

Knowing the Bible's Arrangement for Bible Understanding

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1. **Why we trust and love the Bible: 1 Cor. 2:11-16.**
2. **What are the books of the Bible and how were they compiled?**
 - There are 66 Bible books: 39 O.T. and 27 N.T. books.
 - The O.T. books were agreed upon by time of Christ and the OT at the **Council of Carthage in A.D.397.**
3. **Why don't we include the Apocryphal books in the Bible?** It was *at* the Council of Trent in AD 1546 that the Roman Catholic Church declared the apocryphal books canonical. These books are not found in the original Hebrew Old Testament; are never quoted by Christ; and we are commanded to never add to or take away from God's word: **Rev. 22:18-19; Deut. 4:2; 12:32; Prov. 30:6.**
4. **How have Bible-books been arranged?**
 - A. By **Language and Covenant** (OT & NT; all the Hebrew/Aramaic then all the Greek)
 - B. By **Subject Matter**—It is a reasonable structure we can grasp!
 1. The Old Testament Arrangement (39 books).
 - First Section: **Historical:** Genesis through Esther (17)
 - Second Section: **Poetical:** Job through Song of Solomon (5)
 - Third Section: **Prophetical:** Isaiah through Malachi (17)
 2. The New Testament Arrangement (27 books).
 - Historical:** Matthew through Acts (5)
 - Epistolary:** Romans through Jude (21)
 - Prophetical:** Revelation (1)
5. **Time Line of the Old Testament: Not one long unbroken story**→*Historical books have the chronological story.*

Poetical Books

Job						Psalms	Proverbs Ecclesiastes Songs			
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Historical Books

Genesis	Exodus Leviticus	Numbers Deuteronomy	Joshua	Judges Ruth	1 Samuel	1 Chronicles 2 Samuel	2 Chronicles 1 Kings	Pre-exilic 2 Kings	Exilic	Post-exilic Ezra Nehemiah Esther
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Prophetical Books

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