

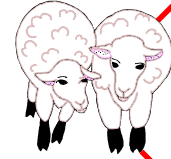
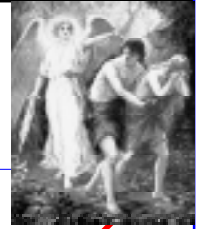
THE BIBLE IN TIME-OF-WRITING SEQUENCE

WRITTEN BOOK		KEY CONTENT		
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OLD TESTAMENT	2000	<i>Genesis</i> <i>Job</i> <i>Exodus</i>	Beginnings: Creation, Fall, Noah, Flood, Babel, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Israel, 12 Tribes, Joseph in Egypt The problem of pain: Job's troubles, Cry, debate with critics, God responds, Job's restoration Redemption: Slavery in Egypt, Moses, Judgement, Deliverance from Egypt, The Law, Tabernacle	
	1500	<i>Leviticus</i> <i>Numbers</i> <i>Deuteronomy</i>	Holy Living: Offerings, Priesthood, Laws, Feasts, Priest's duties, Things clean & unclean, Times & seasons Pilgrimage of Israel: Census, Complaints, Rebellion, Wanderings in desert, New generation, Joshua Remembrance: Review of Israel's history, Law reviewed, Looking over Jordan, Death of Moses	
	1400	<i>Joshua</i> <i>Judges</i>	Victory: Spying the land, Entering Caanan, Conquest of Caananites, Division and settling of land by tribe Folly of forsaking God: Israel's besetting sin, Rule under judges, Sow/Reap, Appendix of corruption	
	1100	<i>Ruth</i> <i>I Samuel</i> <i>II Samuel</i>	Virtuous woman: Ruth enters Naomi's family, Flight to Moab, Return, Service, Ruth is redeemed by Boaz Israel comes of age: Eli and priesthood fail, Samuel teaches, Saul fails as king, David-God's choice David's rise: David's reign as king, glory of Israel, David's great sin, Absalom's rebellion against David	
	1000	<i>Psalms</i> <i>I Kings</i> <i>I Chronicles</i> <i>Song of Solomon</i>	The way to pray: Israel, Meditations, Historical recitals, Prophecy, Man's heart revealed, God's word Israel's Sunset: David's death, Reign of King Solomon, Glory of Israel, Divided Kingdom-Israel & Judah Priest's perspective: Chronology of Judah's kings, Jewish genealogies, Royal line, Review of David's reign Art of adoration: Love story-Christ & Church, King finds woman, She loses him, She finds him forever	
	900	<i>Proverbs</i> <i>Ecclesiastes</i> <i>II Chronicles</i> <i>II Kings</i>	Behavior of believer: Wisdom versus folly, Advice for daily life: Riches, Children, Wisdom, Foolishness Folly of forgetting God: The "good life," The vanity of it all, Complaints, Solomon's conclusions Chronicles of Judah's kings: Throne of David, Temple of Solomon, Persians let Jews return to Israel Divided kingdom: Struggle, Assyria's captivity of Israel, Babylonian captivity of Judah, Jerusalem sacked	
	800	<i>Obadiah</i> <i>Joel</i> <i>Jonah</i> <i>Hosea</i> <i>Amos</i>	Anti-Semitism judged: Edom's doom foretold, Judged over hate of Israel, Israel's triumph predicted Prophet of Plague: Famine in Israel because of sin, Enemies coming, Promise of eventual deliverance The unwilling prophet: Jonah disobedience, Swallowed by leviathan, Turns, Preaches to Nineveh, Revival Broken hearts & homes: Sins of his own wife & children, Restoration by the husband-Israel warned "Back Woodsman" speaks out: Woes for neighboring nations, Physical & political disaster for Israel	
	700	<i>Micah</i> <i>Isaiah</i> <i>Zephaniah</i> <i>Nahum</i> <i>Habakkuk</i> <i>Jeremiah</i>	Tale of two cities: Sins of people, princes, prophets, priests, Restoration promised, Plea for repentance God's evangelist: Wretched state of Judah & nations, Song of God's favor, Messiah to bring future peace Royal prophet: God determined to judge, The coming Day of the Lord, Israel's repentance & redemption Nineveh's doom: God's judgement on prosperous Nineveh described, The city's fierceness, filthiness, fall Prophet with a problem: Confusion over God's permitting wickedness, God can be trusted, Faith wins	
	600	<i>Lamentations</i> <i>Daniel</i> <i>Ezekiel</i> <i>Ezra</i>	Weeping prophet: Signs of Judah's great sin, Future of Jerusalem described, Prophecies against nations Poetic dirge: Desolation, Defeat, Destruction of Jerusalem predicted, Jeremiah's lament over Jerusalem God's Saint & Seer: Testing Daniel in Babylon, Triumph, 70 year captivity, end days described, Anti-Christ The exile: Prophecies about fall of Judah & Jerusalem & surrounding nations, Israel's eventual regathering Rebuilding: Return of Jewish remnant to Jerusalem, Rebuilding temple walls, Restoring temple worship	
