



# **GENESIS**

**The book of Genesis is a book of beginnings. In the beginning, God created a perfect world. Sin separated mankind from God and showed that people need a Savior. God called Abraham and promised him that one day his descendants would be God's special people and one day, He would send a Messiah—Jesus—to rescue them.**



# EXODUS

**The book of Exodus is the story of God at work through Moses to rescue His people from bondage. In a greater way, Jesus was sent to rescue us from the bondage of sin. In Exodus the Passover lamb was sacrificed to save the Israelites. Later, Jesus would sacrifice Himself as the final Passover lamb, paying for our sin once and for all.**



# LEVITICUS

**The book of Leviticus details the laws and sacrifices that the Israelites were required to follow to remain in relationship with God. However, people could not fulfill the many laws. Jesus fulfilled the Law and made the final atoning sacrifice for sin. Through Jesus, we can be reconciled to and have a relationship with God.**

# NUMBERS

The book of Numbers records God's relationship with His covenant people. Though God provided for His people and blessed them, they continued to sin and demonstrated the need for a Savior. From the foundation of the world, God's redemptive plan was Jesus. Jesus did not sin, yet He paid the price for our sin, providing reconciliation between God and His people. God has blessed His people through the redemptive work of Jesus.



# DEUTERONOMY

The book of Deuteronomy tells of a prophet who would come from the nation of Israel. Jesus was that prophet. Moses was a good leader, but Jesus is the only perfect Prophet and Priest. Later in the New Testament, Jesus quoted the Book of Deuteronomy to reject Satan's temptations and obey the Lord God.

# JOSHUA

**The book of Joshua is a reminder of God's divine provision for His people.**

**God, as a part of His covenant relationship with the Israelites, chose Joshua to lead the people to enter the promised land and a time of rest. Through Jesus, God has established a new covenant of grace and forgiveness of sin through faith. Jesus will one day lead His people into their inheritance, an eternity with God, and an everlasting rest.**

# **JUDGES**

**The book of Judges highlights the consequences of sin and our need for a Savior. The judges were temporary deliverers rescuing the Israelites from their enemies. Jesus is the sinless deliverer who, through His death on the cross and resurrection, has defeated our enemy, Satan.**

# RUTH

The book of Ruth is a beautiful picture of redemption and grace. God extended grace through Ruth to Naomi and redeemed Ruth and Naomi through Boaz. While Boaz redeemed Naomi and Ruth's earthly inheritance, he could not redeem anyone from sin. God extended grace and redemption by sending His Son, Jesus, to be our Redeemer. He paid the price for our sin and secured our future with God.



# 1 SAMUEL

The book of 1 Samuel tells the story of three powerful leaders in Israel: Samuel, Saul, and David. Through each man and his leadership of Israel, the need for a perfect leader is evident. God's people hoped for a day when a Messiah—the one true King—would rescue them. When Jesus came, He fulfilled God's promise that a perfect Prophet, Priest, and King would rule over His people.

## 2 SAMUEL

The book of 2 Samuel reveals God's covenant promise of a perfect King who would come through the line of David. While David exhibited Kingly qualities of compassion and leadership, he sinned and needed forgiveness. He was not the ultimate King for God's people. His Kingship pointed to the need for a greater King—One who was without sin. Jesus is the almighty, perfect, and sinless King of Kings.

# 1 KINGS

The book of 1 Kings highlights the importance of a King's faithfulness to God. Every human King has disobeyed God and fallen short of God's standards. One day God would send a new King. Jesus is the King of Kings and the only perfectly faithful ruler of God's people.

# 2 KINGS

The book of 2 Kings displays the role of the prophet as a messenger between God and His people. The prophets called the people to repent of their sin and be faithful to God. One day God would send His Son, Jesus, as a new messenger calling people to repentance and faithfulness.

# 1 CHRONICLES

The book of 1 Chronicles expands on God's promise to send a perfect King through the line of David. David's son Solomon built the temple to be the place God dwelled with His people. Jesus is Immanuel—God with us. One day, Jesus will return and God's people will dwell with Him in His Kingdom forever.

# 2 CHRONICLES

The book of 2 Chronicles highlights God's desire to dwell with His people. The temple was a place where God's people could be in His presence to worship and seek forgiveness. However, worship and sacrifices in the temple could not fully restore the relationship between God and His people; people needed a Savior. Jesus is the Savior who restores the relationship, allowing people to dwell in God's presence forever.



