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## **PHILIPPIANS**







### **OVERVIEW**

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In the beginning God made the **HEAVENS** and the earth (1:1)

Human beings were made in God's image or **LIKENESS** (1:26)

God put **ENMITY** between **SATAN** and the woman (a word that means fighting or strife) (3:15)

Cain killed his brother **ABEL** (4:8)

God gave Noah the sign of the **RAINBOW** of his promise that the earth would not be flooded again (9:12)

Noah's sons were named Shem, Ham, and **JAPHETH** (7:13)

God mixed up the **LANGUAGES** at the Tower of **BABEL** so that people could not understand each other (11:6)

Abram's name was changed to **ABRAHAM** and God promised that he would become a father of nations (12:3)

Abraham and Sarah had a son **ISAAC** (21:2)



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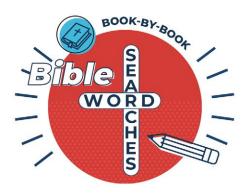
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Isaac's son **JACOB** received the birthright instead of Esau (25:31-32).

Gomorrah God rained down fire on two sinful cities: Sodom and **GOMORRAH** (19:28)

Jacob's name was changed to **ISRAEL** (35:9)

Joseph was sold by his brothers and taken to **EGYPT** (37:28)



## **EXODUS**

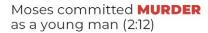






## **OVERVIEW**

At the end of Genesis, all the Hebrew people had gone to Joseph in Egypt to escape a drought. The start of Exodus reveals they had been there a long time and had become slaves. The Exodus, led by God and Moses, marked part of their journey to return to the Promised Land. The Book of Exodus ends with only one story after the gathering of the Ten Commandments. The rest of the book contains laws and instructions for the constructing of the Tabernacle.



When Moses saw the **BURNING** bush, he was at the mountain of **HOREB** (3:1)

When Moses threw his staff down, it turned into a **SNAKE** as a sign for Pharaoh (4:3)

In the first plague of Egypt, the waters of the Nile turned to **BLOOD** (7:20)

The **PASSOVER** is a famous holiday named for the protection from the last **PLAGUE** of Egypt (12:11-12)

Moses parted the Red Sea so that the children of Israel could pass through on dry **GROUND** (14:16)

God rained down MANNA from heaven for the people to eat, which is another word for bread (16:4)

The Lord also provided the children of Israel with **QUAIL** to eat (16:13)

God provided **WATER** from a rock for the people to drink (17:5)



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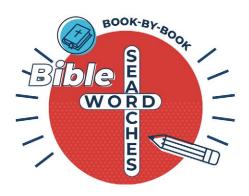
God appeared as a **CLOUD** at Mount Sinai (19:16)

Moses was given ten **COMMANDMENTS** in Exodus 20.

Moses was commanded to build a sanctuary for the Lord called the

**TABERNACLE** (25:8-9)

The people erred horribly by creating a golden **CALF**, which served as an idol (32:7)



## LEVITICUS







## **OVERVIEW**

This book contains many laws for the Hebrew people. It is not often studied by Christians because Jesus freed us from the letter of the law. However, it still contains important information. The laws describe preferable ways to live without hurting people, and they also provide helpful information about health, dietary practices, and sanitation.

Do not seek revenge, but love your **NEIGHBOR** as yourself (19:18)

The people were commanded to bring an **OFFERING** from their herd or **FLOCK** (1:2)

Animal offerings of sheep or goats should be free from **DEFECTS** or blemishes (1:10)

Offerings were meant to make an **ATONEMENT**, or to seek **FORGIVENESS** of sins (1:4)

The life of a creature is in its **BLOOD**, the offering made on an alter (17:11)

God would accept **TITHES**, another word for an offering that means a tenth (27:30)

Surprisingly, God said it was okay to buy **SLAVES** from other nations (25:44)

It is an act of dishonor if a man marries his brother's **WIFE** (20:21)



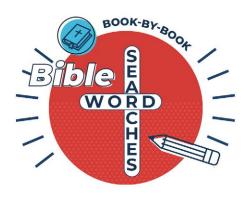
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A ram was considered a **GUILT** offering (19:21)

The people were allowed to eat bugs including **LOCUSTS** or **GRASSHOPPERS** (11:22)

All **FRUIT** from trees planted should not be eaten for **THREE** years (19:23)



## NUMBERS







## **OVERVIEW**

The famous "40 years" of desert wandering is established in Numbers for the Hebrew people. Israel could have been a nation after two or three years, but Numbers shows them being terrible fighters with little to no faith, so God sends them to wander and build maturity and strength.



A man in the military usually had to be **TWENTY** years of age (1:24)

The **LEVITES** were not included in the census, they were appointed to care for the **TABERNACLE** (1:50)

Unclean people, even those in mourning, should celebrate **PASSOVER** (9:10)

Moses' sister **MIRIAM** spoke ill of his wife and ended up with **LEPROSY** (12:10)

The Israelites complained that it would have been better to die in the **WILDERNESS** or return to captivity in Egypt (14:13)

Moses sent word to **SIHON**, the king of the **AMORITES** to let the people pass through, though the king refused and was defeated (21:23)

A **DONKEY** spoke prophetically to his master **BALAAM** (22:28)



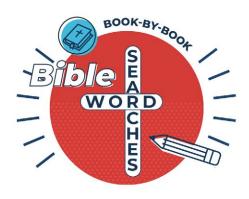
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God is not human and cannot LIE (23:19)

A prophecy about Christ says that **SCEPTER** will rise out of Israel (24:17)

The daughters of **ZELOPHEHAD** became among the first women in history to own land (27:1)



## DEUTERONOMY







## **OVERVIEW**

The Book of Deuteronomy contains a repeat of all the Mosaic laws, plus the death of Moses. It is the only book in the first five books of the Bible—the Pentateuch—to record Moses' death. It contains what seem like redundant speeches on the subject of remaining with God and not forgetting about Him. However, as the history of the Jewish people progresses, we can see that not even the repetition of calls to morality could keep the people on the straight and narrow path.



People do not live by **BREAD** alone but by the **WORD** of God(8:3)

Every **SEVEN** years people were required to cancel their debts (15:1)

People were forbidden from engaging in **SORCERY** or **WITCHCRAFT** (18:10)

The children of Israel were given a land flowing with **MILK** and **HONEY** (26:9)

**SECRET** things belong to God, but **REVEALED** things belong to the people and their children (29:29)

**MOSES** saw the Lord face to face (34:10)

Moses offered a **BLESSING** or cursing and asked the people to choose life so that their children would live (30:19)



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Moses died in the land of **MOAB** (34:5)

No one knows where Moses was **BURIED** (34:6)



## JOSHUA







TIME PERIOD COVERED: 1400 BC to 1375 BC

## **OVERVIEW**

The Exodus has finally ended. The Book of Joshua covers all the battles wherein Israel acquires the land its nation will need. Joshua is their leader. The first half of the book is a very concise record of the battles and includes the famous miracle of the sun standing still in the sky. In the second half, Joshua and his council divide the conquered land among the 12 tribes. The book ends with Joshua's death at age 110.



A woman name **RAHAB** helped Israel's **SPIES** (2:3)

The River **JORDAN** dried up miraculously so the **PRIESTS** and soldiers could pass through (3:14)

The walls of **JERICHO** collapsed when the people **SHOUTED** (6:20)

The sun stood still in the sky the day Joshua's army fought **FIVE** kings of the **AMORITES** (10:12)

Joshua came up against kings of the **NORTH** at the waters of **MEROM** (11:2-7)

Among all the people Joshua conquered were the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and **JEBUSITES** (12:8)



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Joseph's tribes had been split in two tribes: **EPHRAIM** and MANESSAH (17:17) Joshua lived to 110, then died and was buried on north of side of **GAASH** (Joshua 24:30)



## JUDGES







WRITTEN BY: TIME PERIOD COVERED: Prophet Samuel 1350 BC to 1050 BC

## **OVERVIEW**

The Book of Judges covers the time period when God asked the people of Israel to trust in Him instead of in a king. During those 300 years, Israel was served by a series of 15 judges. Some were very good, like Deborah and Samuel. Some were very evil. For example, one had 70 of his half-brothers killed in a conspiracy to become king.



**OTHNIEL** delivered Israel from eight years of captivity (3:8-11)

A woman named **JAEL** assassinated the evil army commander **SISERA** (4:22)

**GIDEON** chose army troops by the way they **LAPPED** water (7:5-6)

**ABIMELEK** was an infamous judge killed **SEVENTY** of his half-brothers to rise to power (9:4-5)

**MANOAH** was foretold the birth of his son **SAMSON** by an angel (13:11)

Samson confounded the Philistines by telling them **RIDDLES** (14:12)

**DELILAH** begged to know the secret of Samuel's strength (16:6)



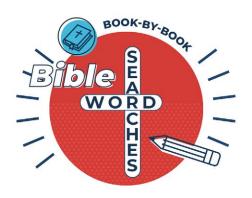
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Samson reveals that he has great strength is because of his **HAIR** (16:17)

Samson pulled down **PILLARS** to cause the deaths of his enemies as well as himself (16:28-29)

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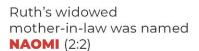




Prophet Samuel, most likely TIME PERIOD COVERED: 1150 BC to 1100 BC

## **OVERVIEW**

The Book of Ruth is only four chapters long and tells the story of Ruth. Ruth was from Moab, but after her husband died and her mother-in-law's husband died, she agreed to return with her widowed mother-in-law to Israel. This was a remarkable leap of faith for a young girl, who would have had many chances to remarry in the familiarity of her own people. Her leap of faith puts her in the line of descendants to King David.



Naomi and her husband moved to Moab because of **FAMINE** (1:1)

**RUTH** was Naomi's daughter in law (1:4)

Naomi's husband **ELIMELEK** and sons died in MOAB (1:2)

Ruth's sister-in-law was name **ORPAH** (1:4)

Naomi and Ruth returned to the land of **JUDAH** (1:7)

**BOAZ** was a relative of Naomi's husband (2:1)

Ruth asked permission to **GLEAN** and **GATHER** from the fields of Boaz (2:7)

Ruth found **FAVOR** with Boaz and became his **WIFE** (4:13)



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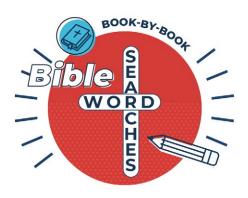
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When Ruth's son was born, the women ask God for him to be made **FAMOUS (4:14)** 

The son of Boaz and Ruth was named **OBED** (4:17)

Ruth's son became the grandfather of **DAVID** (4:17)

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TIME PERIOD COVERED: Samuel, Nathan, 1150 BC to 1000 BC

Gad, and an unknown scribe who served as compiler

## **OVERVIEW**

The Book of 1 Samuel contains the stories of Samuel the prophet, King Saul, and King David's trials before he was king. Prior to this time, the people of Israel had been held loosely together in tribes. But God transformed them into a unified nation under one form of government in this part of their history. The people demanded a king such as the surrounding nations. This book focuses on the establishment of Israel as a nation.



Hannah made a **VOW** that if she would have a son, he would be given to the Lord (1:11)

Hannah brought her son **SAMUEL** to Eli at the house of the Lord (1:24)

Eli's **SONS** were not close with the Lord (2:12)

Hannah had **FIVE** children after devoting Samuel to the Lord (2:21)

Samuel hear a **VOICE** calling him during the night (3:2-8)

The **FOURTH** time, Samuel spoke the Lord, calling himself a **SERVANT** (3:10)

All the people of the land attested that Samuel had become a **PROPHET** (3:20)

**PHILISTINES** stole the Ark of the Covenant (4:10-11)



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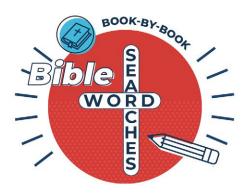
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**SAUL** was chosen as the first king and crowned in Gilgal (11:15)

**DAVID** would play the **LYRE** for King Saul (16:23)

David defeated **GOLIATH** to gain the favor of Israel (17:4)

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# 2 SAMUEL









WRITTEN BY: TIME PERIOD COVERED: Samuel, Nathan, 1000 BC to 975 BC

Gad, and an unknown scribe who served as compiler

## **OVERVIEW**

Second Samuel covers the reign of King David, who became known as the first good king of Israel. (There were only a few good kings!) The first half of the book shows David as an excellent warrior and leader who also is compassionate to the sick and poor and tries to follow God's will. The second half shows David facing tribulation, including a bout with adultery and many serious family issues.





David had to conquer the **JEBUSITES** in order to capture **JERUSALEM** (5:6)

David set up **URIAH** to die in battle so he could marry **BATHSHEBA** (11:26-27)

**NATHAN** the prophet showed David his sin with a lesson about a **LAMB** (12:1-3)

David and Bathsheba had a son named **SOLOMON** (12:24)

David's son Absalom killed his half brother **AMNON** for violating their sister **TAMAR** (13:28-29)

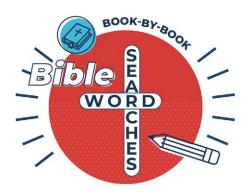


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David's son **ABSALOM** tried to overthrow him (15:10)

Absalom was killed when riding a **MULE** and accidentally ended up hanging himself from a tree (18:9)



## 1 KINGS







### **OVERVIEW**

The Book of 1 Kings continues the stories that began in 1 and 2 Samuel. First Kings covers the reign of David's son, King Solomon, until his death in chapter 11. Following, Solomon's son Rehoboam causes an uproar when he increases taxes against the request of the people and the advice of elders. The kingdom splits into two and remains separate kingdoms until the Babylonian invasion and exile, around 400 years later.

The book also covers the stories of the Prophet Elijah and briefly describes whether each king did good or evil in the eyes of the Lord. Most did evil!



David's son **SOLOMON** was the heir and chosen to be the next king (1:30)

David taught Solomon that if he would **OBEY** the laws of the Lord, he would **PROSPER** (2:3)

Solomon asked God for a discerning **HEART** and **WISDOM** (3:9-10)

When Solomon was trying to determine who was the **MOTHER** of a baby when he famously asked for a **SWORD** to cut the baby in half (3:16-24)

The Queen of **SHEBA** came to visit Solomon, having heard of his wisdom (10:1)

Solomon's son **REHOBOAM** succeeded him as the next king (12:1)



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Elijah pronounced a **DROUGHT** as **PUNISHMENT** on the land to King Ahab (17:1)

**ELIJAH** proved the priests wrong who were serving the false god BAAL (18:26)



## 2 KINGS







## **OVERVIEW**

The Book of 2 Kings begins where 1 Kings leaves off. Chapters 2 through 7 cover the ministry of the prophet Elisha after Elijah is taken up to heaven. Chapter 13 covers the death of Elisha.

The book covers the reigns of many kings of Israel and Judah, telling short stories about some of the most notable, good and evil. It ends with the Babylonian invasion of Judah, when Solomon's temple was destroyed.