	500	<i>Esther</i> <i>Haggai</i> <i>Zechariah</i> <i>Nehemiah</i> <i>Malachi</i>	Plot to exterminate the Jews: Esther as Queen, Plot by Haman, Mordecai's dedication, Deliverance First things first: A call to rebuild God's temple, A call to live for God and hope in Him for their future Looking ahead: Visions of coming kingdoms, Messiah predicted, Need for fasting, their coming King Revival: Completing the walls of Jerusalem, Consecrating the people, Repentance & rededication Gathering gloom: God's complaint against Israel, The nation's sins, He will judge sin, Saints rewarded	
	400 Yr. "Silent Period"-Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, Sanhedrin, Synagogue, Jewish Dispersion, Greek Language, Roman Empire			
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	NEW TESTAMENT	50	<i>Matthew</i> <i>Mark</i> <i>Luke</i> <i>Acts</i>	Behold thy King: His genealogy & purpose, The King is revealed, resisted, rejected, raised from the dead Behold My Servant: The Servant's work, words, ways, and wisdom; He gives His life in sacrifice for us Behold the Man: God's Man comes to earth, His work, His adversaries, His trial, death, and triumph The Church triumphant: Simon Peter transformed, Stephen the martyr, Saul/Paul spreads Gospel
		55	<i>James</i> <i>I Thessalonians</i> <i>II Thessalonians</i> <i>Galatians</i>	Belief that behaves: Christian testings, Marks of true faith, the Bible, exhortation to live your faith Christ is coming: Paul's credentials, Prophecies about last days, Lord's return, How then should we live Apostasy will rise: The coming lie, Anti-Christ described, End of time, Lord's return, Believers warned Christian liberty: Distortions of the Gospel, Justification by faith not works, Combating "Judaizers"
		60	<i>I Corinthians</i> <i>II Corinthians</i> <i>Romans</i> <i>Ephesians</i> <i>Philippians</i> <i>Colossians</i>	Order in the church: Church divisions, Moral disorders, Worship, Gifts, Disbelief about the Resurrection Paul's apostolic ministry: Paul's commission and motives, His converts, His critics, Principles of giving Justification by faith: All guilty including Israel, Righteousness apart from law, The faith lived out Higher Ground: The mystery of the "Body of Christ" the Church, Arming for victory over the darkness Rejoice: Paul's triumphs, His victories in prison, Knowing Christ, Peace of the Christian, Gospel supreme Sufficiency of Christ: Christ's supremacy & deity, The cults, Expose the lie, Christian Living in truth
		65	<i>Philemon</i> <i>I Timothy</i> <i>I Peter</i> <i>Hebrews</i>	Friendship: A personal letter by Paul on behalf of a friend, Praise, Plea, and Pledge on his behalf Discipleship: Doctrine & behavior in the church, Duties & order, Warnings about riches, Call to witness Grace: The meaning of grace, The results of grace, Salvation, Scripture, Separation, Shepherding, Satan Priesthood of Christ: The superiority of the person, priesthood and power of Christ, a better covenant Church Order: Naming of Church elders, operations, organization, government, Combating error
		75	<i>Titus</i> <i>II Timothy</i> <i>II Peter</i> <i>Jude</i> <i>I John</i> <i>II John</i> <i>III John</i>	Our Call: Times of testing, The call and character of a "soldier of Christ," The coming apostasy Walking with God: False teachers, Inspiration of scripture, Doom of heretics, second coming of Christ Apostasy unmasked: False teachers described, Believers warned to keep the faith, Supremacy of Bible Walking in the light: Contrast of light and dark, Fellowship with God & His people, Experiencing the life Warnings about heresy: Walking in the truth of Christ's commandments, Avoid false teachers & doctrine Faithfulness to believers: Personal letter about travelling teachers and hospitality, Repudiating pride
		95	<i>John</i> <i>Revelation</i>	Behold your God: His credentials, His Deity, His miracle power, His secrets, Rejection, Resurrection Future Unveiled: Jesus directs Church on earth, Tribulation, Christ's return, Millennium, Eternity, Glory
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THE BIBLE IN BOOK ORDER

