

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE Old Testament

PENTATEUCH

In Genesis the world was made,
In Exodus the march was told;
Leviticus contains the Law,
In Numbers all the tribes enrolled;
In Deuteronomy again we are urged
To keep God's Law alone;
And these five Books of Moses,
Some of the oldest writings that are
known.

HISTORICAL BOOKS

Brave Joshua to Canaan leads,
In Judges often the Jews rebelled;
We read of David's name in Ruth,
And First and Second Samuel;
In First and Second Kings we read
How bad the Hebrew's state became;
In First and Second Chronicles
Another history of the same;
In Ezra captive Jews returned,
While Nehemiah builds the walls;
Queen Esther saves her race from
death;
These books "are historical" we call.

POETICAL BOOKS

In Job we read of patient faith,
And Psalms are David's favorite songs
of praise;
The Proverbs are to make us wise;
Ecclesiastes next portrays how vain
fleeting earthly pleasure are;
The Song of Solomon is all about the
love of God,
In these five books "poetical" we call.

PROPHETICAL BOOKS

Isaiah tells of Christ to come,
While Jeremiah tells of woe,
And in his Lamentations mourns,
The Holy City's overthrow,
Ezekiel speaks of mysteries,
While Daniel foretells kings of old;
Hosea calls men to repent;
In Joel, judgments are foretold.
Amos tells of wrath,
And Edom, Obadiah is sent to warn
While Jonah shows how Christ should
rise,
And Micah where He should be born;
In Nahum, Nineveh is seen,
In Habakkuk, Chaldea's guilt;
Zephaniah, Judah's sins,
Haggai, the temple's built.
Zechariah tells of Christ,
And Malachi of John, his signs.
The prophets number seventeen,
And all the books are thirty-nine.

NEW TESTAMENT

THE GOSPEL BOOKS

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John,
Tell of Christ, His life they trace;

HISTORY

Acts shows the Holy Spirit's work;

LETTERS

Romans how we're saved by grace,
Corinthians instructs the church,
Galatians shows God's grace alone
Ephesians, how we are "in Christ",
Philippians, Christ's joy made known
Colossians portrays Christ exalted
And Thessalonians tells the end.
In Timothy and Titus both
Are rules for pastors to attend.
Philemon pictures charity,
Thirteen Epistles, penned by Paul.
The Jewish law prefigured Christ;
And Hebrews clearly shows it all.
James shows that faith by works must live,
And Peter urges steadfastness,
While John exhorts to Christian love,
And those who live it; God will bless
Jude shows the end of evil men,

PROPHECY

While Revelation tells of heaven,
These end the whole New Testament,
in all, they number twenty-seven.
(What the Bible is All About, p. 24-26)