

A (Very Short) Summary of the Bible's 66 Books

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<u>Title</u>	<u>Act</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Famous Stories</u>	<u>Major Actions In God's Story</u>
Genesis	1/2/3	Stories that show God's design for world, sin, Hebrew people chosen	Creation, Garden of Eden, Flood, Tower of Babel The exodus, 10 commandments	Eternal origins & God chooses Hebrew people to bless nations
Exodus	3	Moses leads Hebrews out of slavery toward promised land (Canaan)		
Leviticus	3	Many ancient laws for worship and keeping God's people holy	The battle of Jericho Samson	Heading to promised land
Numbers	3	Stories of the Hebrews wandering through wilderness		
Deuteronomy	3	Retells some of "Exodus" and final years of wandering through wilderness	Stories of King David including David and Goliath Fall of Jerusalem, destruction of Temple	Conquering land, then setting up rule by judges then kings
Joshua	3	Joshua takes over as leader from Moses, tells of conquering the new land		
Judges	3	In the new land 'judges' are appointed to lead the people	Return from Exile to Jerusalem	God's people (Judah/Israel) conquered, and deported to Babylon, Temple in Jerusalem destroyed (Ezra & Nehemiah are after return from exile)
Ruth	3	A story about Ruth, her family, and caring for the marginalized		
1 Samuel	3	The Samuel and Kings books tell how God's people started to have a monarchy system to rule them with Saul, David, Solomon Toward the end of Kings the nation falls to Babylon and the people deported 1 & 2 Chronicles retell much of the history up to this point and include some details left out elsewhere	Esther Job most famous: Psalm 23	Wisdom books not limited to the time frames on right
2 Samuel	3			
1 Kings	3			
2 Kings	3			
1 Chronicles	3	Tells of (re)establishment & faith to God in Jerusalem after return fr. exile (same as above)	The Lion's Den	Various prophecy about repentance, and hope for a return to the promised land, Jerusalem, & a Messiah
2 Chronicles	3			
Ezra	3	Story of a heroine, Esther, who acts boldly to save her people	Jonah and the whale (i.e. "big fish") Famous passage: Micah 6:8	Various writings from the periods highlighted above
Nehemiah	3			
Esther	3	Story of Job who wrestles with questions about the existence of suffering	All the most famous stories (Nativity, walking on water, water into wine, 'love thy neighbour,' Good Samaritan etc are in the Gospels)	Jesus, the awaited Messiah arrives
Job	3			
Psalms	3	Ancient songs/poetry on various topics, often personal	The 4 Gospels tell the stories of Jesus (the promised "Messiah"); his ministry, teaching, healing, miracles, resurrection Jesus' main message is the coming "Kingdom of God"	
Proverbs	3			
Ecclesiastes	3	A teacher shares a skeptical outlook on life, wondering if all is meaningless		
Song of Solomon	3			
Isaiah	3	Romantic poems, perhaps allegorical of humanity's relationship with God		
Jeremiah	3			
Lamentations	3	A book based on the prophet, foretelling Exile (& return), & the Messiah		
Ezekiel	3			
Daniel	3	The "weeping prophet" foretells his country's doom & exile b/c of unfaith		
Hosea	3			
Joel	3	A lament about the destruction of Jerusalem and urging repentance		
Amos	3			
Obadiah	3	He too warns of doom in Judah and hope for Israel's return after Exile		
Jonah	3			
Micah	3	About loyalty to God even in trouble, & an apocalyptic vision of end times		
Nahum	3			
Habakkuk	3	Hosea laments about his people's idolatry & gets nostalgic about the past		
Zephaniah	3			
Haggai	3	A book calling people to repent in view of the coming day of Judgment		
Zechariah	3			
Malachi	3	Amos says that there is only 1 God who rules over all; emphasizes justice		
Matthew	4			
Mark	4	Obadiah chastises neighbouring nation Edom for not helping his own		
Luke	4			
John	4	Obadiah chastises neighbouring nation Edom for not helping his own		

Acts	5	The story of the early church spreading & including non-Jews	Pentecost, Road to Damascus
Romans	5	Paul writes a letter emphasizing that we are acceptable to God by faith	
1 Corinthians	5	Paul writes concerning various problems in a local church, breaching topics like relationships, food, worship, love, the resurrection	"Love is patient, love is kind..." (1 Cor 13)
2 Corinthians	5		
Galatians	5	Paul writes about many topics incl. how faith in Christ gives true freedom	
Ephesians	5	Paul describes how God has chosen us, orders life, and equips us against evil	Explains the 'armour of God'
Philippians	5	Paul writes about life in Christ, joy, and how God is fully present in Jesus	
Colossians	5	Paul warns vs. false teaching and speaks of devotion to Jesus	
1 Thessalonians	5	Paul encourages converts in face of trials, & instructs about godly living	
2 Thessalonians	5	Like 1 Thes. it encourages believers in hardship, and speaks of Jesus' return	
1 Timothy	5	Paul's instructions to a young Timothy about church leadership	
2 Timothy	5	More instructions to the young Timothy about church and life	
Titus	5	Paul writes Titus to assist in right teaching, good conduct	
Philemon	5	Paul writes a slave owner to receive back his runaway as a brother	
Hebrews	5	An anonymous letter on issues like how Jesus is the mediator between God	
James	5	James, a leader, writes on the importance of faith having both words & actions	
1 Peter	5	Peter writes about holiness, submission, & conduct of those who suffer for Jesus	
2 Peter	5	Peter boosts believers in trial, warns vs. false teaching, & speaks of Jesus' return	
1 John	5	John writes to encourage the right ethical life and faith, principally about love	"God is love" (1 John 4:8)
2 John	5	A letter to encourage travelling teachers as they share the faith	
3 John	5	A letter to encourage Gaius in helping travelling teachers (& to warn Diotrephes)	
Jude	5	A warning against immorality and false teaching	
Revelation	6	A hard-to-translate letter about resisting emperor worship, warning of a showdown between God & Satan, and for the faithful to persevere until Jesus returns & the 'new heavens and the new earth' are ushered in.	Battle between God & Satan God's ultimate victory, the 'new heavens & new earth'

The church grows & spreads out into the world, increasingly including non-Jews, continuing Jesus' ministry

Apocalyptic vision about the fulfilment of history