# EZRA

**The book of Ezra reflects  
God's desire for the  
restoration and obedience  
of His people. Through Jesus'  
sacrifice, He restores our  
relationship with God.**



# NEHEMIAH

The book of Nehemiah tells of God's faithfulness to complete His work among His people. Through His faithfulness, God sent Jesus to a broken world to restore His people. In His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus overcame challenges and completed His work, forever securing a place for God's people with Him.





# ESTHER

The book of Esther highlights our need for deliverance. Jesus is our deliverer. He came to live a perfect life and die on the cross for our sin. God raised Him from the dead. Jesus delivers us from our old life of sin to a new life changed by His grace and mercy.

# JOB

**The book of Job highlights people's need for a mediator between them and God. Jesus is our mediator and redeemer. Because He suffered on the cross for our sin, Jesus is all-sufficient and our comfort in times of suffering.**



# **PSALMS**

**The book of Psalms reveals our need for a Savior. Psalms includes prophecies about Jesus, the Messiah and Savior. Jesus explained in Luke 24 that the book of Psalms taught people about Him. Psalms highlights our need for salvation and that God, our Redeemer, provides salvation to those who trust in Him.**



# PROVERBS

**The book of Proverbs gives examples of words and actions that believers can follow to practice godly wisdom. Jesus demonstrated God's perfect wisdom in daily life by fulfilling God's standard for right and good living. All wisdom is found in Jesus, the greatest teacher. As we grow in our relationship with Jesus, we can grow in wisdom.**



# ECCLESIASTES

**The book of Ecclesiastes reveals that life apart from God is a life without meaning. Jesus is our reconciler who came to restore our relationship with God. A meaningful life can only be found through faith in Jesus Christ.**

# SONG OF SONGS

The book of Song of Songs reflects God's covenant love for His people.

God wants His people to love Him completely, but sin distracts and deceives people. God, in His perfect and faithful love, sent His Son, Jesus, to redeem and restore people to God. Because of Jesus, we can understand how to love others.



# ISAIAH

**The book of Isaiah foretold the birth, life, death, and glorious reign of Jesus Christ. The Messiah would be born of a virgin, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and suffer for the sin of others. Jesus came to seek and save the lost and establish God's Kingdom on earth.**

# JEREMIAH

The book of Jeremiah reveals God's message to a rebellious and sinful people. Jeremiah shared that salvation for God's people would only come after God's wrath for their sin had been satisfied. Likewise, our salvation can come only after God's wrath for our sin has been satisfied. Jesus experienced God's wrath for our sin when He died on the cross. His death paid for our salvation.



# LAMENTATIONS<sup>!</sup>

The book of Lamentations shows that because God loved Jerusalem and His people, He had to punish their sin. Because God loves us, He punished His beloved Son, Jesus, for our sin so we could be restored to God.



# EZEKIEL

**The book of Ezekiel refers to the prophet Ezekiel as the son of man.**

**Ninety-three times God used this phrase to signify Ezekiel's humanity. Centuries later, Jesus described Himself as the Son of Man, proclaiming that He is fully human and fully God.**

# DANIEL

**The book of Daniel reveals how God rescued His people from physical death. More importantly, God had a plan to rescue people from a greater death—eternal separation from God because of our sin. Jesus is our Savior. Through Him, we are rescued.**

# HOSEA

The book of Hosea reveals God's covenant love for His people and provides a picture of redemption.

Hosea bought back Gomer's freedom. In a greater way, Jesus redeemed and bought the freedom of His people—the church—with His own life.



# JOEL

**The book of Joel heralds the message that the Day of the Lord was coming. The only hope for Israel was to repent of their sin. One day, Jesus will return and everyone will stand before God to be judged for their sin. Our only hope is to repent and trust in Jesus. Jesus will redeem and restore His people when they turn to Him and repent of their sin.**

# AMOS

The book of Amos reveals humanity's deep sinfulness and God's judgment for sin. God is a holy God. The hope of Israel was in the line of David and was fulfilled through the coming of David's descendant Jesus Christ. Only Jesus could meet God's standard for righteousness.



# OBADIAH

The book of Obadiah talks about God's judgment of the Edomites. Edom was proud, cruel to Israel, and rejected God. Jesus came to bring mercy and grace to all people who ask for forgiveness. Jesus will rule forever in God's new Kingdom.

# JONAH

The book of Jonah encourages believers that God is full of compassion and grace. He showed His mercy for Nineveh when He relented from punishing the people's sin. God ultimately demonstrated His love in sending His one and only Son, Jesus. Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sin. Through Jesus, believers can receive God's great compassion, grace, and faithful love.