**ELISHA** was able to keep a piece of clothing from Elijah and **DIVIDED** the river Jordan (2:14)

Elisha requested a **DOUBLE** portion of the **SPIRIT** when Elijah was taken (2:9)

Elijah multiplied the oil of a **WIDOW** so she could pay her debts (4:1-7)

Elijah raised a boy from the dead whose mother was a **SHUNAMMITE** (4:36)

Elijah told **GEHAZI** to take his staff and lay it on the face of the dead boy (4:31)

Army commander

NAAMAN was struck with

LEPROSY (5:1)

Naaman was told to wash in the dirty river **JORDAN** seven times to be healed (5:10)



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King **NEBUCHADNEZZAR** was the king of Babylon when they invaded Judah (24:1)

King **ZEDEKIAH** was **BLINDED** by the Babylonians when they invaded (25:7)



# 1 CHRONICLES







Unknown, but perhaps Ezra

TIME PERIOD COVERED: 850 BC to 575 BC

## **OVERVIEW**

The purpose of the Chronicles is to present an entire history of Israel. The Book of 1 Chronicles gives the history from Adam through King David.

The book repeats some famous Bible stories from other books, giving a different perspective at times. It also adds some detail not found in other books, including more deaths of giants related to Goliath.

**COLIATH** who was killed in a battle with the Philistines (20:5-7)

God told **DAVID** he could not build the Temple because he had shed too much **BLOOD** (22:7-8)

**ADAM** is the first name given as a real and actual ancestor of Jewish history (1:1)

The three ancestors before **NOAH** were Enoch, Methuselah, and Lamech (1:3)

The sons of Noah were Shem, Ham, and **JAPHETH** (1:3)

King SAUL fell on his **SWORD** to kill himself (10:4)

King Saul died because sought guidance from a medium instead of **INQUIRING** after the Lord **JERUSALEM** is also known as the city of David because he captured it (11:4)



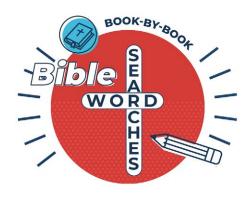
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The Lord chose **SOLOMON** to build the **TEMPLE** (28:9-10)

MICHAL despised David for **DANCING** before the Lord (15:29)

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## 2 CHRONICLES



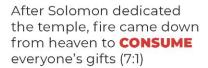




### **OVERVIEW**

Second Chronicles covers the reigns of all the kings of Israel and Judah after the split of the united kingdom of Kings Saul, David, and Solomon. Like 1 and 2 Kings, this book notes whether each king grieved or pleased the Lord. (Only a handful, all from Judah, pleased the Lord.)

The closing chapter summarizes the 70 years of captivity in the Great Exile and Cyrus, King of Persia, releasing the Jews to go home and funding the rebuilding of the Temple.



The celebration of the **TEMPLE** lasted **SEVEN** days (7:8)

God promises Israel that he will **FORGIVE** those that **HUMBLE** themselves (7:14)

Solomon had **GREATER** riches and **WISDOM** than all the other kings of the earth
Solomon reigned over Israel for **FORTY** years (9:30)

King Solomon's evil son was named **REHOBOAM** (12:13-14)

God was with King **JEHOSHAPHAT** because he followed the ways of **DAVID** (17:3-4)



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**ATHALIAH** was an evil queen of Israel who destroyed the entire royal house of **JUDAH** (22:10)

**UZZIAH** was a king of Judah who assumed the throne at age **SIXTEEN** (26:1)







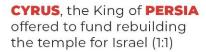




## **OVERVIEW**

This book details the rebuilding of Solomon's Temple after the Great Exile. Ezra arrived in Jerusalem with another 2,000 exiles. His enthusiasm and power sparked a spiritual revival.

One problem before the exile was that men had married foreigners, who chronically drove them away from God and into idolatry. Ezra was dumbfounded to find that people were already doing this again—before the Temple was even built! The men repented and offered to send these foreign wives away.



Cyrus brought back to Israel things from the **TEMPLE** that had been stolen by **NEBUCHADNEZZAR** (1:7)

Families that returned from **BABYLON** after exile gave gifts to rebuild the temple (2:69)

The people praised the Lord because the **FOUNDATION** of the Temple was laid (3:11)

The enemies of Judah came to **ZERUBBABEL** and asked to help build the temple, but were told no and because to cause problems (4:1-5)

A **DECREE** came from King DARIUS to rebuild the temple (6:12)

**EZRA** was a priest who had been sent to **JERUSALEM** (7:8)



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The exiles celebrated

PASSOVER in Jerusalem for the first time in **SEVENTY** years (6:19)

**ARTAXERXES** wrote a letter of encouragement for Ezra (7:11)

Israel was in trouble for having **WIVES** from other lands (10:11)

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## NEHEMIAH







### **OVERVIEW**

Many scholars feel this book is a sequel to Ezra, although Nehemiah is written in a very different style. Nehemiah was an engineer, not a priest like Ezra, or a prophet. He led a group of Jews in exile to Jerusalem to rebuild and fortify the city walls.

He helped Israel keep its foot out of several traps, the sinful habit of marrying foreigners who worshipped other gods.



All the people gathered together to read a book called the Law of **MOSES** (8:1)

God **LOVES** those that keep his **COMMANDMENTS** (1:5)

**NEHEMIAH** confessed his sins and the sins of the house of Israel (1:6)

**SANBALLAT** called the Jews **FEEBLE** and predicted they would fail in rebuilding (4:1-2)

Nehemiah received permission from **ARTAXERXES** to go to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple (2:1-5)

The returning exiles complained because they had to **BORROW** money pay **TAXES** (5:4)



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The builders' sons and daughter were in **BONDAGE** and their lands and **VINEYARDS** belonged to others (5:4)

Sanballat accused the Jews of building the **WALL** because they were planning to revolt (6:6)

The joy of the Lord is your **STRENGTH** (8:10)



## **ESTHER**

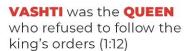






## **OVERVIEW**

The book takes place in Susa, east of the Tigris River, which is mentioned in the Bible as being the eastern border of the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:14). Esther's is the only Bible story to take place east of what is thought to be the Garden of Eden. Queen Esther thwarts a planned genocide of her people using wit, cunning, and humility.



**HADASSAH** was Esther's name before the exile (2:7)

**MORDECAI** was Ether's COUSIN who raised her (2:5-7)

Mordecai uncovered a conspiracy to **ASSASSINATE** the king (2:21-22)

Women went through **TWELVE** months of beauty
treatments before seeing
the king (2:12)

**HAMAN** was given much honor by the king, but was angry when Mordecai would not **KNEEL** before him because he was a Jew (3:8)

Haman made a **DECREE** to kill the Jews (3:13)

**ESTHER** and the Jews **FASTED** for three days and nights before going to see the king (4:16)

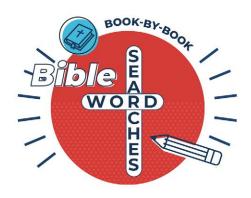


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Esther prepared a **BANQUET** for the king to gain his **FAVOR** (5:4)

Haman was killed in the same way he had **PREPARED** for Mordecai's death (7:9-10)











## **OVERVIEW**

Job may be the first book of the Bible written. Scholars believe it takes place around the days of Abraham, based on some of the original phraseology. In this book, God allows Job to lose everything, after Satan proposes that God is bribing him with blessings. All is restored in the end, but Job's three friends come to visit and wreak havoc with false suppositions and arguments.



Satan argued that if God took away everything, Job would **CURSE** Him (1:10-11)

Naked came I out of my mother's **WOMB** (Job 1:21)

Job had three friends come to visit him: **ELIPHAZ**, **BILDAD**, and **ZOPHAR** (2:11)

Mortals born of woman are of few days and full of **TROUBLE** (14:1)

I know that my **REDEEMER** lives (19:25)

God asked Job "Where were you when I laid the **FOUNDATION** of the EARTH?" (38:4)

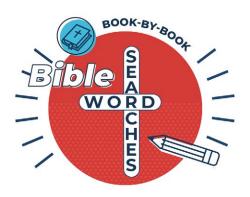


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Job repented in **DUST** and **ASHES** (42:6)

God blessed Job in the **LATTER** part of his life more than his **BEGINNING** (42:12)



## **PSALMS**







Many, though half were written by King David TIME PERIOD COVERED: 1400 BC to 450 BC

### **OVERVIEW**

Psalms are poetry, generally meant to be put to music, though the translations from their original and beautiful language often makes that difficult.

Individual psalms were written as early as Moses' time, around 1450 BC. More were added through the time of David and Solomon around 1000 BC. Additions continued after the Babylonian captivity around 500 BC. That means the writing spanned nearly 1,000 years.

The Book of Psalms has always been quite popular, because the psalms within apply to every time and every person.

God's word is a **LAMP** and a **LIGHT** on our path (119:105) The **HEAVENS** declare the **GLORY** of God (19:1)

The Lord is my **SHEPHERD** (23:1)

**BLESSED** is the man that stands not with the sinners (1:1)

God is our **REFUGE** and strength in the midst of trouble (46:1)

Sit at my right hand and I will make your enemies a **FOOTSTOOL** (110:1)

He that **DWELLS** in the most High will rest in the **SHADOW** of the **ALMIGHTY** (91:1)

Create in me a clean **HEART** and renew my **SPIRIT** within (51:10)

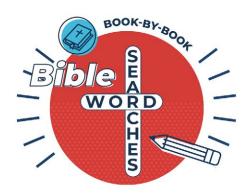


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From everlasting to **EVERLASTING**, you are our God (90:2)

You made me in my mother's **WOMB** (139:13)



## **PROVERBS**







King Solomon and a few others TIME PERIOD COVERED: 970-675 BC

### **OVERVIEW**

Psalms are poetry, generally meant to be put to music, though the translations from their original and beautiful language often makes that difficult.

Individual psalms were written as early as Moses' time, around 1450 BC. More were added through the time of David and Solomon around 1000 BC. Additions continued after the Babylonian captivity around 500 BC. That means the writing spanned nearly 1,000 years.

The Book of Psalms has always been quite popular, because the psalms within apply to every time and every person.

Trust in the Lord with all your **HEART** and lean not on your own

#### **UNDERSTANDING** (3:5)

Start **CHILDREN** off on the way they should go, and when they are old they won't depart from it (22:6)

**FEAR** of the Lord is the beginning of **KNOWLEDGE** (1:7)

A noble wife is worth more than **RUBIES** (31:10)

Guard your **HEART** (4:23)

Whoever **TRUSTS** in the Lord will be kept safe (29:25)

Whoever conceals their sins will not **PROSPER**, but who confesses them will find **MERCY** (28:13)

The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the **PRAYER** of the **RIGHTEOUS** (15:29)

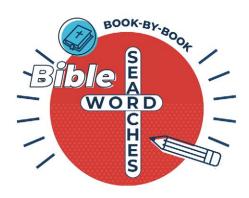


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**PRIDE** goes before destruction, a **HAUGHTY** spirit before a fall (16:18)

A soft answer turns away **WRATH** (15:1)



## **ECCLESIASTES**







## **OVERVIEW**

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What do men gain from all their **LABORS** (1:3)

There is a time for everything and a **SEASON** for every activity under the heaven (3:1)

A time to weep and a time to **LAUGH**, a time to **MOURN** and a time to **DANCE** (3:4)

A time for war, and a time for **PEACE** (3:8)

I saw the tears of the **OPPRESSED**, and they have no **COMFORTER** (4:1)

Two are better than one because they have a good **RETURN** for their labor (4:9)

Better a poor but **WISE** youth than an old but **FOOLISH** king (4:13)

The end of the matter is better than its beginning, and **PATIENCE** is better than pride (7:8)



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Consider what God has done: Who can **STRAIGHTEN** what he has made **CROOKED**? (7:13) Fear God and keep His **COMMANDMENTS** (12:13)



# SONGS OF SOLOMON







## **OVERVIEW**

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An **APPLE** tree creates a metaphor for a girl's beloved (2:3)

The end of rain means **WINTER** has passed (2:11)

FOXES ruin the VINEYARDS (2:15)

A man praises the smell of perfume more than **SPICES** (4:10)

The woman refers to her lover as her **BELOVED** (5:8)

His lips are like **LILIES** dripping with **MYRRH** (5:13)

A lover's **TEMPLES** are compared with a **POMEGRANATE** (6:7)

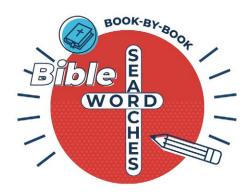


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If she is a door, we will enclose her in panels of **CEDAR** (8:9)

**SOLOMON** had a vineyard at **BAAL** Hamon (8:11)











WRITTEN BY: TIME PERIOD COVERED: The Prophet Isaiah 700 BC to 25 AD (in prophecy)

## **OVERVIEW**

Isaiah prophesied early in comparison to other Old Testament prophets, under the reign of four Judean kings ending with Hezekiah. He most likely met his death under a fifth, the evil King Manasseh.

Isaiah focuses on the people of his day (who were about to be exiled if they didn't amend their ways), and on the times of Christ.



People will beat their **SWORDS** into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks (2:4)

A **VIRGIN** will conceive and call her son **IMMANUEL** (7:14)

The **GOVERNMENT** will be upon the shoulder of the MESSIAH (9:6)

A little **CHILD** will lead the wolf, lamb, leopard, goat, calf, and the lion (11:6)

The Messiah promised to bind up the **BROKENHEARTED** and proclaim freedom to the **CAPTIVES** (61:1)

Those in the Lord will run and not be **WEARY**, they will walk and not faint (40:31)

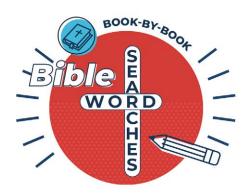


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A voice called from the **WILDERNESS** to prepare the way of the Lord (40:3) Surely he took up our pain and bore our **SUFFERING** (53:4) He was pierced for our **TRANSGRESSIONS**, he was crushed for our **INIQUITIES** (53:5)

The former things will not be **REMEMBERED** (65:17)



## JEREMIAH





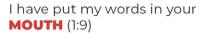


575 BC to 25 AD (in prophecy)

## **OVERVIEW**

Jeremiah was nearly 20 years old when he began to prophesy; he then prophesied for the rest of his adult life of 40 years or more.

Jeremiah was prophesying to a nation behaving terribly, and judgment from God was on its way. The Kingdom of Judah had watched as the Kingdom of Israel was destroyed by the Assyrians. They feared the Babylonians, who would eventually overpower them and take them away in exile. Throughout the turmoil, they refused to repent.