OLD TESTAMENT

	BOOK	SUBJECT	SWEEP		
THE LAW	<i>Genesis</i>	Beginnings	<i>Creation, Fall of man, Primevil history, Flood, God selects a people of promise-Israel, Land, Law, Priesthood given.</i>		
	<i>Exodus</i>	Redemption			
	<i>Leviticus</i>	Holy Living			
	<i>Numbers</i>	Pilgrimage of Israel			
	<i>Deuteronomy</i>	Remembrance			
	HISTORY	<i>Joshua</i>		Victory	<i>Israel settles the land of Caanan, Judges rule, Kings rule, Glory of Irael, Sin & decline, Divisions, Captivity, Remnant returns to Jerusalem.</i>
		<i>Judges</i>		Folly of forsaking God	
		<i>Ruth</i>		Virtuous woman	
		<i>I Samuel</i>		Israel comes of age	
		<i>II Samuel</i>		David's rise	
<i>I Kings</i>		Israel's Sunset			
<i>II Kings</i>		Divided kingdom			
<i>I Chronicles</i>		Priest's perspective			
<i>II Chronicles</i>		Chronicles of Judah's kings			
<i>Ezra</i>		Rebuilding			
POETRY	<i>Nehemiah</i>	Revival	<i>Righteous sufferings, Timeless wisdom, Prayer, Praise, God's abiding love for His people.</i>		
	<i>Esther</i>	Plot to exterminate the Jews			
	<i>Job</i>	The problem of pain			
	<i>Psalms</i>	The way to pray			
MAJOR PROPHETS	<i>Proverbs</i>	Behavior of believer	<i>Idolatry in Israel, Continuous calls to repent, Warnings of judgement, Fall & destruction, Prophecies of rise & rebirth.</i>		
	<i>Ecclesiastes</i>	Folly of forgetting God			
	<i>Song of Solomon</i>	Art of adoration			
	<i>Isaiah</i>	God's evangelist			
	<i>Jeremiah</i>	Weeping prophet			
	<i>Lamentations</i>	Poetic dirge			
MINOR PROPHETS	<i>Ezekiel</i>	The exile	<i>Sin in Israel and Judah, Calls to repent, Destruction described, Exile & dispersion of Jews, Regathering, Rebuilding of temple, False religion condemned, Promise of a coming glorious and powerful Messiah.</i>		
	<i>Daniel</i>	God's Saint & Seer			
	<i>Hosea</i>	Broken hearts & homes			
	<i>Joel</i>	Prophet of Plague			
	<i>Amos</i>	"Backwoodsman" speaks			
	<i>Obadiah</i>	Anti-Semitism judged			
	<i>Jonah</i>	The unwilling prophet			
	<i>Micah</i>	Tale of two cities			
	<i>Nahum</i>	Nineveh's doom			
	<i>Habakkuk</i>	Prophet with a problem			
NEW TESTAMENT	<i>Zephaniah</i>	Royal prophet	<i>400 Yr. "Silent Period"-Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, Sanhedrin, Synagogue, Jewish Dispersion, Greek Language</i>		
	<i>Haggai</i>	First things first			
	<i>Zechariah</i>	Looking ahead			
	<i>Malachi</i>	Gathering gloom			
	GOSPELS	<i>Matthew</i>		Behold thy King	<i>Israel's Messiah revealed as suffering servant, Rejected, Put to death</i>
		<i>Mark</i>		Behold My Servant	
		<i>Luke</i>		Behold the Man	
<i>John</i>		Behold your God			
ACTS & EPISTLES	<i>Acts</i>	The Church triumphant	<i>The Holy Spirit comes to indwell all believers and spread the message of the Gospel to all the ends of the earth.</i>		
	<i>Romans</i>	Justification by faith			
	<i>I Corinthians</i>	Order in the church			
	<i>II Corinthians</i>	Paul's apostolic ministry			
	<i>Galatians</i>	Christian liberty			
	<i>Ephesians</i>	Higher Ground			
	<i>Philippians</i>	Rejoice			
	<i>Colossians</i>	Sufficiency of Christ			
	<i>I Thessalonians</i>	Christ is coming			
	<i>II Thessalonians</i>	Apostasy will rise			
	<i>I Timothy</i>	Discipleship			
	<i>II Timothy</i>	Our Call			
	<i>Titus</i>	Church Order			
	<i>Philemon</i>	Friendship			
	<i>Hebrews</i>	Priesthood of Christ			
<i>James</i>	Belief that behaves				
PROPHECY	<i>I Peter</i>	Grace	<i>End times, Eternally perfect state.</i>		
	<i>II Peter</i>	Walking with God			
	<i>I John</i>	Walking in the light			
	<i>II John</i>	Warnings about heresy			
	<i>III John</i>	Faithfulness to believers			
	<i>Jude</i>	Apostasy unmasked			
	<i>Revelation</i>	Future Unveiled			



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