# MICAH

**The book of Micah notes God's command to Israel to act justly, love faithfulness, and walk humbly with God. Through Micah, God promised that a new everlasting King would be born in the city of Bethlehem. Jesus, the eternal King, would act justly, love faithfulness, and walk humbly with God as He brought salvation to the world.**

# NAHUM

The book of Nahum gives a message of warning to the people of Nineveh that God will punish sin. The book also gives an encouraging message to God's people that they would be free from their enemy. Nahum told the people to trust God—He would rescue His people. Jesus offers us the same message. Trust in Him, and He will rescue us from sin.



# HABAKKUK

The book of Habakkuk reveals that Habakkuk did not understand why God allowed bad things to happen. As Habakkuk conversed with God, Habakkuk realized that God has a perfect plan for His people and he could trust God. God's plan included sending Jesus as our Savior to rescue people from sin and give us hope when bad things happen.

# ZEPHANIAH

The book of Zephaniah records the prophecies Zephaniah made about God's judgment on Israel for the coming day of the Lord. Those who trust in Jesus will celebrate the day of the Lord with great joy. God promised to restore Israel and send an eternal King. God's promise was fulfilled in Jesus, our eternal, divine King.

# HAGGAI

The book of Haggai describes the prophet's encouragement for God's people in Jerusalem to put God first and restore true worship at the temple He had told them to rebuild. Later, God sent Jesus who sacrificed His life to rescue us from sin. Through His sacrifice, Jesus provided a way for Christians to freely worship God.

# ZECHARIAH

The book of Zechariah offers prophecies concerning the future hope of God's people. Zechariah described a Savior that would be a Servant and a King. Jesus came to fulfill Zechariah's prophecy and rescue everyone who believes in Him.



# MALACHI

The book of Malachi reveals how Israel sinned and needed to repent. Malachi prophesied that a Savior was coming and a special messenger would come before the Savior. John the Baptist was this special messenger who told people that Jesus was coming. Malachi promised that the Savior would purify His people. Jesus' sacrifice purifies us from our sin, so we can have a relationship with God when we repent of our sin.



# MATTHEW

**In the book of Matthew, Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament promises. He is the King that God's people had been waiting for. As Matthew told the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, he described Jesus as King and Messiah. Jesus reigns over all and He has power over everything—even death.**





# MARK

The book of Mark draws the reader into the life of Jesus. As Jesus performed miracles and taught His followers, we see that Jesus was clearly the Son of God and Son of Man. Because of His unique nature, Jesus lived a sinless life before dying on the cross to rescue His people from sin.



# LUKE

The book of Luke gives a detailed description of the life of Jesus. Jesus was described as the Son of Man who came to save all people—Jews and Gentiles. Because Jesus was fully human, He was tempted and suffered like we do. Luke showed that Jesus cares for people and can understand when we face hard times.

# JOHN

The book of John reveals Jesus as the Word of God who became flesh. Jesus used the personal name of God, I am, seven times in the Gospel to declare that He is God. John's Gospel describes the eternal, all-knowing, ever-present, and all-powerful nature of Christ.



# ACTS

**The book of Acts records the continuation of Jesus' ministry and the history of the early church. After Jesus' ascension, the Holy Spirit came and empowered Jesus' followers to share the gospel of Jesus Christ all over the world. Jesus' ministry continued through His faithful followers, and many people received Jesus as their Lord and Savior.**



# ROMANS

The book of Romans illuminates the gospel of Jesus Christ. Sin entered the world through one man—Adam—and spread to all people. The good news is that salvation also entered the world through one man—Jesus. This is how God showed His great love to us: God sent Jesus—while we were sinners—to die for our sin. Through faith in Jesus, we can receive His righteousness and be reconciled to God.

# 1 CORINTHIANS

The book of 1 Corinthians records Paul's reminder to believers that Jesus died for sin, was buried, and was raised on the third day. Jesus unites believers as one body—the church—and He is the Lord over all.