I have set **WATCHMEN** over you and said "Listen to the sound of the **TRUMPET**!" (6:17)

Has this house become a den of ROBBERS? (7:11)

Truth has **PERISHED** and vanished from their lips (7:28)

Let not the wise boast of their **WISDOM**, or the rich of their riches (9:23)

At the Lord's anger, the earth will **TREMBLE** (10:10)

False gods will perish from the earth and from under the **HEAVENS** (10:11)

**CURSED** is the man that trusts in man and who turns away from the Lord (17:5)

The **HEART** is **DECEITFUL** above all things (17:9)



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You will **SEEK** me and find me when you seek me with all your heart (29:13)

Jeremiah was imprisoned by King **ZEDEKIAH** when Judah was besieged by **BABYLON** (32:2-3) The remnant of Judah who fled to **EGYPT** will die by sword and famine (44:12-13)



## LAMENTATIONS







The Prophet Jeremiah

## **OVERVIEW**

The Babylonian invasion of the southern kingdom (Kingdom of Judah) had just taken place in 586 BC. Jeremiah expressed raw emotion, as if he had just walked through the streets and alleys of Jerusalem and seen nothing but destruction, suffering, and heartbreak.

Lamentations is not so much pure prophecy as it is a lament over what had become of Jerusalem after the invasion, and how it all could have been avoided.



**ZION** stretches out her hands but there is no one to **COMFORT** her (1:17)

The Lord has swallowed Israel's **PALACES** and destroyed her **STRONGHOLDS**. (2:5)

The Lord has made Zion forget her appointed **FESTIVALS** and SABBATHS (2:6)

I have seen **AFFLICTION** by the rod of the Lord's **WRATH** (3:1)

I have been deprived of PEACE and forgotten **PROSPERITY** (3:17)

Because of the Lord's great love, we are not **CONSUMED** (3:22)

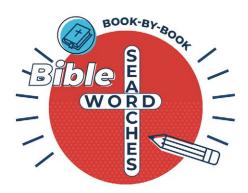


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The **PUNISHMENT** of my people is great than that of Sodom (4:6)

Joy is gone from our hearts, our dancing has turned to **MOURNING** (5:15)



## **EZEKIEL**







### **OVERVIEW**

The Book of Ezekiel begins before the Babylonian invasion and exile. His warnings become extreme: he even predicts that people will resort to cannibalism of loved ones. But the people refused to listen.

Ezekiel then lived among the Jewish exiles in Babylon. He prophesied there for around 22 years. Ezekiel gave his people hope. But he also prophesied about the end of times, and those prophesies included Israel becoming a nation again. That came true in 1948.



In this vision, Ezekiel saw four living creatures who had faces of a **HUMAN** (1:9-10)

The creatures had **WHEELS** that did not change direction as the creature moved (1:16-17)

The Lord described **ISRAEL** as a **REBELLIOUS** nation (2:3)

One of the sins of Sodom was that they did not help the **POOR** and **NEEDY** (16:49)

They will know I am the Lord when I take **VENGEANCE** (25:17)

God takes no pleasure in the death of the **WICKED** (33:11)

The Lord will give Israel a new **HEART** and a new **SPIRIT** (36:26)

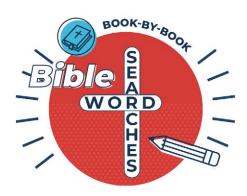


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Wasted cities will be filled with **FLOCKS** of people (36:38)

Ezekiel was taken to a **VALLEY** filled with **BONES** (37:1)



## DANIEL







### **OVERVIEW**

Daniel contains the great stories of Daniel in the lions' den and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace. It is also famous for its end-times prophecies that are closely being studied today.

The first six chapters are history and include all the stories listed above. In Chapter 7, the book begins to prophesy about the future.



ordered some of the captive Israelites to bring their children to train for the king's service (1:3-4)

Daniel was given the name of **BELTESHAZZAR** (1:7)

Daniel could understand VISIONS and **DREAMS** (1:17)

Daniel **INTERPRETED** the king's dream of a STATUE (2:31)

**SHADRACH**, **MESHACH** and **ABEDNEGO** were cast into a fiery furnace because

they refused to worship a golden image (3:14-15)

King **DARIUS** threw Daniel into a den of lions (6:16)

An **ANGEL** had shut the mouths of the lions so that Daniel was kept safe (6:22)

Daniel saw a vision of four great **BEASTS** (7:2)



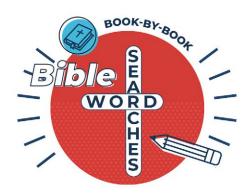
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The angel **GABRIEL** came to teach Daniel the meanings of difficult visions (8:16)

Seventy sevens are decreed for people to finish the **TRANSGRESSION** (9:24)

Everyone whose name is found in the book will be **DELIVERED** (12:1)











## **OVERVIEW**

Hosea directed his early prophecies to Jeroboam II, the 13th king of the northern kingdom around 750 BC. Israel was full of idolatry, and God planned to allow Assyria to invade if people didn't repent (they didn't).

He prophesied early, around the same time as Isaiah and Jonah. Hosea obeyed God and married an unfaithful. He was thus able to relate to God's feelings of betrayal by Israel.



Israel is charged with CURSING, LYING, MURDER, STEALING and ADULTERY (4:2)

God's people are destroyed by their lack of **KNOWLEDGE** (4:6)

God desired **MERCY** even more than he desires **SACRIFICES** (6:6)

Israel is described like **GRAPES** and a fig tree (9:10)

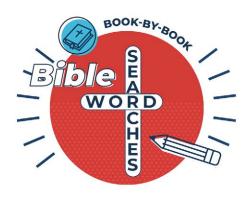
This famous prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus' family fled to **EGYPT** (11:1)

**EPHRAIM** is one of the **TRIBES** of Israel that has surrounded God with lies (11:12)



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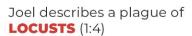


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## **OVERVIEW**

Most of the prophets name the kings under which they were serving or other clues to the surrounding time period, but Joel does not. Therefore, the book is hard to date. Joel prophesied about destruction that could apply to any number of periods. The prophet is most famous for being quoted by Apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost.



Blow the **TRUMPET** and sound the **ALARM** (2:1)

In the latter days, old men shall **DREAM** and young men will see **VISIONS** (2:28)

The day of the Lord is described as a day of **DARKNESS** (2:2)

The **EARTH** will shake and the **HEAVENS** tremble (2:10)

Return to the Lord with **FASTING** and **WEEPING** and **MOURNING** (2:12)

On Mount Zion and in **JERUSALEM,** there will be deliverance (2:32)

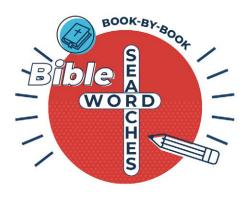
I will gather all **NATIONS** into the Valley of **JEHOSHAPHAT** (3:2)

Swing the **SICKLE** for the harvest is ripe (3:13)



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The Prophet Amos

TIME PERIOD COVERED: 722 BC to 516 BC

## **OVERVIEW**

Amos was a shepherd. He lived with a group of shepherds in Tekoa, a small town 10 miles south of Jerusalem. Amos prophesied about 760 BC. He predicted the overthrow of the Kingdom of Israel by the Assyrians, which happened in 722 BC. He also predicted the doom of Judah, which happened in 585 BC, and the doom of many surrounding nations.



Two do not walk together unless they have **AGREED** to do so (3:3)

When a **TRUMPET** sounds, the people tremble in fear (3:6)

The Lord God does nothing without **REVEALING** his plan to his servants the **PROPHETS** (3:7)

The Lord has **SWORN** that Israel will be taken away with **HOOKS** (4:2)

The Day of the Lord is **DARKNESS**, not **LIGHT** (5:18)

God **DESPISES** the people's phony festivals (5:21)

God describes a **FAMINE**, not of food or **WATER**, but of hearing the word of the Lord (8:11)

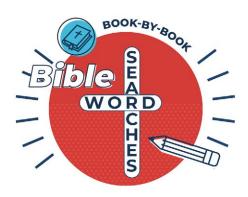


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Israel will be sifted like grain in a **SIEVE**, and not one pebble will reach the **GROUND** (9:9)

God promises that he will restore the house of **DAVID** and rebuild the walls (9:11)







Obadiah



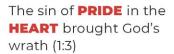
TIME PERIOD COVERED: The Prophet Uncertain, as there were 12 Obadiahs mentioned in the Old Testament

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## **OVERVIEW**

The Book of Obadiah is so short that it contains only one chapter. Most of Obadiah's prophecy is judgment on the foreign nation of Edom. Therefore, Obadiah is one of only three prophets (the others are the prophets Nahum and Habakkuk) who pronounced judgment primarily on other nations.





Edom's pride is compared to an **EAGLE** in the stars (1:4)

Esau will be PILLAGED (1:6)

Edom is often referred to as **ESAU**, the sinful brother in Genesis (1:21)

Israel is also called JACOB, to whom Edom has done VIOLENCE (1:10)

**STRANGERS** carried away captives and cast LOTS for **JERUSALEM** (1:11)

Mount **ZION** promises **DELIVERANCE** and **HOLINESS** (1:17)



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# JONAH



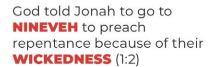




### **OVERVIEW**

Jonah is only four chapters long; however, it is quite famous. The story of Jonah being swallowed by the great fish is a favorite among children. Jesus also mentioned Jonah—He said Jonah's three days in the fish were like the three days He would be in the grave before the resurrection.

While containing this famous miracle, the book is also a great study on what can happen when we reject God's calling and ignore His instructions. Jonah eventually preached in Nineveh as God initially asked him, and the people did repent.



Jonah was the son of AMITTAI (1:1)

Jonah boarded a ship going to TARSHISH, so the Lord sent a great **STORM** (1:3)

Sailors threw their cargo overboard to **LIGHTEN** the load (1:5-7)

Jonah was thrown
OVERBOARD and
swallowed by a big fish (1:17)

Jonah **PRAYED** from inside the fish (2:1)

The fish **VOMITED** Jonah on dry land (2:10)

Jonah **WARNED** that the Nineveh would be overthrown in **FORTY** days (3:4)



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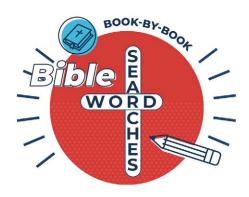
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The King of **Nineveh** believed Jonah and dressed in **SACKCLOTH** and sat in the dust (3:6)

The king felt that if the people gave up their **EVIL** ways, the God would turn away his **FIERCE** anger (3:7)

Jonah seemed to have a problem controlling his **ANGER** (4:1)

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### **OVERVIEW**

Micah prophesied at the same time as Isaiah and Hosea, during the tragic and historic years surrounding the Assyrian invasion of the northern kingdom. Micah predicted the event, and it came to pass between 10 and 15 years later, in 722 BC.

Micah's earlier prophecies concern judgment on the kingdoms of Israel and Judah for idolatry. His later prophecies concern the future kingdom that Jesus spoke of.

Micah was called to preach during the reigns of **JOTHAM**, **AHAZ**, and **HEZEKIAH**, kings of Judah (1:1)

**PEACE** unto those that feed them and war unto those that don't (3:5-6)

In the last days the **MOUNTAIN** of the temple will be **ESTABLISHED** (4:1)

In the last days nations will not take up **SWORDS** against each other or be at war (4:3)

The Lord will **REDEEM** Israel from the hand of **ENEMIES** (4:10)

**BETHLEHEM** is prophesied to be the place that Jesus would be born (5:2)

Israel will be delivered from **ASSYRIA** when they invade their borders (5:6)

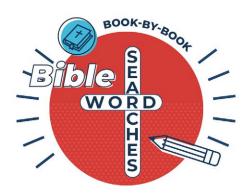


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We are commanded to love **MERCY** and walk **HUMBLY** before God (6:8)

God will have **COMPASSION** upon us (7:19)



# NAHUM







### **OVERVIEW**

Nahum focuses on God's pending judgment against Nineveh around 150 years after Jonah preached there. Nineveh was the capital of Assyria, the nation that had invaded and destroyed the northern kingdom (Kingdom of Israel) nearly 100 years earlier.

The people of Nineveh were participating in idolatry, violence, and tormenting the southern kingdom (Kingdom of Judah). Assyria was very strong at the time of Nahum's prophecy, so people laughed at him.



The **CLOUDS** are the dust of the Lord's feet (1:3)

No one can withstand the Lord's **INDIGNATION** or endure his fierce **ANGER** (1:6)

The Lord is a **REFUGE** in times of **TROUBLE** (1:7)

The **SHIELDS** of the soldiers will be red, and **CHARIOTS** like torches in the streets (2:3-4)

Nineveh will be plundered of **GOLD** and **SILVER** (2:9)

God uses **SKIRTS** and describes nakedness to show Nineveh's shame (3:5)

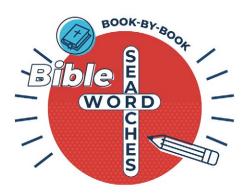


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The dead will be **NUMBERLESS** and the people of will be stumble over the **CORPSES** (3:3)

The fire will consume the people and devour them like **LOCUSTS** (3:15)



# HABAKKUK





Habakkuk



TIME PERIOD COVERED: 608 BC to 598 BC

### **OVERVIEW**

Habakkuk cried out to God during a very dark time in Israel. King Jehoiakim's led the people into evil. The Assyrians had control of the northern kingdom (Israel) after a brutal invasion more than 100 years earlier.

Habakkuk preached from the southern kingdom (Judah), which was still intact, but less than 50 years away from its own invasion by Babylon that destroyed the Temple. The pressure was on.



The wicked don't seem to receive **JUSTICE** (1:4)

The Babylonians have HORSES swifter than LEOPARDS fiercer than WOLVES at dusk (1:8)

God compares the enemy to an **EAGLE** intent on violence (1:8)

**REVELATIONS** and **VISIONS** come at their appointed time (2:3)

Wicked people get their neighbors **DRUNK** to look at them naked (2:15)

**IDOLS** have no value because they are not alive and can't **SPEAK** (2:18-19)

The Lord is in his holy **TEMPLE** and all the **EARTH**is silent before him (2:20)



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The **OLIVE** crop will fail and the fields will produce no food (3:17)

The prophet **REJOICES** in the Lord (3:18)



# ZEPHANIAH





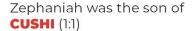


TIME PERIOD COVERED: 605 BC to the future (in prophesy)

### **OVERVIEW**

Zephaniah prophesied during the reign of Josiah, the king of Judah from 640 to 609 BC. Josiah was one of the few good kings.

This book only has three chapters. It mentions things that will happen on "the day of the Lord." Often, the term is used by the prophets to mean the coming of the end of time. However, it is also used to mean any time in history when God personally intervenes.



