to repentance and redemption
Micah	Micah confronts the leaders of Israel and Judah over their injustice and prophecies that God will be the faithful Shepherd, born in Bethlehem to rule in perfect justice
Nahum	Nahum comforts Judah with the assurance of God's coming judgment on Nineveh
Habbakuk	Habakkuk cries to God for justice and learns that God will end the violence in Judah through the even more violent Babylonians
Zephaniah	Zephaniah warns that God will judge Israel and the nations, but will also keep for Himself a remnant sheltered from the Day of Judgment
Haggai	Haggai urges the people to return to obedience, rebuild the temple, consider their ways, and prioritize God above all
Zechariah	Zechariah calls Israel to return to God and assures them of future restoration if obedience is kept
Malachi	Malachi, the last prophet of the Old Testament, prophesies that God will come like a refiner's fire, and that hope is only in His coming, not in perfection through the law

<b>Gospels</b>	
Matthew	The gospel written by a Jewish tax collector and directed to Jewish people to describe Jesus' role as the Messianic king
Mark	The gospel written by a traveling companion of Paul and directed to action-oriented Romans focuses on Jesus as the Son of God who became a suffering servant as a ransom for sin
Luke	The gospel written by a gentile physician and directed to gentiles to document Jesus' life in detail and emphasize His role as a Savior for all nations
John	The gospel written by a disciples of Jesus and directed to all people to portray Him as the divine Son of God and urge all people to believe
<b>History</b>	
Acts	The gospel writer Luke continues with an account of Jesus' ascension, the founding of His church, and the ongoing witness of Jesus and His followers
<b>Letters</b>	
Romans	Paul's treatise on Christian beliefs and the good news of Jesus' gospel
1 Corinthians	Paul's disciplinary letter written to the turbulent local church at Corinth to clarify issues and answer questions about how Christians should believe and live
2 Corinthians	Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth provides additional clarification, encouragement, and comfort
Galatians	Paul's letter to the church at Galatia emphasizes that Christians should stand firm in the freedom Jesus secured for them as they are justified by faith, not by works
Ephesians	Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus about the power of grace and walking in a manner worthy of Jesus' calling with wisdom.
Philip	Paul's letter to the church of Philippi emphasizes joy in Christ no matter the circumstances and the beauty of Christian kindness.

Colossians	Paul's letter to the church at Colossae about their identity, freedom, and fullness in Jesus that warns them against error and exhorts them to walk in Jesus.
1 Thessalonians	Paul's first letter to the church at Thessalonica encourages them to continue excelling in faith, hope, and life as they wait for Jesus' return.
2 Thessalonians	Paul's second letter to the church at Thessalonica instructs them to stand firm and confirms that Jesus has not yet returned.
1 Timothy	Paul's first letter to Timothy on pastoral care, church ministry, sound teaching, and setting a godly example.
2 Timothy	Paul's second letter to Timothy (and last written letter) encourages him to keep the faith and preach the word.
Titus	Paul's letter to Titus on orderly leadership, ministry duties, and how the knowledge of truth leads to godly living.
Philemon	Paul's letter appeals to Philemon to forgive and receive Onesimus, a runaway slave, as a Christian brother.
Hebrews	A letter written to encourage Jewish Christians to hold firmly to faith in Jesus as the great High Priest and fulfillment of the law.
James	James' letter instructs Christians to live out their faith with good works.
1 Peter	Peter's first letter to persecuted Christians encourages them to persevere in truth with grace for fiery trials.
2 Peter	Peter's second letter reminds Christians to guard the truth and grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.
1 John	John's first letter exhorts Christians to keep Jesus' commands with love for one another and fellowship in eternal life.

2 John	John's second letter exhorts Christians to walk in truth, love, and obedience.
3 John	John's third letter, written specifically to encourage and commend Gaius for his hospitality.
Jude	Jude's letter warns Christians against false teachers and encourages them to contend for the faith.
<b>Apocalyptic</b>	
Revelation	John's apocalyptic, prophetic vision of the end of the world and the new heaven and earth to be created at Jesus' return.