

Through the Bible—Old Testament

Although some people find the Old Testament daunting, it actually has a very elegant, simple structure:

17 History Books
5 Law (Genesis—Deuteronomy)
+
12 Adventure (Joshua—Esther)



5 Poetry Books
(Job—Song of Songs)



17 Prophecy Books
5 Major (Isaiah—Daniel)
+
12 Minor (Hosea—Malachi)

| Book | Theme | Verse | Key Event | Author |
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| History—Law (5) | | | | |
| Genesis | Covenant | 17:7 | God Blesses Abraham | Moses |
| Exodus | Redemption | 6:6 | God Frees the Slaves | Moses |
| Leviticus | Holiness | 20:26 | God Teaches His People | Moses |
| Numbers | Wander | 32:13 | God Purifies His People | Moses |
| Deuteronomy | Remember | 8:2 | God Inspires His People | Moses |
| History—Adventure (12) | | | | |
| Joshua | Conquest | 11:23 | Joshua Conquers Canaan | Joshua |
| Judges | Anarchy | 21:25 | Judges Overcome Oppressors | Samuel |
| Ruth | Loyalty | 1:16 | Ruth Joins Naomi | Unknown |
| 1 Samuel | Character | 13:14 | Samuel Rebukes King Saul | Samuel |
| 2 Samuel | Achievement | 8:15 | David Unites God's People | Unknown |
| 1 Kings | Rebellion | 11:11 | Sin Divides God's People | Jeremiah |
| 2 Kings | Idolatry | 17:20 | Assyria Enslaves Israel | Jeremiah |
| 1 Chronicles | Legacy | 14:2 | David Leaves a Legacy | Ezra |
| 2 Chronicles | Apathy | 36:16 | Babylon Exiles Judah | Ezra |
| Ezra | Return | 1:3 | Zerubbabel Rebuilds the Temple | Ezra |
| Nehemiah | Leadership | 2:17 | Nehemiah Rebuilds the Walls | Nehemiah |
| Esther | Courage | 4:14 | Esther Rescues God's People | Unknown |
| Poetry (5) | | | | |
| Job | Suffering | 13:15 | God Justifies Job | Unknown |
| Psalms | Worship | 34:3 | God Strengthens David | mostly David |
| Proverbs | Wisdom | 1:7 | God Extols Wisdom | Solomon |
| Ecclesiastes | Purpose | 12:13-14 | God Enlightens Solomon | Solomon |
| Song of Songs | Romance | 8:7 | God Blesses Marriage | Solomon |
| Prophecy—Major (5) | | | | |
| Isaiah | Salvation | 12:2 | God Comforts Judah | Isaiah |
| Jeremiah | Judgment | 1:16 | God Condemns Judah | Jeremiah |
| Lamentations | Sorrow | 2:11 | God Abandons Jerusalem | Jeremiah |
| Ezekiel | Hope | 36:26 | God Renews Judah | Ezekiel |
| Daniel | Kingdoms | 2:44 | God Preserves Judah | Daniel |
| Prophecy—Minor (12) | | | | |
| Hosea | Faithfulness | 3:1 | God Loves Israel | Hosea |
| Joel | Remorse | 2:12-13 | God Warns Judah | Joel |
| Amos | Punishment | 3:1-2 | God Judges Israel | Amos |
| Obadiah | Betrayal | 1:15 | God Judges Edom | Obadiah |
| Jonah | Compassion | 3:10 | God Warns Nineveh | Jonah |
| Micah | Justice | 6:8 | God Accuses Judah | Micah |
| Nahum | Destruction | 1:14 | God Judges Nineveh | Nahum |
| Habakkuk | Trust | 3:17-18 | God Disciplines Judah | Habakkuk |
| Zephaniah | Restoration | 3:20 | God Honors Judah | Zephaniah |
| Haggai | Priorities | 1:7-8 | God Corrects His People | Haggai |
| Zechariah | Messiah | 9:9 | God Encourages His People | Zechariah |
| Malachi | Repentance | 3:7 | God Exhorts His People | Malachi |