The Lord will destroy man, **BEAST**, **BIRDS**, and **FISHES** from off the earth (1:2)

The Lord will destroy the worship of **BAAL** from the land (1:4)

Neither **GOLD** or **SILVER** can save people from the wrath of the Lord (1:18)

Seek the Lord and **HUMILITY**, and **RIGHTEOUSNESS** (2:3)

The Lord warns that the land of the **PHILISTINES** will be destroyed (2:5)

The land will belong to the **REMNANT** of the people of **JUDAH** (2:7)

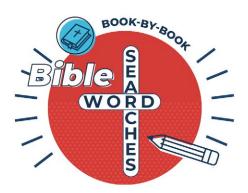


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In the last days, the Lord with **ASSEMBLE** the nations and gather the **KINGDOMS** (3:8)

The Lord has taken away Israel's punishment and turned back the **ENEMY** (3:15)



# HAGGAI







The Prophet Haggai

# **OVERVIEW**

Haggai wrote from Jerusalem when many people had returned from the Babylonian exile. Those who had hopefully returned 15 years earlier were now facing dire struggles. They lacked clothing and food and had been mocked by other nations brutally about rebuilding their temple. The mocking had drained them of faith so that they had quit.

The book has only two chapters and focuses specifically on making the rebuilding of the Temple a top priority for the returnees. The rebuilding process would return to them unity, faith, and strength.



The Lord calls the people away from their own **HOUSES** to build the **TEMPLE** which is in ruins (1:9)

The people eat and **DRINK** but are not filled (1:6)

The Lord called withheld the dew from heaven and caused a **DROUGHT** (1:10-11)

**ZERUBBABEL** was the governor of Judah during the time of Haggai (1:14)

Haggai preached to **JOSHUA**, the son of **JOZADAK**, who the high priest (2:2)

The Lord reminds the people of when they were delivered out of **EGYPT** (2:5)

God promises that the GLORY of the new temple will be GREATER than the last one (2:9)



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God promises to **SHAKE** all **NATIONS** on behalf of Israel (2:7)

The Lord warns the people not to be **UNCLEAN** or give defiled **OFFERINGS** (2:14)



# ZECHARIAH





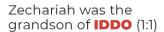


TIME PERIOD COVERED: 520 BC (first part) to 484 BC (second part) to Future (prophesy)

### **OVERVIEW**

Zechariah speaks of Christ's First Coming in Zechariah 9:9, which references Palm Sunday. Then in the very next verses, he refers to the Second Coming. Zechariah is quick to show us that God clearly sees a big picture.

Zechariah's first eight chapters are directed to returnees from the Babylonian exile. The second half of the book is thought to have been written much later in his life, and refers mostly to the First and Second Comings of the Messiah.



The Lord declares that Israel will **RETURN** to him, and He will return to them (1:3)

The Lord beseeches Israel to not be like her **ANCESTORS** and to turn away from their evil ways (1:4)

**PROPHETS** don't live forever, but the Lord's **DECREES** are timeless (1:5)

We must rely not on **MIGHT** or power, but on God's **SPIRIT** (4:6)

In dealing with nations, the Lord promises to end the pride of the **PHILISTINES** (9:6)

The savior will be **LOWLY**, arriving by riding on a **DONKEY** (9:9)

A famous prophecy, predicting the betrayal of **JUDAS** Iscariot for THIRTY pieces of silver (11:12)



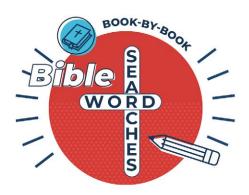
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In the day of the Lord, prophets will be **ASHAMED** of their visions (13:4)

In the day of the Lord, the Mount of **OLIVES** will be split (14:4)

In the day of the Lord, there will be a unique day where in the evening, it will still be **LIGHT** (14:7)



# MALACHI







### **OVERVIEW**

By the time of Malachi, the remnant had been back from the Babylonian exile for more than 100 years. The Temple had been rebuilt. However, there was corruption in the priesthood and the people had become spiritually disinterested.

God showed the people through Malachi where they were falling short and Slipping back into sin. The last book in the Old Testament, it closes with a prophecy about John the Baptist.



God was displeased because the people found the food of his table **CONTEMPTIBLE** (1:12)

People were **OFFERING** inferior sacrifices to God, which were not acceptable to the **GOVERNOR** (1:8)

The people dishonored God by using lame or diseased animals as a **SACRIFICE** (1:13)

One thing that God seeks is godly **OFFSPRING** (2:15)

Adulterous men who divorce do **VIOLENCE** to their wives (2:16)

God is **WEARY** of being calling evil things good (2:17)

God is quick to judge ADULTERERS and SORCERERS (3:5)



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God promises to open the floodgates of **HEAVEN** to those bring him **TITHES** (3:9-10)

God promises to **ELIJAH** before the great and **DREADFUL** day of the Lord (4:5)



# MATTHEW







### **OVERVIEW**

Matthew was writing to Jews who were well-studied, which is why his gospel often quotes the Old Testament to show how prophecy was fulfilled. It is a great gospel for apologetics, a.k.a. defense of our faith due to all the "proofs."

The book contains a genealogy that dates back to Abraham. It differs from a genealogy in early Luke. Scholars say one is a list of legal parentage and the other is a bloodline.



The devil **TEMPTED** Jesus after He had been **FASTING** for 40 days (4:1)

On the **SERMON** on the Mount, Jesus taught the **BEAUTITUDES** 

God will bless those who are **PERSECUTED** for being righteous (5:10)

Jesus told a **PARALYTIC** "Take heart. Your sins are **FORGIVEN**" (9:2)

Peter was originally called **SIMON** (10:2)

Jesus often told stories using **PARABLES**, that were stories with a symbolic meaning (13:34)

We should honor our **MOTHER** and **FATHER** (15:4)

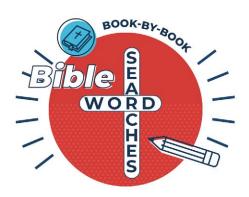


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Jesus told the disciples that a **CHILD** was the greatest of all of them in the kingdom (18:1-4)

A woman **ANOINTED** the head of Jesus (26:7)





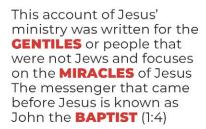






John Mark is thought to be a friend of the Apostle Peter. John Mark also traveled with the Apostle Paul (and his assistant Barnabas) on his first missionary journey around Asia Minor. The Book of Mark is filled with miracles. Mark's point was to show God's power, kindness, and mercy.

The Gospel of Mark does not mention the birth or childhood of Jesus. Whereas Matthew presents Jesus as king, Mark presents him as a humble servant of man.



The man healed by Jesus had a **SHRIVELED** hand (3:1)

Jesus calmed a **STORM** when the disciples were **AFRAID** (4:39-41)

Jesus freed a man who suffered from **POSSESSION** (5:15)

Jesus said a **PROPHET** is without honor in his hometown (6:4)

Jesus fed five **THOUSAND** with five loaves of bread and two fishes (6:41-44)

The **PHARISEES** were a group of religious leaders who always gave Jesus a hard time (5:20)

During the **TRANSFIGURATION**, Elijah and Moses appeared to Jesus, Peter, James and John (9:2-4)



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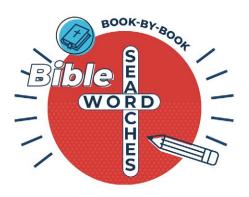
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The plot to kill Jesus was carried out during **PASSOVER** (14:1)

After the feast, Jesus took the disciples to the Garden of **GETHSEMANE** (14:32)

**PILATE** was the man who ultimately sentenced Jesus to death (15:1)

Mary visited the tomb after the **SABBATH** (16:1)











Much of the material in the Gospel of Luke involves Jesus' dealings with individuals, many of whom were not wealthy or accepted in the society of their day. These individuals were mainly sinners. Hence, Luke is considered a Gospel of extremely good news—for the common man.

While Matthew attempts to prove Christ's kingship, Luke shows Him as the one who offers salvation to all humanity—Jews and Gentiles alike.



**ZECHARIAH**, the husband of Elizabeth, was visited by an angel (1:5)

Mary gave birth to Jesus in the town of **BETHLEHEM** (2:4)

An angel appeared to **SHEPHERDS** in the field and told them where to find the baby Jesus (2:8-14)

Herod was the ruler of **GALILEE** (3:1)

When Peter was unsuccessful **FISHING**, Jesus filled the nets so much they broke (5:5-6)

The Pharisees were angry because Jesus **HEALED** a man on the Sabbath (6:9)

If you forgive others, you will earn **FORGIVENESS** for yourself (6:37)

Jesus healed the servant of a centurion in the city of **CAPERNAUM** (7:1)

A man was beaten and robbed and left for dead in the parable of the good **SAMARITAN** (10:30)



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Ask and it will be GIVEN (11:9)

Jesus mentioned the Old Testament king **SOLOMON** by name (11:31)

Jesus healed a man who was **BLIND** (18:35)

**ZACCHAEUS** climbed a tree to see Jesus because he was short (19:8)

When the women got to the tomb of Jesus, the **STONE** had been moved (24:2)











John wanted to make sure people knew that Jesus was not just a great prophet, miracle man, or teacher. He was "the only begotten son of God." John, his brother James, and Simon Peter had the honor of being with Jesus during His ministry more than the other disciples. Hence, his witness to the truth of Jesus' divine nature is meant to be taken quite seriously.

New Christians often start their biblical study with the Book of John.



Jesus is the light that shines in **DARKNESS** (1:5)

Jesus turned water into wine because He was asked by his **MOTHER** (2:5)

Jesus told **NICODEMUS** that a man must be born again (3:3)

Jesus met at a woman from **SAMARIA** at Jacob's well and taught her about **LIVING** water (4:7-13)

Bethesda Jesus healed a man by the pool of **BETHESDA** (5:2)

Jesus fed over 5,000 people by the **TIBERIAS** sea (6:1)

Jesus refers to Himself as the good **SHEPHERD** (10:11)

**LAZARUS** was a personal friend whom Jesus brought back from the dead (11:1)

Jesus washed the feet of the **DISCIPLES** (13:5)

People must go through Jesus to get to the **FATHER** (14:6)



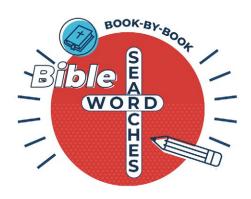
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Don't let your heart be **TROUBLED** or afraid (14:27)

Judas was named a **BETRAYER** after he led the soldiers to Jesus for money (18:2)

Just after the resurrection, Mary **MAGDALENE** was found weeping outside the tomb (20:15)











Acts is the only book in the Bible that tells us how the early church was born. It gives a valuable account of how the church sparked in Jerusalem and spread throughout the Roman Empire.

Chapters 1–12 primarily follow Peter until his belief in preaching to the Gentiles is fulfilled. Chapters 13–28 primarily follow Paul and his missionary journeys far and wide. The book ends abruptly, before either man is martyred.

Subsequent history has been kept by the church with only vague or indirect references made in the Bible itself.

The Ascension is name of the event when Jesus was taken up into **HEAVEN** (1:11)

**MATTHIAS** was the name of the disciple chosen to replace Judas Iscariot (1:25-26)

The disciples received the Holy Spirit on the day of **PENTECOST** (2:1)

All the believers shared **POSSESSIONS** in the early church (4:32)

**ANANAIS** and **SAPPHIRA** died because they kept money back from the Church (5:1-10)

**STEPHEN** was the name of the first Christian martyr (7:55)

The Apostle Paul's conversion took place on a road leading to **DAMASCUS** (9:3)

Paul suffered **BLINDNESS** for three days after his conversion (9:9)

A centurion named **CORNELIUS** had an angel appear to him in a vision (10:1)



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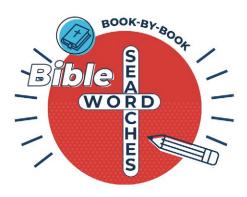
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**JAMES** was a disciple of Jesus who was killed by **Herod** (12:2)

An **ANGEL** appeared to Peter and helped him escape **PRISON** (12:7)

Paul had a disagreement with **BARNABAS** this fellow believer (15:37-39)

Paul escaped death but was shipwrecked on **MALTA** (28:1)



# **ROMANS**







### **OVERVIEW**

Nero was emperor when Paul wrote Romans. Nero eventually tortured Christians, but the Book of Romans takes place in a time of peace. Tough sailors, well-traveled tradesmen, wealthy former idolaters, and slaves were all part of the new church in Rome. Paul wanted them to see their likeness in Christ with statements like, "All have sinned. All fall short of the glory of God."



When you pass judgment, you are **CONDEMNING** yourself (2:1)

**RIGHTEOUSNESS** comes through FAITH (3:22)

Through faith, the prophet **ABRAHAM** became the father of many nations (4:16-18)

All are justified through the **REDEMPTION** of Jesus Christ (4:24)

Having been justified by faith, we achieve **PEACE** with God (5:1)

There is no **CONDEMNATION,** or judgment, for those that follow Jesus Christ (8:1)

Our **SUFFERINGS** will be small compared to the glory we will receive (8:18)

Paul says God's love has made us more than **CONQUERORS** (8:37)

If you confess with your mouth and believe in the Resurrection, you will be **SAVED** (10:9)



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Paul wants us to consider the **KINDNESS** of God as well as His sternness (11:22)

If your enemy is **HUNGRY**, feed him and if he is **THIRSTY**, give him a drink. (12:20)

All the commandments are summed with up with the one commandment to Love your **NEIGHBOR** as yourself (13:9)



# 1 CORINTHIANS







### **OVERVIEW**

Paul heard there was quarrelling in the church at Corinth. He was disappointed. He had spent 18 months with the Corinthian Christians, and they had been doing well. He wanted to help them solve their quarreling, much of which arose from egocentrism and immaturity. Another problem was the Corinthians adopting hurtful sexual beliefs that stunned Paul and which he wanted to quickly eradicate.



To nonbelievers the message of the Cross will sound like **FOOLISHNESS** (1:18)

The wisdom of God is often a **MYSTERY** that is hidden (2:7)

Paul likens teaching the new members to feeding them **MILK** instead of **MEAT** (3:2)

Paul describes the servant of God as a **TEMPLE** (3:16)

It is a sin against Christ when you wound a person with a weak or new **CONSCIENCE** (8:12)

In the race, all runners run, but only one gets the PRIZE (9:24)

You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of **DEMONS** (10:21)

We should do everything for the **GLORY** of God (10:31)



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Paul teaches that there are many different **SPIRITUAL** gifts (12:4)

People are all parts of the **BODY** of **Christ** (12:27)

Although other things may fail, **LOVE** does not fail (13:8)

Paul said he would rather people have the gift of **PROPHECY** is than the gift of **TONGUES** (14:5)



# 2 CORINTHIANS







### **OVERVIEW**

Second Corinthians is actually the fourth letter Paul had written to this feisty group of believers. Two letters were lost to history. After three reports of their lack of growth, Paul finally received a hopeful one. He wrote this letter to encourage their spiritual journey.

Some people in Corinth doubted Paul's apostleship because he didn't know Jesus until after Jesus' death and resurrection. Hence he speaks a great deal of autobiography here.