# 2 CORINTHIANS

**The book of 2 Corinthians describes God's reconciling work through Christ, whom God, in His sovereignty, sent as a gift to the world. Jesus' followers, who are His new creations, are commissioned to serve others and to tell the world the good news of salvation through Jesus.**



# **GALATIANS**

**The book of Galatians affirms the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

**Paul shares that salvation comes only by grace alone through faith alone, and people can do nothing to earn that salvation. Jesus kept the law perfectly and paid the penalty for our sin. By His death and resurrection, He redeems people and provides eternal life in His Kingdom. It is through Jesus that we are made new and can live like Him.**





# **EPHESIANS**

**The book of Ephesians proclaims Jesus is seated at the right hand of God in the heavens. Jesus is far above every ruler and authority on earth. He has full power and dominion over all—now and forever. He reigns over everything and is head of His church, the people of God.**



# PHILIPPIANS

The book of Philippians teaches that Jesus, though being God, took on the form of humanity. Christ humbled Himself, a servant willing to die on the cross, to pay for our sin. One day everyone will bow and recognize that Jesus is Lord.



# COLOSSIANS

The book of Colossians presents Christ—the creator and sustainer of all—as the visible image of God, exhibiting in all things the nature and character of God. Jesus Christ is the head of the church and the only one who can rescue and redeem people from their sin.

# **1 THESSALONIANS**

**The book of 1 Thessalonians teaches that Jesus is coming again. When Christ returns, He will gather His people and dwell with them for eternity.**

# 2 THESSALONIANS

**The book of 2 Thessalonians teaches that Jesus will come again with power and authority to vanquish all evil and punish those who have rejected salvation. Christ will restore peace to His people and reign triumphantly with all glory and honor.**

# 1 TIMOTHY

The book of 1 Timothy teaches that Jesus is the one mediator between God and man. Jesus came into the world to save sinners by giving Himself as a ransom to redeem us.

# 2 TIMOTHY

The book of 2 Timothy confirms that God kept the promise He made to Abraham and fulfilled through the family line of David. God sent Jesus, the Messiah. God planned before the beginning of time to send Jesus to rescue us from our sin. Jesus fulfilled all Scripture about Him. He defeated death and brought life to those who receive the truth of the gospel.

# TITUS

The book of Titus teaches that Jesus is the Kindness of God and He is the Savior. Jesus is the grace of God who came to bring salvation for all people. By His mercy, Jesus brought salvation so that all who trust in Him might be redeemed from all lawlessness and become heirs of eternal life with Him.





# PHILEMON

**The book of Philemon reflects  
the grace of Jesus and His offer  
of forgiveness to everyone.  
Salvation through Jesus brings  
restoration and reconciliation  
with God and others.**



# HEBREWS

**The book of Hebrews describes how Jesus fulfilled the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament as the Son of God and the Son of man. Jesus gave His life as the final sacrifice for sin, establishing a new covenant between God and His people. He is our mediator, creator, high priest, and rescuer. He is perfect and reigns over all.**

# JAMES

The book of James teaches that Jesus fulfilled God's Law. Jesus' fulfillment of the Law secures believers' salvation and provides a pathway for pursuing Christlikeness. The more we know Jesus, the more we are able to obey God's Word and live like Jesus. Knowing and doing God's Word shows a person's faith in Jesus.

# 1 PETER

The book of 1 Peter reminds believers that they will face difficult times because of their belief in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ suffered as the spotless lamb to pay the price for our sin. He was rejected by men, but has become the cornerstone on which believers have a firm foundation. The book of 1 Peter encourages believers to live godly lives and hope in the future coming of the eternal King.

## 2 PETER

The book of 2 Peter affirms that Jesus will come again. Jesus is God's Son whom Peter witnessed in His time on earth. Believers should pursue a God-honoring life, trusting God to provide everything they need, until Jesus returns.

# I JOHN

The book of I John emphasizes that Jesus is both fully God and fully human. He is the Word of life and the source of eternal life. He came to give His life to pay for sin. Jesus is God's gift of love and light to the world. Through Jesus, believers can have a relationship with God and with other believers.

## 2 JOHN

**The book of 2 John teaches that Jesus Christ is God's Son. Jesus came to earth in the flesh to dwell among men and walk in truth and obedience as an example for His followers. John warned the people to remember the truth of Jesus Christ.**

# 3 JOHN

The book of 3 John instructs us to imitate goodness. Jesus is the ultimate example of goodness. He is good and does what is good.



# JUDE

**Jude was the half-brother of Jesus and wrote his letter to warn Christians against the false teachers who were trying to lead believers astray. The book of Jude encourages believers to rely on Jesus Christ to provide for them and to serve as their example so they can be pleasing to God in all ways.**



# REVELATION

The book of Revelation reveals that Jesus is the beginning and the end of all things. He is the worthy Lamb of God—the only One who can rescue people from sin, and He is worthy of all honor and praise. Jesus has already defeated Satan through His death and resurrection, and one day, He will return, judge Satan in a final battle, and establish a new home for His people.