

Bible Fact Sheet

Bible: A library of 66 books ('biblia' = book); 2 Testaments, both in 4 parts.

Old Testament (39 books)

- The Law, or Pentateuch - (1st 5 books, Genesis to Deuteronomy)
- History - (12, Joshua to Esther)
- Poetry, Wisdom - (5, Job to Song of Solomon)
- Prophecy - (17, Isaiah to Malachi)

New Testament (27 books)

- Gospels (4, Matthew to John)
- History (1, Acts)
- Letters (21, Romans to Jude)
- Revelation (1, Revelation)
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Old Testament Timeline:

BCE (Before Christian Era) *Source: The One Year Chronological Bible, New International Version*

2160 - Abraham's call from Ur

2060 - Issac's birth

1898 - Joseph sold into slavery

1446 - Exodus

1445 - Ten Commandments given to Moses

1367 - Judges' period begins

1105 - Samuel's birth

1050 - Saul becomes Israel's first King

1010 - David becomes King

971 - Solomon is King

959 - First Temple built

930 - Kingdom splits into 2 parts (Israel, North; Judah, South)

740 - Isaiah's prophesying begins

722 - Northern Kingdom (Israel) falls to Assyria

701 - Sennacherib, King of Assyria, fails to conquer Jerusalem

627 - Jeremiah's prophesying begins

609 - Josiah, King of Judah, killed in battle at Megiddo

605 - Daniel exiled to Babylon (who had conquered old Assyria)

605 - Nebuchadnezzar becomes king in Babylon

586 - Judah (southern Kingdom) falls to Babylonia (Chaldea); temple gone

539 - Fall of Babylonia to Cyrus, King of Persia

538 - Cyrus allows first exiles to begin returning to Jerusalem

516 - Second Temple in Jerusalem is dedicated, built on same site as 1st

479 - Esther (Jewess) becomes Queen of Persia

445 - Nehemiah returns to Jerusalem and rebuilds wall

433 - Malachi (means 'messenger') begins prophesying

Resources for further study:

How came the Bible? – Edgar J. Goodspeed

Paul – Edgar J. Goodspeed

Who wrote the Bible? – Dr. Richard E. Friedman

The New Westminster Dictionary of the Bible

Guide for Bible Teaching – Dr. Ann Putcamp

Teaching the Scriptures – Dr. Russell Robinson

An Outline of the Bible: Book by Book – Benson Landis

Abingdon's Bible Handbook – Edward Payson Blair

Understanding the Old Testament – Dr. Bernard Anderson

Notes on the Parables of our Lord – R.C. Trench

Notes on the Miracles of our Lord – R.C. Trench

Getting Acquainted with your Bible – Bernice Shotwell

New Testament History – F.F. Bruce

Paul, Apostle of the Heart set Free – F.F. Bruce

The Women's Bible Commentary – Carol A. Newsom, Sharon Ringe, Editors

For teaching CS Sunday School in particular:

In Jesus' Time – Kathryn L. Merrill & Kristy L. Christian

To order: 800-356-9315 (\$16.95)

That Ye May Teach the Children, a Bible Outline for Parents and Teachers – Joan Koelle Snipes

Email: snipes@principia.edu or telephone: 304 876 1332 \$29.95

Ideas for Ways to study --

- Thematically: Luke 24 – Walk to Emmaus – the references throughout Old Testament to a coming Messiah.
- Chronologically - The Patriarchs, in Pentateuch, then the prophets, Kings, fall of kingdoms, Diaspora, return to Jerusalem, Daniel, NT
- Characters – Joseph's life story; David's, Jesus'; Paul
- By a book – Distinctions between the Gospels; book of John;
- By gender: women characters
- By age: teenagers in the Bible
- By a word: light, grace, promise, etc.