

Joshua

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Theme: Conquest of Canaan
Author: Joshua
Date: 14th century B.C.

This book bears the name of its author, Joshua, who led the Israelites into Canaan. It tells of Israel's conquest of the Promised Land. Interwoven with its historical narrative, the Book of Joshua illustrates the believer's victory in Christ. As the Israelites were delivered out of Egypt into the Promised Land, so our salvation is both, out of bondage to sin, and into a new life in Christ. The book of Joshua describes how the believer may attain victory in his walk and in his spiritual warfare.

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1 Kings

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Theme: Division and decay of the kingdom
Author: Unknown
Date: 6th Century B.C.

Major topics included in the book of 1 Kings are King Solomon's reign, details of building the temple, the division of Israel into the Northern Kingdom (Israel) under King Jeroboam and the Southern Kingdom (Judah) under King Rehoboam, the ministry of Elijah, and the reign of King Ahab. Originally, the books of 1 and 2 Kings were one book.

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2 Kings

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Theme: The divided kingdom and captivity
Author: Unknown
Date: Sixth century B.C.

The book of 2 Kings covers a total of 250 years, including the reigns of the last 12 kings of Israel and the last 16 kings of Judah. It records God's punishment upon Israel and Judah because of their back-sliding away from God and disobedience to His commands. The Northern Kingdom, Israel, fell to the Assyrians in 721 B.C. Judah was taken captive by the Babylonians in 586 B.C. Also recorded is Elijah's translation to heaven without dying. Elisha, his successor, was given a double portion of God's Spirit, enabling him to perform many miracles.

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1 Chronicles

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Theme: Genealogy and history
Author: Unknown
Date: 5th century B.C.

The books of 1 and 2 Chronicles repeat much of the history of 2 Samuel and 1 and 2 Kings from the priest and God's relationship with His people perspective. The first nine chapters contain an extensive genealogy of the patriarchs and the 12 sons of Israel. Chapter 10 relates details about Saul's last days and his death. The rest of the book describes King David's reign over the nation of Israel.

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2 Chronicles

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Theme: Reign of King Solomon and history of Judah
Author: Unknown
Date: Probably written during Babylonian captivity

The books of 1 and 2 Chronicles formed one book in the Old Hebrew canon and presents the priest and God's relationship with His people perspective. The first nine chapters of 2 Chronicles relate events during King Solomon's reign with a detailed description of the building and dedication of the temple. The remainder of the book continues the history of Judah (the Southern Kingdom), the reign of King Rehoboam, the destruction of the capital city, Jerusalem, and the nation's captivity under Nebuchadnezzar. The revival under King Hezekiah is given much importance.

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Esther

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Theme: God's care for His people
Author: Unknown
Date: 5th Century B.C.

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The book records events that occurred during the Jews' captivity in Persia. Esther, a Jewish maiden who became Queen of Persia, was used by God to deliver her people from death. The name of God is never mentioned in the Book of Esther, but God's care for His people is undeniably demonstrated throughout the book.

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Job

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Theme: The problem of suffering
Author: Unknown
Date: Unknown, probably first book of the Bible written

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Job, a righteous man who may have been a contemporary of the patriarchs, lived in the land of Uz before the nation of Israel came into existence. With God's permission, he was severely afflicted by Satan. Job lost his possessions, family and health. His life, however, was preserved because Satan could not proceed beyond the boundary God had set for him. The great question of the book is, "Why do the righteous suffer?" Through his experiences, Job was brought to utter subjection to and dependence on God, as well as a new understanding of God's holiness and power.

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Psalms

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Theme: Rejoicing and praise
Author: David and others
Date: 10th century B.C. to approximately sixth century B.C.

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The Psalms, Israel's prayer and praise book, consist of five books with each ending in a doxology. The Psalms have been a source of comfort and encouragement to believers of all ages. Great themes of the Psalms include: Messianic prophecies, the law, creation, Israel's future events and God's love and concern for all His children. As God's truths are revealed in the Psalms, they are expressed in terms of human experiences.

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Jeremiah

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Theme: Warnings and predictions to Judah
Author: Jeremiah
Date: 7th century B.C.

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The book of Jeremiah contains warnings and appeals to the Kingdom of Judah. "Unless you repent of your sins," Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, warned the people, "Jerusalem will be destroyed, and you will be carried away captive into Babylon." Because of his unpopular message, Jeremiah was persecuted and imprisoned by his own people. Jeremiah also predicted that the 12 tribes of Israel would return to their land in the end times and Christ would be Israel's King during the Millennium (Jeremiah 23:5-8).

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Lamentations

Theme: Jeremiah's lament for all Israel
 Author: Jeremiah
 Date: 6th century B.C.