Paul thanks the Corinthians for their **PRAYERS** on his behalf (1:11)

When someone causes us grief, we should **FORGIVE** and **COMFORT** them (2:7)

God gave us His **LIGHT** so we would have **KNOWLEDGE** also (4:6)

Outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are daily being **RENEWED** (4:16)

Paul says that if anyone is in Christ, they are a new **CREATION** (5:17)

The apostles implore you on Christ's behalf to be **RECONCILED** (5:20)

Being joined too closely with nonbelievers is called being unequally **YOKED** (6:14)

Godly SORROW brings repentance that leads to **SALVATION** (7:10)

Paul encourages us to give freely because God loves a **CHEERFUL** giver (9:7)

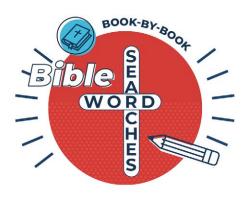


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The **WEAPONS** Paul uses are not the same as the world uses (10:4)

We must **EXAMINE** ourselves to see if we are in the **FAITH** 



# **GALATIANS**







### **OVERVIEW**

The Galatians were starting to say that Gentiles needed to follow Jewish laws in order to be saved. It was confusing the people and putting an unnecessary burden on them. Paul wanted to straighten that out. The Book of Galatians contains the famous Fruit of the Flesh/Fruit of the Spirit passages in chapter 5.



I have been **CRUCIFIED** with Christ and Christ lives with me (2:20)

If righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for **NOTHING** (2:21)

Paul calls the Galatians foolish for having been **BETWITCHED** (3:1)

Those of the faith are as the children of **ABRAHAM** (3:7)

All who rely on the works of the law are under a **CURSE** (3:10)

There is neither Jew nor **GENTILE**, slave nor free, neither male nor **FEMALE** (3:28)

Because you are a **CHILD** of God, you an HEIR (4:7)

Walk by the Spirit to not gratify the desires of a sinful **FLESH** (5:16)

The fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, **PATIENCE**, kindness, goodness, and **FAITHFULNESS** (5:22)

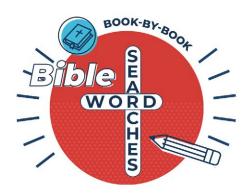


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Do not **WEARY** of doing good because you will reap a reward (6:9)

Do not be deceived; God cannot be **MOCKED** (6:7)



# **EPHESIANS**







### **OVERVIEW**

Paul visited Ephesus twice. The second time, a rich silversmith, Demetrius, found his business suffering greatly because people were converting to Christianity. Demetrius found less demand for his silver, which he made for the idols. There was a near-riot that led Paul to leave Ephesus, but only after he had done much to stabilize and grow the Christian community there. He wrote this letter while under house arrest in Rome to encourage them.



It is by grace that we have been saved, through **FAITH** (2:8)

Because of Christ we are members of God's **HOUSEHOLD** (2:19)

We are commanded to reach **UNITY** in the faith and **KNOWLEDGE** of the Son of God (4:13)

Be kind and **FORGIVING**, just as God forgives you (4:32)

Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the **CHURCH** (5:25)

**HONOR** your father and mother (6:1-2)

To stand your ground in the day of evil, put on God's full **ARMOR** (6:13)

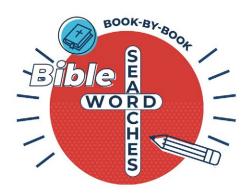


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The armor of God includes the **BELT** of truth, the **BREASTPLATE** of righteousness...

**FEET** having the gospel of peace, the **SHIELD** of faith, the **HELMET** of salvation, the **SWORD** of the spirit.



# PHILIPPIANS



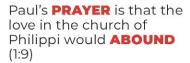




### **OVERVIEW**

This book begins with Apostle Paul describing his imprisonment and situation in Rome. He wrote his letter to the Philippians, and three other epistles, while under house arrest.

Paul did not write the Philippians to address a crisis, as he did with other letters. He wrote to express his appreciation for the believers in the church of Philippi, which some scholars believe was his most supportive church.



Although some **PREACH** Christ with bad motives, there are those that preach with **GOODWILL** (1:15)

Paul counsels us to be **LIKEMINDED** having the same love, spirit, and mind (2:2)

At the name of Jesus Christ, every knee shall bend in **HEAVEN,** on earth, and under the **EARTH** (2:10)

Work out your salvation in fear and **TREMBLING** (2:12)

Through prayer, present your **REQUESTS** to God (4:6)

**PEACE** will keep your **HEARTS** and **MINDS** in Christ Jesus (4:7)

Paul presses on toward the **PRIZE** which God has in Heaven (3:14)



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I can do all things through Christ who gives me **STRENGTH** (4:13) God will meet all your needs according to His riches and **GLORY** (4:19)



# COLOSSIANS







### **OVERVIEW**

The Colossian church was trying to mix Greek philosophy with Christian theology. The result was called Gnosticism.

Among other things, Gnostics taught that the physical world was evil, and Jesus was a spirit and not a man. Paul sought to correct these errors, and as we are still plagued with Gnostic intrusions today, Christians remain grateful for the work.



In all of creation, Jesus is the **FIRSTBORN** (1:15)

Jesus Christ is the head of the body of the **CHURCH** (1:18)

The **GOSPEL** is preached to every **CREATURE** under heaven (1:23)

Even though Paul is suffering, he will **REJOICE** (1:24)

In God is hidden the **TREASURES** of **WISDOM** and **KNOWLEDGE** (2:3)

Set your hearts on things **ABOVE** (3:2)

Let the **PEACE** of God rule in your **HEARTS** (3:15)



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Work knowing that you will receive an **INHERITANCE** from the Lord for your REWARD (3:24)

Paul gives greetings from **EPAPHRAS**, a fellow servant of the Lord (4:12)



# THESSALONIANS



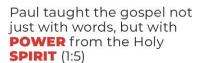




### **OVERVIEW**

Paul spent around three months in Thessalonica when it was a small, new church. He wanted to check up on their faith, fearing that false teachers might have infiltrated their number. He sent back Timothy, who gave a surprisingly good report.

The book is most famous for the verse that talks about Christians meeting Jesus in the sky. Some feel such an event could transpire before a great period of tribulation.



The people have **SUFFERED** just like the church in Judea (2:14-15)

Paul wants to visit the people again but has been blocked by **SATAN** (2:18)

Paul instructs the people to live in order to **PLEASE** God (4:1)

We should mind our own **BUSINESS** and work with our **HANDS** (4:11)

For the Lord himself will come down from **HEAVEN** (4:16)

When the Lord comes again, He will come like a **THIEF** in the **NIGHT** (5:2)

While people are saying "peace and safety," **DESTRUCTION** will come suddenly (5:3)

Many people act like they are asleep, but should be awake and **SOBER** (5:6)



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Do not **QUENCH** the Spirit (5:19) We want to be **BLAMELESS** at the Second Coming (5:23)

Test all things and hold on to what is **GOOD** (5:21)

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# THESSALONIANS







### **OVERVIEW**

Paul wrote this letter to speak to the people again about the return of Jesus. Some believers there thought that Jesus had already returned.

In an effort to clear up a misunderstanding that Jesus will be returning immediately or had already returned, Paul explains that the church members should be steadfast in their holiness so that they will be ready when Jesus does come.

Paul is thankful that the people's **FAITH** and **LOVE** is growing (1:3)

God is just; He will pay back those who cause **TROUBLE** (1:6)

Paul warns people not to believe the **TEACHING** that the day of the Lord has already come (2:1)

There will be a time of **REBELLION** when a man will appear and **EXALT** himself above God (2:4)

We are warned that this man, the Antichrist, will perform **SIGNS** and **WONDERS** (2:9)

People perish because they refuse to love the **TRUTH** (2:10)

God has called us to the GOSPEL to share in the GLORY of Jesus Christ (2:14)

Stand **FIRM** and hold **FAST** to what has been taught (2:15)



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May the Lord **DIRECT** our hearts into God's love (3:5)

We shouldn't see people who don't live the commandments as **ENEMIES** (3:15)



# 1 TIMOTHY







### **OVERVIEW**

This letter was addressed to Paul's young disciple Timothy, who may have been experiencing some burnout, as most pastors do at times. In this book, Paul Encouraged and advised Timothy.

He then gave instructions for Timothy to manage many different situations he would encounter in the church community. These passages have been used over the centuries to train people in church leadership.



The **LAW** is good if a man uses it correctly (1:8) God wants all people to be **SAVED** and to come into His truthful **KNOWLEDGE** (2:4)

Between God and man, Jesus Christ is the one **MEDIATOR** (2:5)

Persecutor Paul admits he was once a **BLASPHEMER**, violent, and a **PERSECUTOR** (1:13)

Paul instructs people how they should conduct themselves in God's **HOUSE** (3:15)

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will follow deceiving **SPIRITS** (4:1)

Every **CREATION** of God is good and should not be rejected if received with **THANKSGIVING** (4:4)

Paul told Timothy not to let anyone look down on him because he is **YOUNG** (4:12)

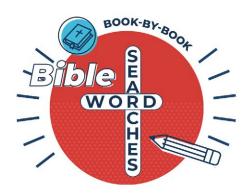


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Treat older men as **FATHERS** and older women as **MOTHERS** (5:1-2)

The root of all kinds of evil is the love of **MONEY** (6:10)



# 2 TIMOTHY







### **OVERVIEW**

This book is the second letter written to Paul's young disciple Timothy. From the serious nature of this letter, it seems that Paul knew that his work was done and that his life was nearly at an end. Paul was arrested by the Roman Emperor Nero and was eventually decapitated.

Second Timothy offers Paul's final instructions and words of encouragement.

Paul has served and taught with a pure **CONSCIENCE** (1:3)

Do not be **ASHAMED** of the **TESTIMONY** of the Lord (1:8)
The Lord **KNOWS** those who are His (2:19)

Flee evil and immature desires and pursue RIGHTEOUSNESS (2:22)

**SCRIPTURES** make you wise unto **SALVATION** through Jesus Christ (3:15)

In the end times, people will love **PLEASURE** instead of God (3:4)

In the end times, people will have a form of **GODLINESS** but deny its **POWER** (3:5)

Some people are always learning, but never arrive at knowing the **TRUTH** (3:7)

All **SCRIPTURE** is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training (3:16)

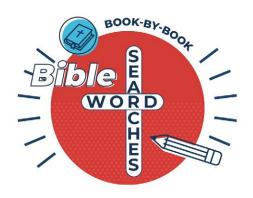


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The time will come when people will not put up with sound **DOCTRINE** (4:3)

Fight the good FIGHT, finish the race, and keep the **FAITH** (4:7)





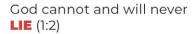






Titus was a young pastor put in charge of the churches at Crete. Paul wrote to encourage him, and addressed some of the same problems with leading a church as he addressed with his young disciple Timothy.

The Book of Titus is important because it teaches us about redemption and how Jesus becoming human was a necessary step in that process.



Paul left Titus on **CRETE**, an island in the Mediterranean Sea (1:5)

To the pure, all things are **PURE** (1:15)

Those appointed should be **BLAMELESS, FAITHFUL** to their wives, and have **OBEDIENT** children (1:6)

There are some that claim to **KNOW** God, but by their actions they **DENY** him (1:16)

By the **GRACE** of God, He offers **SALVATION** to all people (2:11)

The Second Coming is often referred to as our blessed **HOPE** (2:13)

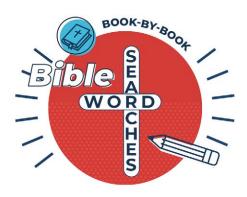
Paul encourages Titus to teach with an attitude of leadership, or **AUTHORITY** (2:15)



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God did not save us because of the **RIGHTEOUS** things we did, but because of his **MERCY** (3:5) Avoid foolish arguments and **GENEALOGIES** about the law because they are unprofitable (3:9)



# PHILEMON







### **OVERVIEW**

Paul came into favor with a slave, whom he returned to his owner Philemon. Paul asked Philemon to forgive the slave of whatever debt had been owed and return him, as Paul had found him a dynamic minister of the gospel.

Paul's message is that even though slavery was an accepted part of Roman society, we should treat each other as equals. As many came into Roman slavery through an unpayable debt, forgiveness was a hopeful expectation in the church.



Paul mentions **APPHIA** and **ARCHIPPUS**, two more people he's writing to (1:2)

Paul describes his own condition as a **PRISONER** (1:9)

Paul is writing about the slave **ONESIMUS** (1:10)

Paul doesn't want to force his request, but wants actions that are done WILLINGLY or VOLUNTARY (1:14)

Although Philemon and Onesimus were separated for a while, **PERHAPS** it was so they could be together **FOREVER** (1:15)

Paul describes the man in question as no longer a slave but a **BROTHER** (1:16)

Paul wants the owner to consider himself and Paul as **PARTNERS** (1:17)



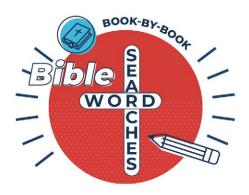
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Paul offers to **REPAY** the debt of Onesimus (1:19)

Paul asks for a place to be **PREPARED** for him to come stay (1:22)

**EPAPHRAS** was a **FELLOW** prisoner with Paul (1:23)



# HEBREWS







### **OVERVIEW**

The author of Hebrews tried very hard to portray a divine image of Jesus. According to Hebrews, Jesus has a role that is higher than the angels. He has created a clear path to the throne room of God. He is a priest who intercedes for us before the Father. He is the only path to salvation. He was a sacrifice for the sinfulness of mankind. All these ideas are put forth in Hebrews.

Jesus is the Son of God and the **APPOINTED** heir of all things (1:2)

The DEVIL holds the power of **DEATH** (2:14)

Jesus was greater than Moses because Moses was a **SERVANT** in his house while Jesus was the **SON** in His house (3:5-6)

The word of God is alive and sharper than a double-edged **SWORD**, it can divide **ASUNDER** soul and spirit, and can see the **THOUGHTS** of the heart. (4:12)

**MELCHIZEDEK** was the king of Salem and priest of the most high God (7:1)

Jesus **SAVES** because He lives to make **INTERCESSION** for us (7:25)

People will face **JUDGMENT** after dying (9:27)

Through **FAITH**, we can be certain of what we do not see (11:1)



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We must believe that God **REWARDS** those who seek Him earnestly (11:6)

We are surrounded by a great cloud of **WITNESSES** and should cast off sin and run the race (12:1)









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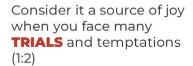
James,

half-brother of Jesus

### **OVERVIEW**

James was not a follower of Jesus during the Savior's time on earth. In fact, Mark 3:21 shows that the family of Jesus during His early ministry thought He was "out of his mind."

James finally became a believer upon seeing Jesus alive and well after the Crucifixion. He became one of the leaders of the church at Jerusalem. This book is overflowing with wisdom and is often thought to be among the most helpful for new Christians after the Gospel of John.



