

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# BIBLE 101

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# The Bible

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- Library of books
- Written over 1100 years
- Many different genres/types of literature
- Written to different audiences
- Different purposes
- One overarching theme

# Hebrew Scriptures

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- Pentateuch
- Historical Books
- Prophets
- The Writings

# Pentateuch

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- First 5 books of Bible
- Genesis - Exodus - Leviticus - Numbers - Deuteronomy
- Also called "The Law"
- Compiled 587-538 BC by "the priestly writers"

# Historical Books

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- Two groups:
  - Deuteronomistic history
  - Chronicler's history

# Deteronomistic History

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- Joshua, Judges, 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings
- God didn't discard Israel
- They were in exile due to their own sin

# 5 Periods of Deteronomistic History

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- Joshua
- Judges
- David's Rule (Samuel)
- Elijah & Elisha's warnings (1 Kings)
- Fall of Jerusalem (2 Kings)

# Chronicler's History

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- 1&2 Chronicles, Ruth, Esther, Ezra, Nehemiah
- After exile & rebuilding of Temple (516 BC)
- Explain the role of the kings



# Prophets

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- Three Groups:
- Before Exile
- During Exile
- After Exile

# Before Exile

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Isaiah (1-39)
- Jeremiah
- Hosea
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- Micah
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Injustice - foreign powers - idolatry  
treatment of poor - neglect of covenant

# During Exile

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Isaiah (40-55)
- Jeremiah
- Ezekiel
- Obadiah

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Exile will end - we will return home

Seek good where you are - comfort

# After Exile

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Idolatry - hope for restoration  
Anticipation of a Savior/Messiah

# The Writings

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- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Solomon
- Lamentations



# Wisdom Literature

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- How to gain wisdom in life
- Job - human suffering & sin
- Proverbs - guidance for adulthood
- Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth)
  - We live in a world we do not control

# The Writings

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- Psalms - poetry/hymns
- Song of Solomon - love songs
- Lamentations - grief after fall of Jerusalem

# New Testament

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- All within 100 years of each other
- Gospels
- Acts
- Letters/Epistles

# Synoptic Gospels

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- Mark (65 AD) to Christians under Nero
  - Suffering & persecution
- Matthew (70-90 AD) to Jewish Christians
  - Jesus is Jewish Messiah
- Luke (70-90 AD) to Gentile believers
  - Jesus is martyred prophet

# Gospel of John (90-100 AD)

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- Four tasks of Jesus
  - Become flesh, reveal Father's glory, prepare disciples for his departure, return to Father
- Book of Signs
  - Water to wine, healing of official's son, loaves and fish, healing of man born blind, Lazarus
- Audience had evolved from Jesus is special to Jesus is Messiah to Jesus is divine

# Acts of the Apostles

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- Sequel to Luke

<sup>1</sup>Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup>just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, <sup>3</sup>I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup>so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.



<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father.

# Acts of the Apostles

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- Sequel to Luke
- Luke-Acts
- Repentance - turn to God - confidence in future
- Jesus' ministry extended
- Christianity not compatible with Roman citizenship

# Letters/Epistles

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- Genuine Pauline letters
- Letters attributed to Paul
- General Epistles
- Revelation

# Pauline Epistles (50's AD)

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- 1 Thessalonians (51)
- Galatians (52-56)
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- Philippians (55-56)
- Philemon (55-56)
- Romans (56-57)

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# Attributed Letters

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- 2 Thessalonians
- Colossians
- Ephesians

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- 2 Thessalonians
- Colossians
- Ephesians
- 1&2 Timothy
- Titus

The Pastoral Letters

# General Epistles

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- Hebrews (80-100)
- James (90-110)
- 1&2 Peter (after 95, 100-150)
- Jude (100-125)
- 1,2,3 John (early 2<sup>nd</sup> century)



# Revelation

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- 7 letters to churches in Asia
- Apocalyptic literature

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