

? OLD TESTAMENT

(Latin *testamentum* = covenant, will): the first part of the complete Bible and the Sacred Scripture of the Jews. The Old Testament of the Catholic Church includes forty-six books: historical writings, prophetic writings, and wisdom literature, with the Psalms.

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The second part of the complete Bible. It contains the specifically Christian texts, namely, the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, fourteen letters written by Paul, seven Catholic letters, and Revelation.

The Books of the Bible (→ CANON)

OLD TESTAMENT (46 Books)

The Historical Books

Genesis (Gen), Exodus (Ex), Leviticus (Lev), Numbers (Num), Deuteronomy (Deut), Joshua (Josh), Judges (Judg), Ruth (Ruth), 1 Samuel (1 Sam), 2 Samuel (2 Sam), 1 Kings (1 Kings), 2 Kings (2 Kings), 1 Chronicles (1 Chron), 2 Chronicles (2 Chron), Ezra (Ezra), Nehemiah (Neh), Tobit (Tob), Judith (Jud), Esther (Esther), 1 Maccabees (1 Mac), 2 Maccabees (2 Mac)

The Wisdom Books

Job (Job), Psalms (Ps), Proverbs (Prov), Ecclesiastes (Eccles), Song of Solomon (Song), Wisdom (Wis), Sirach/Ecclesiasticus (Sir)

The Prophets

Isaiah (Is), Jeremiah (Jer), Lamentations (Lam), Baruch (Bar), Ezekiel (Ezek), Daniel (Dan), Hosea (Hos), Joel (Joel), Amos (Amos), Obadiah (Obad), Jonah (Jon), Micah (Mic), Nahum (Nahum), Habakkuk (Hab), Zephaniah (Zeph), Haggai (Hag), Zechariah (Zech), Malachi (Mal)

NEW TESTAMENT (27 Books)

The Gospels

Matthew (Mt), Mark (Mk), Luke (Lk), John (Jn)

The Acts of the Apostles (Acts)

The Letters of St. Paul

Romans (Rom), 1 Corinthians (1 Cor), 2 Corinthians (2 Cor), Galatians (Gal), Ephesians (Eph), Philippians (Phil), Colossians (Col), 1 Thessalonians (1 Thess), 2 Thessalonians (2 Thess), 1 Timothy (1 Tim), 2 Timothy (2 Tim), Titus (Tit), Philemon (Philem), Hebrews (Heb)