When you lack **WISDOM**, ask God and He will give it to you (1:5)

We are told to look after WIDOWS and ORPHANS (1:27)

The **CROWN** of life will be offered to those who persevere under trial (1:12)

Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become **ANGRY** (1:19)

God has chosen the poor to be rich in faith and inherit the **KINGDOM** of Heaven (2:5)

You show your faith by your **ACTIONS** (2:18)

Even demons believe in God and **SHAKE** before him (2:19)



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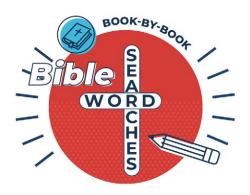
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The **TONGUE** is a small part of the body but it can do GREAT things (3:5)

Out of the same mouth can come **BLESSINGS** or **CURSINGS** (3:10)

**HUMBLE** yourselves before the Lord and He will life you up (4:10)

The prayers that come from the **RIGHTEOUS** are powerful (5:16)



# 1 PETER







## **OVERVIEW**

First Peter is considered a great source of encouragement to those who are persecuted for their faith. Peter wrote the letter during Nero's reign, the Roman Emperor in the 60s AD who hated Christianity. Nero eventually did horrible things like throw Christians to lions. In this book, Peter addressed both Jews and Gentiles with encouragement to stay the course with Jesus, no matter what happened.



We are redeemed through the **PRECIOUS** blood of Christ who is without **BLEMISH** (1:18-19)

Christ suffered for us, leaving his actions as an **EXAMPLE** and we should follow in his **STEPS** (2:21)

Christ bore our sins so we might die to sin and live to RIGHTEOUSNESS (2:24)

When people ask you about Christ, always be prepared to give an **ANSWER** (3:15)

Christ **SUFFERED** once for our sins (3:18)

Offer **HOSPITALITY** to others without complaint (4:9)

If anyone suffers as a **CHRISTIAN**, they should not be **ASHAMED** (4:16)



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When the chief **SHEPHERD** appears, we will receive a crown of glory (5:4)

Satan prowls like a **ROARING** lion, looking for someone to **DEVOUR** (5:8)



# 2 PETER







### **OVERVIEW**

Apostle Peter appeared to have heard reports that false teachers had arisen in Asia Minor. He wrote the book partly to discourage people from listening to them, and also to continue encouraging them, though the times under Roman Emperor Nero had grown very tough on Christians. Hence, he talked about the Lord's return and the need for the people to be strong, patient, and persevering.



Peter feels his past makes him a great **EYEWITNESS** for Christians (1:16)

**PROPHECY** comes from prophets speaking the will of God by the Holy **SPIRIT** (1:21)

There are false prophets and **TEACHERS** among the people who introduce **HERESIES** (2:1)

God put the fallen angels into chains of **DARKNESS** to be held for **JUDGMENT** (2:4)

Peter references **BALAAM**, who was rebuked for his wickedness by his **DONKEY** (2:15-16)

Impatient people will ask, "Where is the **PROMISE** of God's **COMING**?" (3:4)



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With the Lord, a day is like a **THOUSAND** years (3:8)

God doesn't want anyone to perish but wants everyone to come to **REPENTANCE** (3:9)



# 1 JOHN







### **OVERVIEW**

The Apostle John wrote 1 John to combat false teachings called "Gnosticism." Gnostics taught that Jesus was a spirit, not God in the flesh. Erroneous teachings like this created imbalance in believers that could spoil their faith.

John also wanted people to know that love is most important. Love comes from God. When we feel it, we know that God is near.



If we **WALK** in the light, we will have **FELLOWSHIP** (1:7)

If we claim to be without sin, we **DECEIVE** ourselves (1:8)

If we confess our sins, God will purify us from all **UNRIGHTEOUSNESS** (1:9)

If we sin, we have an **ADVOCATE** in Christ (2:1)

The love of the **FATHER** is not in you if you love the **WORLD** (2:15)

Even now, many
ANTICHRISTS have come
(2:18)

When Jesus **APPEARS**, we will see that we are like Him because we will see Him as He is.

Do not believe every **SPIRIT** (4:1)

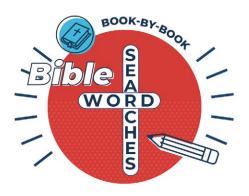


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Let us love one **ANOTHER** because love comes from God (4:7)

The Son of God has come to give us **UNDERSTANDING** that by Him we may know **TRUTH** (5:20)



# 2 JOHN







### **OVERVIEW**

Many scholars have tried to symbolize this letter. John clearly states three times that it is to a "chosen lady." Some think that John would not have any reason write to a woman, and therefore they say it is a church. However, it would be in John's kind and gentle nature to write to anyone who had written to him.

This short, one-chapter book offers great encouragement to walk in the light and to love one another, even when it is hard.



The **TRUTH** will be in us **FOREVER** (1:2)

It brings joy to John that children are **WALKING** in truth just as the Lord **COMMANDED** (1:4)

John is writing about a Commandment from the **BEGINNING**, that we love one **ANOTHER** (1:5)

Those who do not acknowledge Jesus are **DECEIVERS** (1:7)

If you don't **LOSE** what you've worked for, you will be **REWARDED** (1:8)

John has a lot to **WRITE** to the woman, but would prefer to speak to her face to **FACE** (1:12)

The children of the lady's **SISTER** send **GREETINGS** (1:13)



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# 3 JOHN







### **OVERVIEW**

This book is a brief letter to two people named Gaius and Demetrius, who had been faithfully speaking the truth. John mentions having sent a previous letter, one that is not included in the Bible.

He accused an evil man, Diotrephes, of having a big ego and being a troublemaker. The letter shows us that even when the church was less than 50 years old, it had the same type of problems we have today with divisions and dishonesty.



John wishes good **HEALTH** for his friend (1:2)

John is joyful over Gaius' faithfulness to **TRUTH** (1:3)

John affectionately calls his followers his **CHILDREN** (1:4)

Our beloved **BROTHERS** and SISTERS may include **STRANGERS** (1:5)

John mentions

DIOTREPHES who refused him WELCOME (1:9)

Diotrephes was spreading **MALICIOUS** words and not letting believers into the **CHURCH** (1:10)

**DEMETRIUS** is spoken of well by truth (1:12)

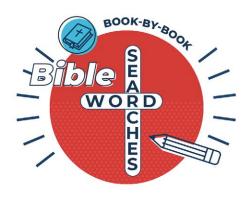


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John has a lot to write but will not use **PEN** and **INK** (1:13)

John often sends a greeting of **PEACE** (1:14)











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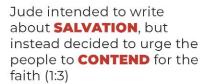
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#### Jude, half-brother of Jesus

### **OVERVIEW**

Jude reminds his readers that all the disciples and apostles had warned about false teachers and prophets that were coming to deceive.

The Book of Jude also mentions two interesting stories which are not described elsewhere in the Bible. One is that Satan tried to argue with the Archangel Michael over Moses' dead body! Jude also mentions Enoch, from all the way back in Genesis, who pleased God so much that God took him to heaven without Enoch dying.



God delivered the people out of **EGYPT** but then **DESTROYED** those who didn't believe (1:5)

ANGELS who abandoned higher dwellings are kept in DARKNESS until JUDGMENT Day (1:6)

**SODOM** and **GOMORRAH** gave into sexual immorality and perversion (1:7)

**MICHAEL** the **ARCHANGEL** disputed with the devil about the deceased body of MOSES (1:9)

**ENOCH**, a famous ancestor of ADAM is quoted in prophecy (1:14)

God will judge the people for their **UNGODLY** acts (1:15)



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# REVELATION







WRITTEN BY: TIME PERIOD COVERED: The Apostle John 95 AD

### **OVERVIEW**

Revelation details visions about a seven-year tribulation or "hard time" that will come upon the earth, and Jesus' following return. The book is full of symbols and visions that are hard to understand. That's likely because it isn't quite time to understand them yet. However, many scholars feel that if people pray hard and are sincere about wanting to know the answers, God will begin to reveal things in time.



If someone is **LUKEWARM**, they are careless, lazy, disrespectful, and uninteresting (3:16)

In this vision Satan is seen as a **DRAGON** (12:9)

The second **BEAST** will perform an incredulous miracle wherein fire falls from **HEAVEN** (13:13)

Calculating the meaning of 666 will require a lot of **WISDOM** (13:18)

God's people living through the Tribulation are called upon to be **PATIENT** as they keep the commandments of God and remain faithful (14:12)

At the fifth bowl, the kingdom will fall into **DARKNESS** people will gnaw **TONGUES** in agony (16:10)

John sees a woman who has writing on her forehead: **BABYLON** and mother of **ABOMINATIONS** (17:5)



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Faithful and True appear riding a **WHITE** horse (19:11)

Many people will be **BEHEADED** for their testimony of Jesus Christ (20:4)

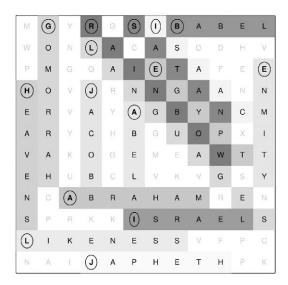
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**RESURRECTION** (20:6)

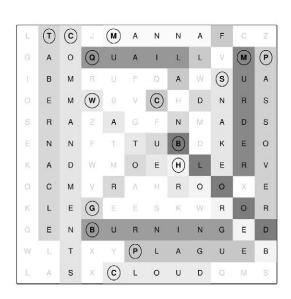
Jesus is coming soon with a **REWARD** (22:12)



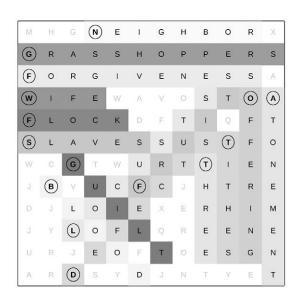
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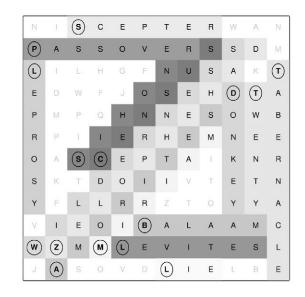
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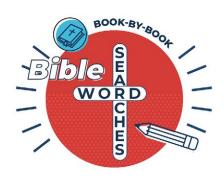


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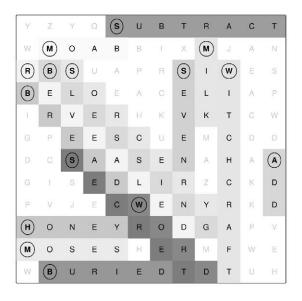


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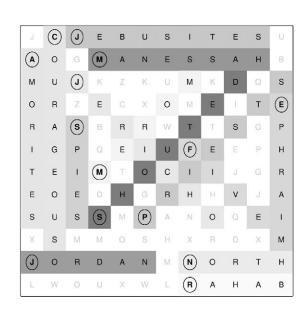




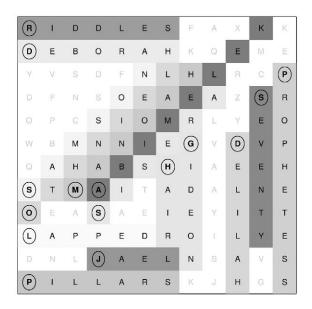
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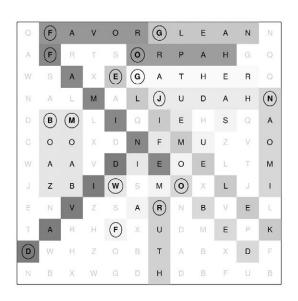
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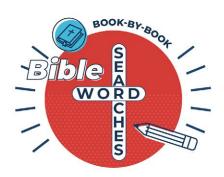


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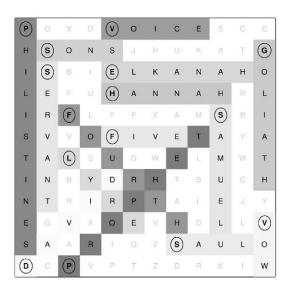


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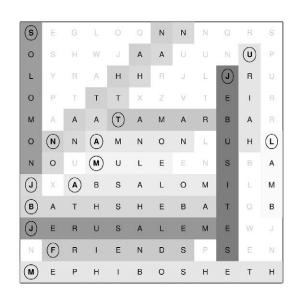




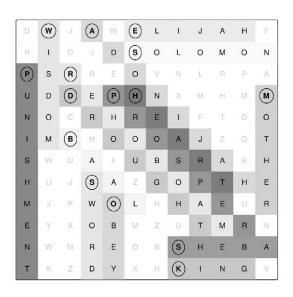
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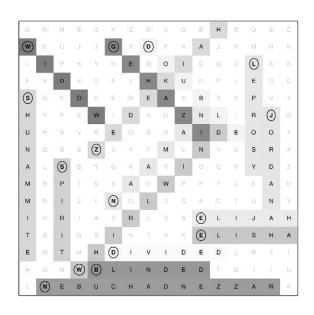
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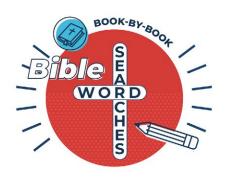


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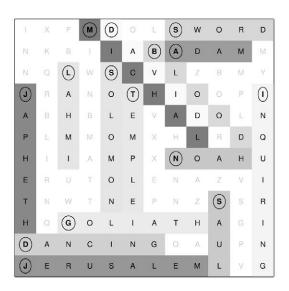


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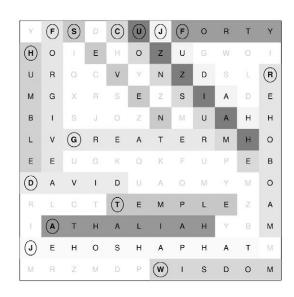




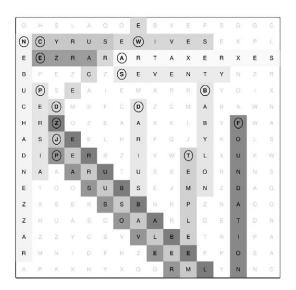
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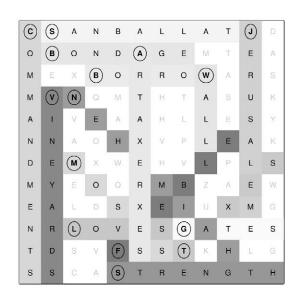
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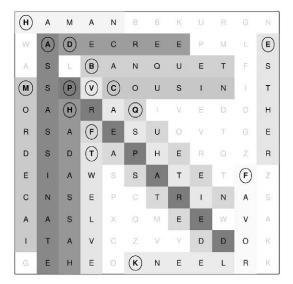


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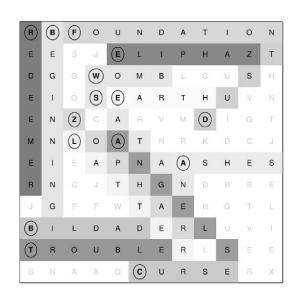




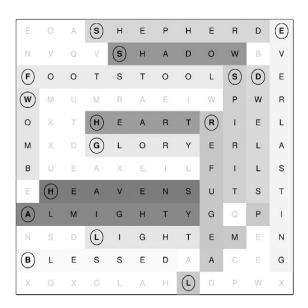
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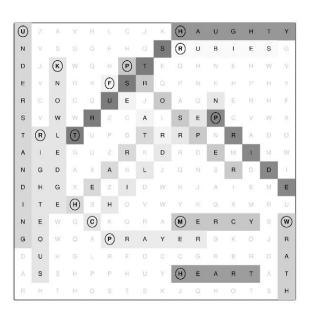
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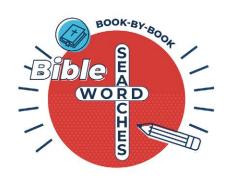


