

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY
PARTS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT
LESSON 2

1. ASSIGNMENT

- Memorize the names of the books of the Old Testament.
- Learn the five groups of books in the Old Testament.
- Learn the two main parts of the Old Testament.

2. HOW THE OLD TESTAMENT IS DIVIDED

The Old Testament is divided into two parts.

- **Genesis chapters 1 through 11.**

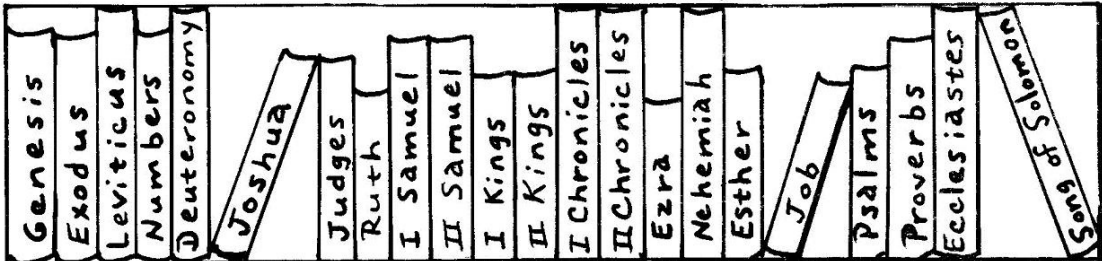
These chapters tell about the first people who lived on the earth.

- **Genesis 12 to the end of the Old Testament.**

This tells of the next 2000 years people lived on the earth. This part tells mostly about the nation of Israel.

THE BIBLE BOOK SHELF

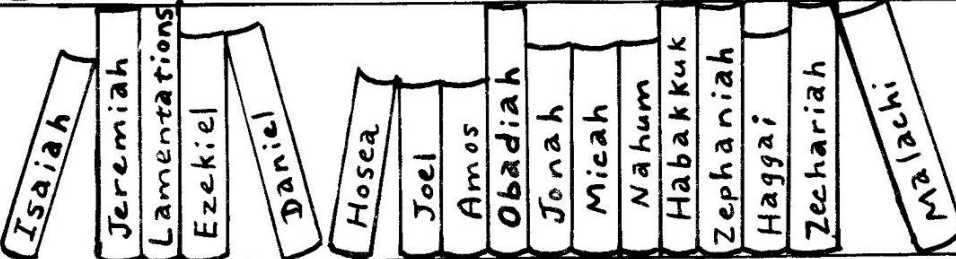
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LAW

HISTORY

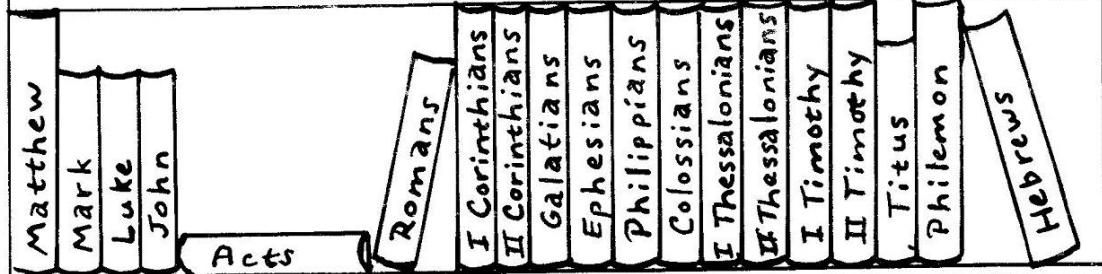
POETRY



MAJOR PROPHETS

MINOR PROPHETS

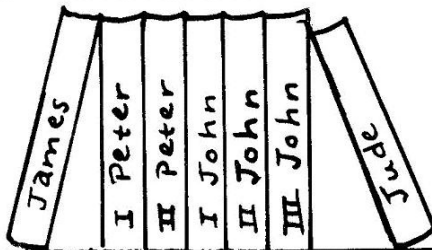
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GOSPELS

HISTORY

PAUL'S LETTERS TO THE CHURCHES



LETTERS TO THE CHURCHES

PROPHECY

, Malachi.

C. Groups of books.

- **Law (Pentateuch).**

The Law is also called "Pentateuch." It means "five books." These were written by Moses. They tell us how things began. They give us the laws of God. They also tell us what God is like.

- **History.**

There are twelve books of history. These books tell us how God worked with the people of Israel.

- **Poetry.**

There are five books of poetry. Some of these are written like stories. Some of these are poems. Many of the poems were sung by the people of Israel. The poems they sang were called "Psalms."

- **Major prophets (great prophets).**

Some of the prophets wrote long books. That is why they are called major or great prophets. These men were not greater men than those who wrote the short books.

- **Minor prophets (small prophets).**

Some of the prophets wrote short books. These, also were great men of God. Because they wrote short books, they were called small prophets.

WORDS TO LEARN

1. assignment - that which the student is to do.
2. major - great.
3. minor - small.
4. Pentateuch - are the first five books of the Bible, the books written by Moses.