

What Is In The Bible

The Holy Bible is a collection of books. These are arranged in the Old Testament (before Jesus Christ) and New Testament.

Old Testament

The Old Testament contains the same books as the Jewish Bible. It contains three or four main sections.

- The Law (Torah), (Pentateuch) called the 5 Books of Moses. These are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. These tell about creation, the patriarchs, the miraculous way that God lead the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt, and more.
- History. These tell how God has intervened, interacted, and taught people through history. God's mixture of justice, mercy, and love are clearly seen in these books.
- Wisdom literature (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs and more), includes prayers, great wisdom, and some prophesy. Many of the things written in the Psalms were fulfilled by Jesus, the Messiah. The history and wisdom literature books combined are referred to as "The Writings" (Kethuvim).
- The Prophets (Nevi'im). These contain God's Word to His people, both in terms of current activities and in predicting future events.

New Testament

The New Testament consists of 4 sections:

- The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) tell about Jesus' life and teaching.
- Acts records the history of the early church and some of the miracles done by the Holy Spirit.
- The Letters (also called the Epistles) contain important teaching for those who follow Jesus Christ.
- Revelation is a book of prophesy that tells about what is going to happen, as well as sending some warning messages to the current assemblies of Christians