



## **Books of the Bible.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT**

The Old Testament contains the Hebrew , which Jewish people still use. Jesus often quoted from the OT or the Scriptures as they were referred to, in His parables.

#### **Genesis – Deuteronomy**

The first five books are known as the Law. The Hebrew name for this section is Torah, and the Greek name Pentateuch. Both words mean five scrolls and that is what they were originally, five scrolls.

They contain the story of creation, the call of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the Patriarchs, sometimes referred to as the founding fathers of Israel. They also include the history and account of God's people from Abraham to the death of Moses between 1900 - 1250BC

#### **Joshua - Esther**

The next 12 books contain histories of Israel up to 400BC

#### **Job - Song of Songs**

The next 5 books known as poetry and wisdom. They teach us about conduct and virtue, giving us guidelines and much good advice for living

The last 17 books of the OT contain writings by the Major and Minor Prophets except for Lamentations (which is a collection of 55 poems, mourning the fall of Jerusalem in 587BC). The four Major prophets were Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel and Ezekiel. The difference between major and minor prophets is how much they had to say, the major prophets prophesied more than the minor prophets.

### **NEW TESTAMENT**

The New Testament covers the birth of Jesus, His ministry, death and resurrection, the empowering and works of Holy Spirit, the early church. It also gives prophetic insight to the second coming of Jesus.

**Matthew - John** contain the Gospels

**The Acts of the Apostles**, Acts gives us an account of what happened after Jesus' resurrection and on and after the Day of Pentecost

**Romans – Jude** these letters (circulars) to the early churches written by the apostles. The Apostle Paul's letters appear in order of size and many were written while he was in prison.

**Revelation** is an account of a dream that was given to John, the same John who wrote the Gospel. Revelation is a prophetic book regarding the end of time.

It is probably the most difficult book of the Bible to understand, many people have tried and you will find many different interpretations, but it promises to be a blessing to those who read it aloud, those who hear it and those who take it to heart: *Rev. 1v3: Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.*

Note: the Bible is not set out in chronological (date) order, but rather topical. So bear this in mind when you study. For example, the first Gospel to be written was not Matthew, but Mark in approximately: c. AD 66–70 then, Matthew and Luke around AD 85–90, and John AD 90–110. The OT of the Complete Jewish Bible follows a different order.