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Jeremiah's sorrow for Jerusalem shows the Lord's love and concern for the very people He is chastening. Each of the five chapters is a separate poem of mourning and sorrow for the afflicted nation of Israel. Each poem in the original writings, except chapter three, has 22 verses. Each begins with one of the 22 different letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

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Joel

Theme: Prediction of the Day of the Lord
 Author: Joel
 Date: 9th or 8th century B.C.

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Joel predicts the coming day of the lord (the Great Tribulation) with its judgments on the Gentiles and the final restoration of Israel. The Apostle Peter quotes from chapter one of the Book of Joel in his sermon on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2).

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Jonah

Theme: God's mercy
 Author: Unknown (possibly Jonah)
 Date: 9th century B.C.

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Although at first he disobeyed God, Jonah occupies a unique place in his nation's history as the first foreign missionary. Because of his preaching, the people of Nineveh, Israel's avowed enemy, repented of their sins, and God's judgment upon them was postponed. The book of Jonah portrays an impartial, merciful God who intervenes supernaturally in the lives of men and the affairs of nations. In the gospels, Christ compared His burial and resurrection to Jonah's three-day experience in the belly of the fish.

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John

Theme: Christ, the Son of God
 Author: Apostle John
 Date: AD. 85-90

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The gospel of John emphasizes the teachings of Christ and how to become a child of God, rather than relating the events of Jesus' life. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name (20:31). Jesus is presented as the Messiah, the Word made flesh and the Son of God. Believe is the key word. The book closes with an account of His death, resurrection and last instructions to Christ's disciples.

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1 Corinthians

Theme: Christian conduct
 Author: Paul
 Date: AD. 59

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The apostle Paul established the Corinthian church, which was made up of believers unusually blessed with the gifts of the Spirit. But they were also a backslidden people, and the church was carnal. Although the Christians were secure in their faith, there were divisions and contentions, disorders at the Lord's table and even immorality in their church. Paul rebukes them for their sins. Other special topics include: rewards and losses (3:11-15), love (chapter 13) and the resurrection (chapter 15).

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2 Corinthians

Theme: Paul's apostolic authority
 Author: Paul
 Date: AD. 60

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Paul was very burdened for the Corinthian church, and he wrote this letter less than a year after completing 1 Corinthians. The Corinthian believers were now questioning Paul's sincerity and apostolic authority. In this personal letter, Paul defends his apostolic authority and demonstrates his love and concern for the Corinthians. Chapter 5 details the Christian's motivation for serving Christ.

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1 Thessalonians

Theme: Christ's return
 Author: Paul
 Date: AD. 54

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First Thessalonians was written from Corinth and is the first of Paul's writings. Even though the apostle had only ministered with them a few weeks, the Thessalonian believers were faithfully living for Jesus Christ in spite of great persecution. The Thessalonians, though, were confused about the order of events at the Rapture and how it would affect those who had already died in the lord.

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2 Thessalonians

Theme: The Day of the Lord
 Author: Paul
 Date: A.D. 54

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Although 1 Thessalonians had only recently been written, there was urgent need for a second letter. The Thessalonian believers, possibly through a forged letter attributed to Paul, feared that the Day of Christ had already come and that they were living in the "Day of the Lord" or the Tribulation period. Paul explains what will happen in the "Day of Christ" in relation to the "Day of the Lord." He encouraged the Thessalonian believers to stand firm in their Christian faith. He also instructed those who persisted in idleness and were living disorderly lives.

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Hebrews

Theme: Warnings and encouragement
 Author: While the writer is unknown, many believe that it was the apostle Paul
 Date: A.D. 64

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Although primarily addressed to the Jewish Christians of that day, the book of Hebrews is for all believers today. Its main purposes are to demonstrate that Christianity is not a mixture of Judaism and the gospel (Judaism with its ceremonial animal sacrifices could never take away sins.); to warn believers against lapsing back into Judaism and to exhort believers against neglecting their salvation. Many warnings are given to believers not to shrink back, through unbelief or slothfulness, into their former beliefs and practices. Rather, through faith and confidence in the perfect sacrifice of Christ, they are admonished to go forward into Christian maturity and usefulness. Like the Children of Israel, it is possible for believers today to spend a lifetime wandering in the wilderness. They may fall into sin to such an extent that it brings God's hand of chastisement upon them. Hebrews, however, contains some of the most encouraging promises in all the Word concerning the completed work of Calvary and the believer's security in Christ. Hebrews 11 lists the heroes of faith.

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2 Peter

Theme: Faithfulness to Christ
 Author: Peter
 Date: A.D. 66

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Peter was awaiting martyrdom. He warns Christian believers that false teachers and scoffers will come and seek to lead them astray, but believers must stand faithful to Christ and reject their godless errors. Because of the imminent return of Christ, Peter admonishes Christians to godly living.

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