

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Joshua
Judges
Ruth

1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles

Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Songs

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel

Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

Old Testament

The Historical Books, The Law Books

First 5 books - The Pentateuch

Written by Moses

God creates the world, builds a nation (Israel) to
bless all other nations, through whom salvation for
all would come

Israel enters the Promised Land, God establishes
them, Judges serve as the government

Samuel serves as the last judge, Israel wants
kings like the other nations; 1st king Saul, then
David, then Solomon, then many others
Records the historical events throughout Israel &
Judah and all of their kings
The Israelites rebel against God, worship other
Gods; a few good Kings turn them back to God
here and there
Israelites are conquered and exiled to Babylon
**there is repetition in these books; tell the same
story

Historical books about when the Israelites were
allowed to go back to Jerusalem to rebuild

The Poetic Books

*Job is considered a poetic book but records
events that take place in the same time period as
The Pentateuch (first 5 books of the Bible)
All other books written by David and Solomon

Prophecy Books - Major Prophets

"Major" because they are longer; not because they
are more important

Prophecy Books - Minor Prophets

"Minor" because they are shorter in length; not
because they are less important

Genesis - Creation, Adam & Eve sin; Noah and the
flood; Covenant with Abraham; story of Isaac,
Jacob, Joseph, slavery in Egypt

Exodus - Moses, God rescues His people from
slavery in Egypt, wandering in the wilderness, God
gives rules for worship, living and the Tabernacle

Leviticus - God gives instructions for the priests,
for proper worship and holy living

Numbers - 1st & 2nd approach to the Promised
Land

Deuteronomy - Remind & Review of the past

Joshua - 2nd approach to the Promised Land;
conquering & dividing the land

Judges - military failure of Israel, God establishes
judges to govern Israel, moral failure of Israel

Ruth - significant and prophetic story; picture of
how Jesus will redeem us

Story of David & Solomon and all of the kings that
came after them

Israel divided into Judah and Israel

Shows how most kings were evil and how God's
people disobeyed

Tells of all of the wars and battles they faced
against other nations

Finally both Judah and Israel are conquered and
exiled into Babylon;

after 50 years a few are allowed to go back to
Jerusalem to rebuild

The Poetic Books

Personal in nature

Job takes place during the first 5 books of the
Bible; written by Moses

Others written by David & Solomon mostly
Focus on the human heart, personal relationship
with God

Hebrew poetry

Prophecy Books - Major Prophets

God gave these prophets messages for His people
to repent and return to Him; to trust and obey Him
and He would bless them

God's people mostly ignored these messages.

The Bible refers to many other prophets who didn't
seem to write any books.

Prophecy Books - Minor Prophets

Like the major prophets, God gave these people
messages for the people that were largely ignored.

Obedience would ensure God's protection, help
and blessings. Disobedience would result in
destruction and suffering. After hundreds of years
of these pleas, God finally allowed His people to
be conquered and exiled. But, He promised He
would bring them back and rebuild them and bless
them again. And that's exactly what happened.

The ultimate fulfillment of these promises
happened when Jesus the Messiah came to earth
to bring salvation and redemption.