

Bible Survey Conference

Books of the Bible

Book	Date	Author	Audience
Old Testament			
Pentateuch (Law)			
Genesis	1446-1406 B.C.	Moses	Israelites
Exodus	1446-1406 B.C.	Moses	Israelites
Leviticus	1446-1406 B.C.	Moses	Israelites
Numbers	1446-1406 B.C.	Moses	Israelites
Deuteronomy	1446-1406 B.C.	Moses	Israelites
History			
Joshua	1405-1390 B.C.	Joshua	Israelites
Judges	1043-1004 B.C.	Possibly Samuel	Israelites
Ruth	1004-971 B.C.	Unknown	Israelites
I Samuel	931-900 B.C.	Unknown	Israelites
II Samuel	931-900 B.C.	Unknown	Israelites
I Kings	646-570 B.C.	Possibly Jeremiah	Kingdom of Judah
II Kings	646-570 B.C.	Possibly Jeremiah	Kingdom of Judah
I Chronicles	450-430 B.C.	Ezra	Returned Exiles
II Chronicles	450-430 B.C.	Ezra	Returned Exiles
Ezra	457-444 B.C.	Ezra	Returned Exiles
Nehemiah	430 B.C.	Nehemiah	Returned Exiles
Esther	464-435 B.C.	Possibly Mordecai	Returned Exiles
Wisdom			
Job	1485-1445 B.C.?	Unknown	Unknown
Psalms	1410-430 B.C.	David, Asaph, others	Israelites
Proverbs	≤ 931 B.C.	Solomon, others	Israelites
Ecclesiastes	935 B.C.	Solomon	Israelites
Song of Solomon	965 B.C.	Solomon	Israelites

Major Prophets			
Isaiah	701-680 B.C.	Isaiah	Kingdom of Judah
Jeremiah	627-580 B.C.	Jeremiah	Kingdom of Judah
Lamentations	586 B.C.	Jeremiah	Kingdom of Judah
Ezekiel	565 B.C.	Ezekiel	Jewish Exiles
Daniel	530 B.C.	Daniel	Jewish Exiles
Minor Prophets			
Hosea	755-710 B.C.	Hosea	Kingdom of Israel
Joel	835 B.C.	Joel	Kingdom of Judah
Amos	760-753 B.C.	Amos	Kingdom of Israel
Obadiah	840 B.C.	Obadiah	Edom
Jonah	760 B.C.	Jonah	Kingdom of Israel
Micah	735-710 B.C.	Micah	Kingdom of Judah
Nahum	660 B.C.	Nahum	Nineveh (Assyria)
Habakkuk	607 B.C.	Habakkuk	Kingdom of Judah
Zephaniah	630 B.C.	Zephaniah	Kingdom of Judah
Haggai	520 B.C.	Haggai	Returned Exiles
Zechariah	520 B.C.	Zechariah	Returned Exiles
Malachi	432-425 B.C.	Malachi	Returned Exiles
New Testament			
Gospels			
Matthew	A.D. 58-68	Apostle Matthew	Jews
Mark	A.D. 55-65	Mark	Gentiles
Luke	A.D. 60's	Luke	Gentiles
John	A.D. 60-90	Apostle John	Everyone
History			
Acts	A.D. 62	Luke	Gentiles

Epistles (Letters)			
Romans	A.D. 57	Apostle Paul	Church at Rome
I Corinthians	A.D. 56	Apostle Paul	Church at Corinth
II Corinthians	A.D. 56	Apostle Paul	Church at Corinth
Galatians	A.D. 49 or 56	Apostle Paul	Church in Galatia
Ephesians	A.D. 60-61	Apostle Paul	Church at Ephesus
Philippians	A.D. 62	Apostle Paul	Church at Philippi
Colossians	A.D. 60-61	Apostle Paul	Church at Colossae
I Thessalonians	A.D. 51	Apostle Paul	Church at Thessalonica
II Thessalonians	A.D. 51	Apostle Paul	Church at Thessalonica
I Timothy	A.D. 62-63	Apostle Paul	Timothy
II Timothy	A.D. 67	Apostle Paul	Timothy
Titus	A.D. 63	Apostle Paul	Titus
Philemon	A.D. 60-61	Apostle Paul	Philemon
Hebrews	A.D. 64-68	Unknown	Jewish Christians
James	A.D. 46-49	James (brother of Jesus)	Christians
I Peter	A.D. 63-64	Apostle Peter	Christians
II Peter	A.D. 64-66	Apostle Peter	Christians
I John	A.D. 90	Apostle John	Christians
II John	A.D. 90	Apostle John	Christians
III John	A.D. 90	Apostle John	Christians
Jude	A.D. 66-80	Jude	Christians
Apocalyptic			
Revelation	A.D. 62-66 or 95	Apostle John	Christians

Notes

Scripture (Latin *scriptura*: writing): sacred books

Septuagint (LXX) :Greek translation of the Old Testament, 2nd century B.C.

Canon = rule: authoritative list of the correct books of the Bible

Significant early lists of the books accepted as part of the New Testament:

Muratorian Canon: A.D. 170

Easter letter of Athanasius: A.D. 367

No man or church council decided the books of the Bible. The Bible emerged through use by believers. By the 2nd century B.C. the 39 books of the Old Testament were recognized as scripture. These, and only these, made up the scripture Jesus used. By the end of the 4th century A.D. the 27 books of the New Testament were recognized as scripture.

The Nature of the Bible

1. Authoritative – Deuteronomy 6:1-3
2. Inspired – 2 Timothy 3:16
3. Infallible – Psalm 19:7-11
4. Both human and divine
5. Powerful to save – Romans 1:16
6. Jesus is its subject – Luke 24:25-27; 44-47