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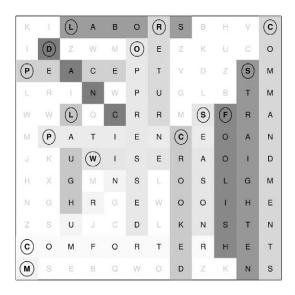


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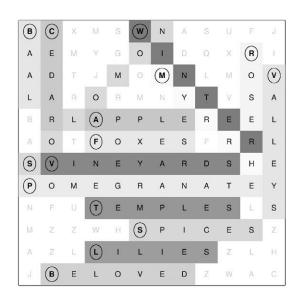




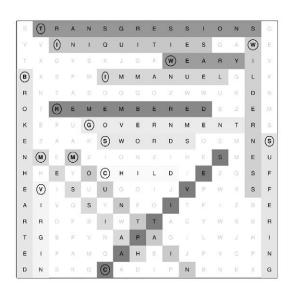
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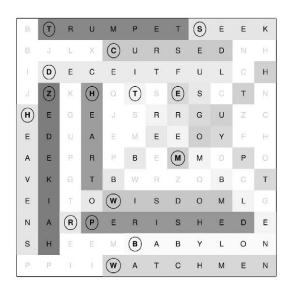
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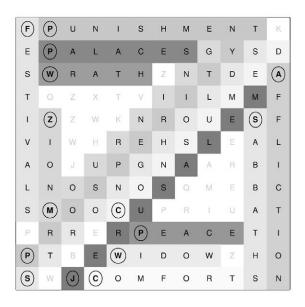


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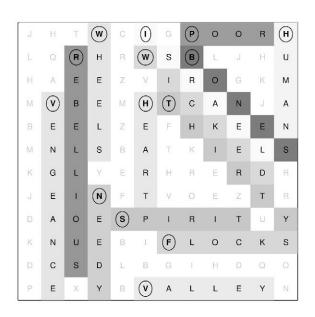




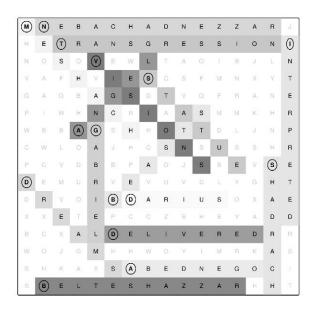
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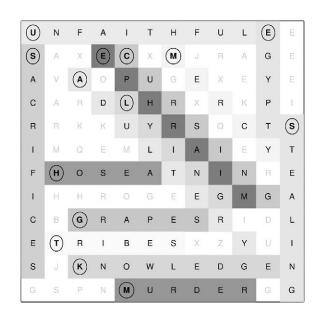
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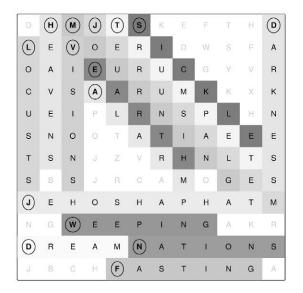


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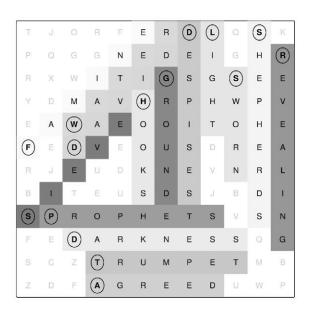




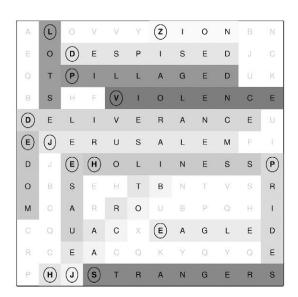
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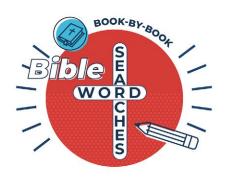


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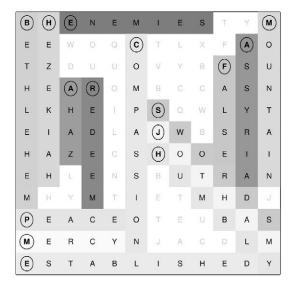


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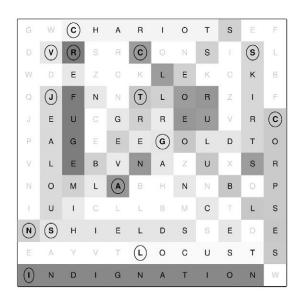
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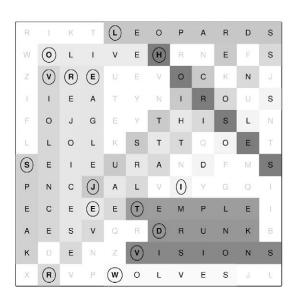
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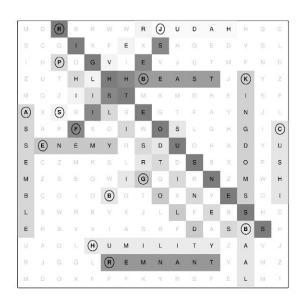
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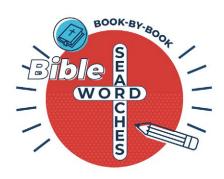


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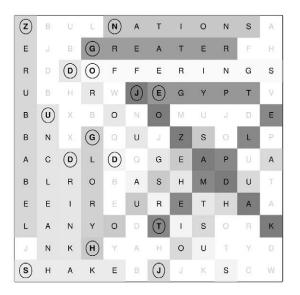


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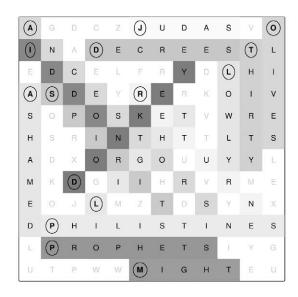




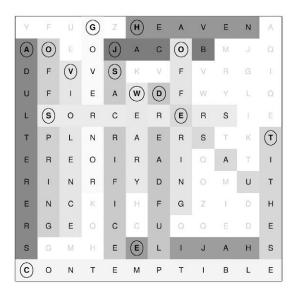
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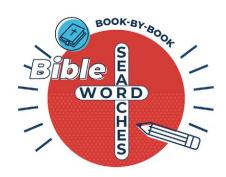


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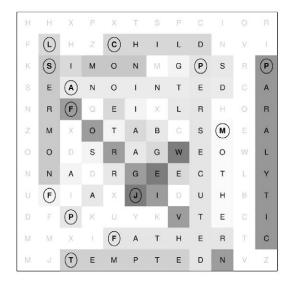


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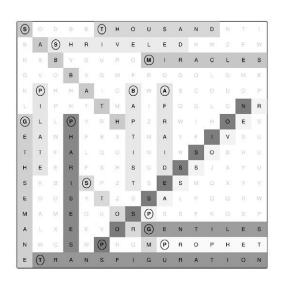




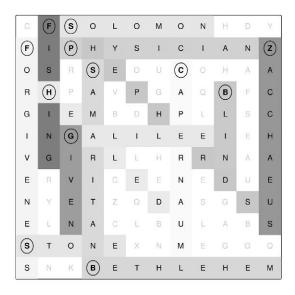
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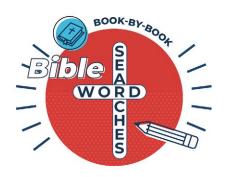


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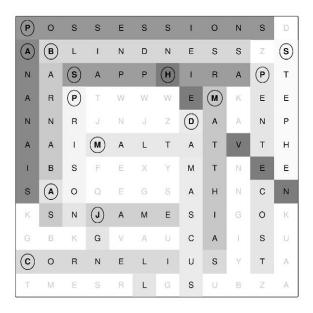


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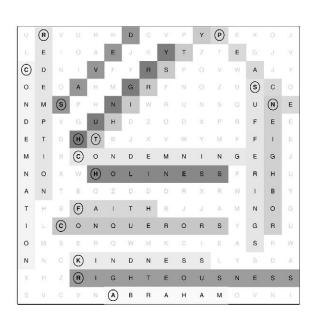
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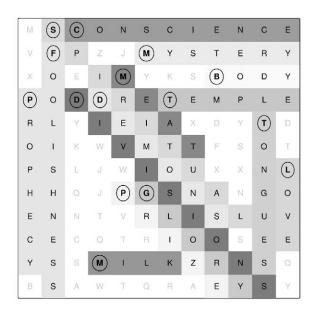
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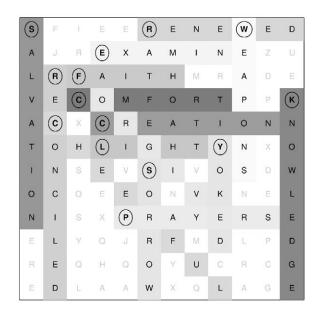
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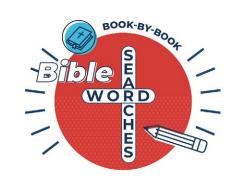


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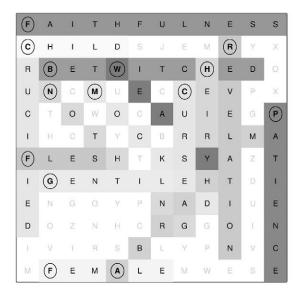


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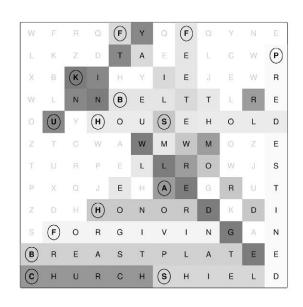




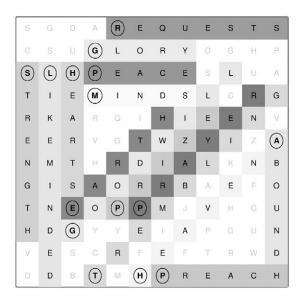
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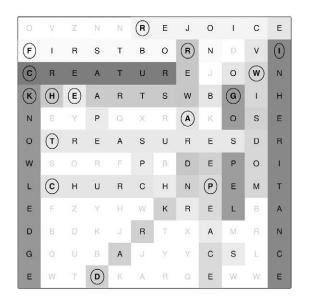
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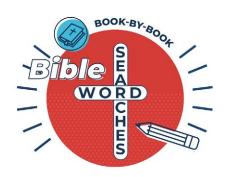


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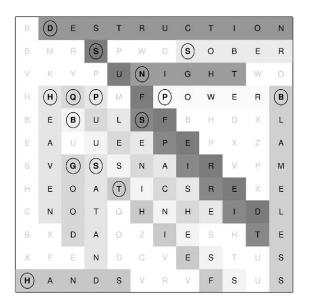


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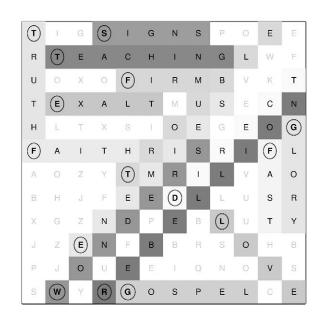




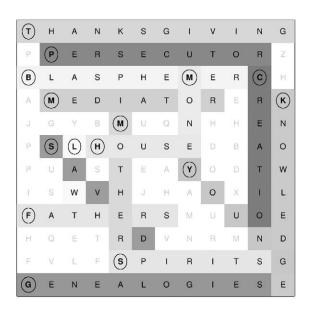
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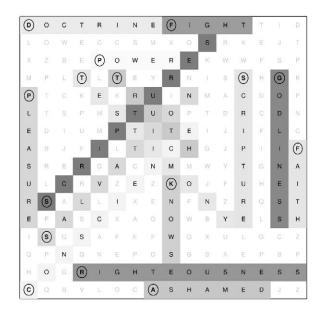
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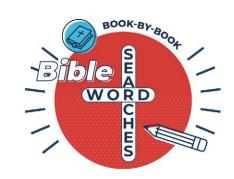


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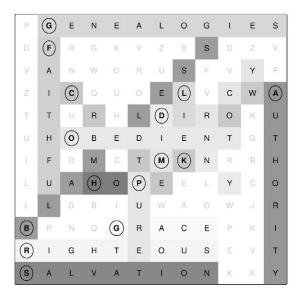


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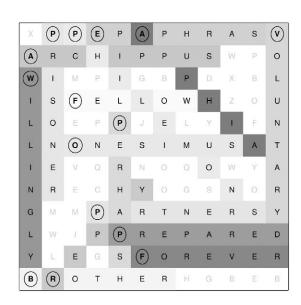




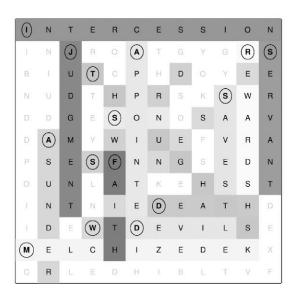
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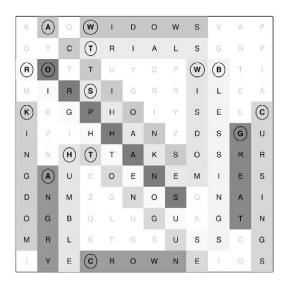
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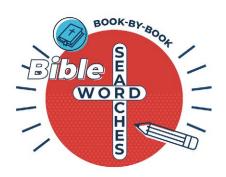


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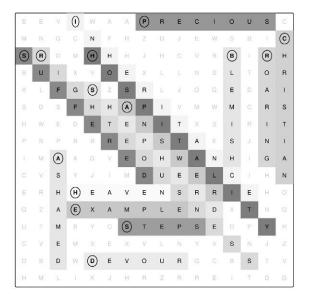


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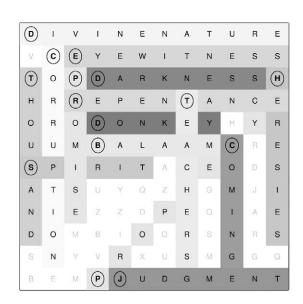




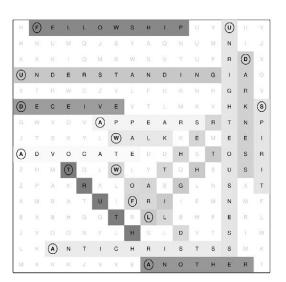
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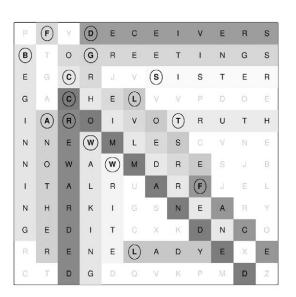
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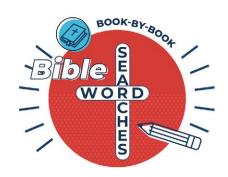


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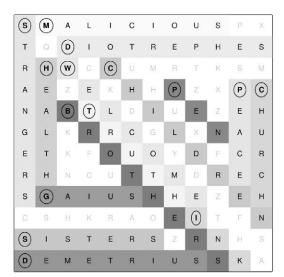


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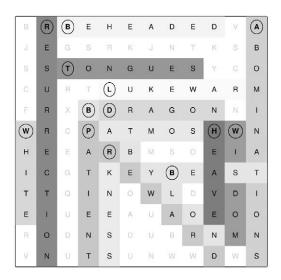
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## Revelation



## DEUTEROCANONICAL BOOKS







## ORDER IN THE BIBLE



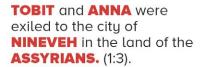




Immediately following Nehemiah in Catholic Bibles. Tobit

## **OVERVIEW**

After the Assyrians conquered the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 722 BC, Tobit along with his wife Anna and his son Tobias were exiled from their home in Galilee and settled in the city of Nineveh. In exile, Tobit's faith is tested, especially after he loses his sight when a bird's droppings strike his face. Tobit's lament is paralleled by Sarah's sadness after having lost seven husbands in succession at the hands of a demon. The angel, Raphael, intervenes and restores joy to both Tobit and Sarah by exorcising the demon and bringing Tobias and Sarah together in marriage. The book of Tobit is a historical book that demonstrates God's faithfulness in periods of exile and lament, encouraging God's people to praise Him and trust in His goodness even in times of trial.



Tobit belonged to the Jewish tribe of **NAPHTALI** (1:5).

**SARAH** had been married seven times, each of her husbands killed by the demon **ASMODEUS** before each marriage was consummated (3:8).

Sarah was the daughter of **RAGUEL** and she was given in marriage to Tobit's and Anna's son, **TOBIAS** (3:17).

The angel **RAPHAEL** appeared to Tobias in a disguise to guide him (5:4).

In disguise, the angel Raphael was known by the name **AZARIAH** (9:1).

Tobit was **BLIND** but recovered his sight when he acknowledged God's mercies (11:17).

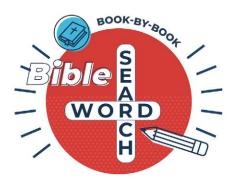


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After Tobit and Anna died, Tobias and Sarah returned to **MEDIA** and settled in **ECBATANA** (14:12).

Before Tobit died he saw the destruction of Nineveh and saw the prisoners who'd been taken captive by King CYAXARES freed (14:15).



## JUDITH



ORDER IN THE BIBLE Second book of the Jewish Apocrypha, Following Tobit







DATE WRITTEN: 593 BC – unknown

## **OVERVIEW**

The book of Judith is best recognized as a Jewish novella, written by an unknown author. This book is a work of historical fiction, its fictitious aspect evident from the start when the two major kingdoms that threatened Israel are conflated as Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, is described as one who "ruled over the Assyrians" (1:1). While it is unknown if a figure such as Judith truly lived, she emerges as the story's heroine who seeks God's will, who takes advantage of a foreign general's lust for her, and overcomes him with the Lord's aid. The choice of a heroine, rather than a male hero which would have been a more likely choice for the time period, demonstrates that anyone called by the Lord who remained faithful and sought His wisdom could inspire and lead the nation of Israel.

King **NEBUCHADNEZZAR** and his general **HOLOFERNES**, of the ASSYRIAN army, threatened the people of Israel (2:4; 4:1-3).

Israel's High Priest, **JOAKIM**, wrote to the people of **BETHULIA** and Betomesthiam to prepare them for war (4:6).

**ACHIOR** teaches Holofernes about the faith of Israel (5:5).

**JUDITH** was beautiful and rich, but it was her fear of God and great **DEVOTION** that defined her integrity (8:7-8).

Judith sought God's wisdom, prostrating herself and covering herself with **SACKCLOTH** and **ASHES** (9:1).

Judith **BEHEADED**Holofernes after he rejected her appeal on behalf of Israel and praying that God would give her strength (13:6-9).

"Listen to me. I am about to do something that will go down through all **GENERATIONS** of our descendants" (8:32).



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"For strength does not depend on numbers, nor your might on the powerful. But you are the God of the lowly, **HELPER** of the oppressed, upholder of the weak, **PROTECTOR** of the forsaken, **SAVIOR** of those without hope" (9:11). For every **SACRIFICE** as a fragrant offering is a small thing, and the fat of all whole burnt offerings to you is a very little thing; but whoever **FEARS** the Lord is great forever" (16:16).



## BARUCH



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Between Lamentations
and Ezekiel in
Catholic Bibles



Baruch, Jeremiah's Scribe



## **OVERVIEW**

Baruch examines Israel's past sins in the light of exile which, according to the book, was the just punishment following from the covenant cureses that came upon God's people on account of their faithlessness. The book offers God's people a way forward in the light of a broken past: confess your sins and return to God. Baruch places a great deal of emphasis on prayer as a necessary habit to inculcate righteousness in the hearts of a repentant people.



#### Circle the **BOLD** words in the puzzle.

The book of **BARUCH** was written in **BABYLON** in the fifth year of the **EXILE** (1:1).

Baruch read the words of this book to **JECONIAH** son of Jehoiakim, king of **JUDAH**, and to other nobles and elders who gathered to hear it (1:3-4).

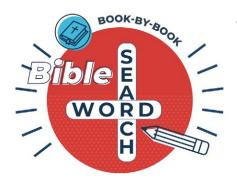
Baruch returned the **VESSELS** which King **NEBUCHADNEZZAR** of Babylon had taken away from the **TEMPLE** in Jerusalem (1:8-9).

The exile was considered a judgment against Israel's unfaithful **JUDGES** and **KINGS** (2:1).

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Wisdom appeared and lived with humankind in the form of the book of the **COMMANDMENTS** of God, the law that endures **FOREVER** (3:27-4:1).

"For God will lead Israel with JOY, in the light of his GLORY, with the MERCY and righteousness that comes from him" (5:9).



## WISDOM OF SOLOMON



#### **ORDER IN THE BIBLE**

Additions to the Hebrew book included within the Jewish Apocrypha in Roman Catholic and Orthodox Bibles.



#### Unknown Jewish Author



486-464 BC

## OVERVIEW

While the book is not written by Solomon—as even ancient believers recognized—the book of Solomon sought to apply Solomonic wisdom to Israel's entire history. Like Proverbs, also widely attributed to Solomon, the book of Wisdom regularly contrasts polar opposites: good from evil, wisdom from foolishness, and especially justice from wickedness. The book places a great deal of emphasis on God's transcendence as the author of all creation. Recognizing this fact, and our place relative to God's eternity, is the beginning of wisdom.



#### Circle the **BOLD** words in the puzzle.

"Love **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, you rulers of the earth, think of the Lord in goodness and seek him with sincerity of heart" (1:1).

"For God created us for **INCORRUPTION**, and made us in the image of his own **ETERNITY**" (2:23).

"But the souls of the righteous are in the **HAND** of God, and no **TORMENT** will ever touch them" (3:1).

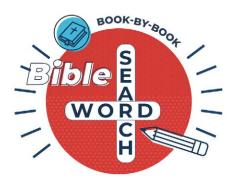
"What good has ARROGANCE profited us? And what good has our boasted **WEALTH** brought us?" (5:8).

"WISDOM is RADIANT and UNFADING, and she is easier discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who SEEK her" (6:12).

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"The beginning of wisdom is the most **SINCERE** desire for **INSTRUCTION**" (6:17).

"For wickedness is a **COWARDLY** thing, condemned by its own **TESTIMONY**, distressed by conscience, it has always exaggerated the difficulties" (17:11).



## ECCLESIASTICUS/ SIRACH





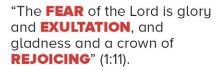




## **OVERVIEW**

Ecclesiasticus, or Sirach, is an anthology or collection of short sayings or sections dealing with issues pertaining to godly wisdom. It was widely referenced by early Christians and praised for its wisdom and practical advice on many topics. Sirach is also widely considered a valuable resource for understanding the world of second temple Judaism and the world in which Jesus lived.

"All **WISDOM** is from the Lord, and with him it **REMAINS** forever" (Sirach 1:1).



"My child, when you come to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for **TESTING**" (2:1).

"Those who honor the **FATHER** atone for sins, and those who respect their **MOTHER** are like those who lay up treasure. Those who honor their father will have joy in their own **CHILDREN**" (3:3-5).

"Do not rely on your **WEALTH**, or say, 'I have enough'" (5:1).

"Do not hesitate to visit the **SICK**, because for such deeds you will be loved" (7:35).

"The wisdom of the **HUMBLE** lifts their heads high, and seats them among the great" (11:1).



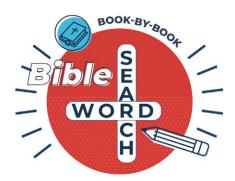
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"He who lives forever created the whole **UNIVERSE**; the Lord alone is **JUST**" (18:1).

"While I was still **YOUNG**, before I went on my travels, I sought wisdom openly in my **PRAYER**" (51:13)

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## 1 MACCABEES



#### ORDER IN THE BIBLE

1 and 2 Maccabees occur at the end of the historical books of the Old Testament, ust before Job, in Catholic Bibles.



#### Unknown, Educated Jew



DATE WRITTEN: 332-104 BC

## **OVERVIEW**

As a result of the conquests of Alexander the Great, a project known as hellenization—the spread of Greek culture—was enacted throughout Alexander's empire. As a result a number of threats, including political leaders, rose up and threatened the Jewish people and their faith. At the time God rose up the Maccabees as champions against those who were hostile to their faith and preserved the Jewish people in the light of foreign threats.



Antiochus Epiphanes forbade burnt **OFFERINGS**, the observance of **SABBATHS**, and **CIRCUMCISION** (1:41-49).

A priest named

MATTATHIAS encouraged
the Jews to exercise passive
RESISTANCE against
Antiochus (2:1-69).

Judas **MACCABEUS** was a mighty warrior and was appointed to command the army and fight for the people against the **GENTILES** (2:65-68).

Judas was called Maccabeus, which means HAMMER (3:1). Judas established an alliance with ROME (8:17).



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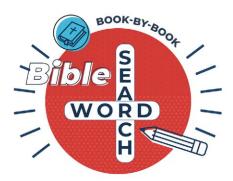
**JONATHAN** succeeded Judas, his older brother, as the leader of the Jewish people (9:31).

When **BACCHIDES** learned that Jonathan had risen to succeed Judas he sought to kill him (9:32).

King **ALEXANDER** honored Jonathan for his leadership (10:88).

**SIMO**N succeeded Jonathan and stood up against the deceit and trickery of **TRYPHO** (13:14).

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## 2 MACCABEES



#### ORDER IN THE BIBLE

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1 and 2 Maccabees occur at the end of the historical books of the Old Testament, just before Job, in Catholic Bibles.

## **OVERVIEW**

2 Maccabees is not a continuation of 1 Maccabees. Rather, it offers a parallel account of the events reported in 1 Maccabees 1-7. The book accounts a time when the Jewish people were greatly divided over the future course of their nation as a people of God. Many believed that it was to their advantage to embrace certain aspects of Greek culture and belief while other Jews believed such compromise equaled apostasy. It was also a time when God raised up great leaders to guide His people during such a difficult period and to overcome foreign threats and enemies.

Jason reminds his readers that the Lord blessed the Temple by sending **FIRE** from heaven to consume the offerings of both **DAVID** and **SOLOMON** (2:10-12).

**MENELAUS** outbids **JASON** to the king in order to secure the High **PRIESTHOOD** for himself (4:13-24).

2 Maccabees tells the story of **JUDAS** Maccabeus and his brothers, and the **PURIFICATION** of the great temple, and the dedication of the altar (2:19).

With Menelaus' help, **ANTIOCHUS** entered the holy of holies and **DESECRATED** the temple (5:15-19).

Judas Maccabeus and nine others retreated into the **WILDERNESS** to that they would not be corrupted or **DEFILED** by what was happening in **JERUSALEM** (5:27).



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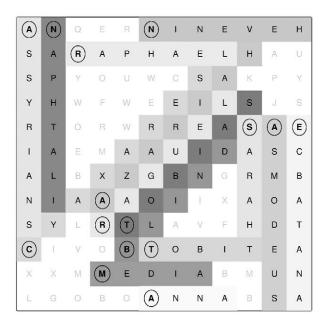
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**ELEAZAR** became a martyr, "leaving in his death an example of nobility and a memorial of courage, not only to the young but to the great body of his nation" (6:31).

**NIANCOR** and his troops advanced with trumpets and battle songs, but Judas and his troops met the enemy in battle with invocations to God and prayers (15:25).

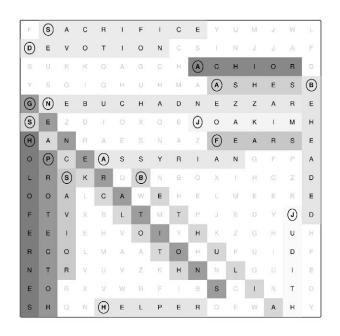
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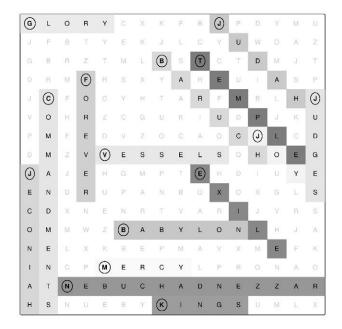


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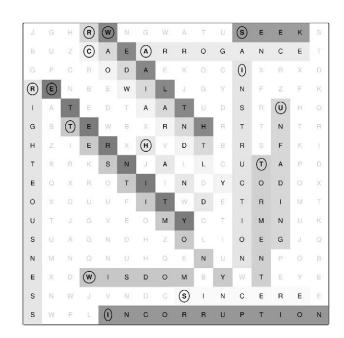
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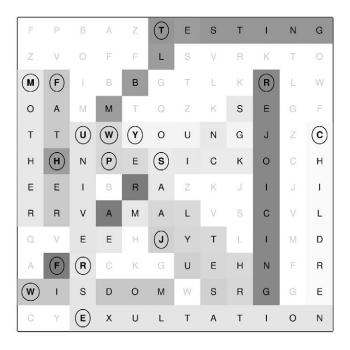


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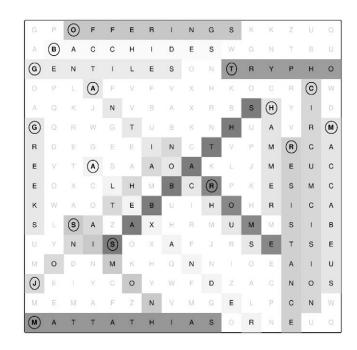




## **Ecclesiasticus/Sirach**



### 1 Maccabees



#### 2 Maccabees

