

## A High Altitude View of the Bible

**The 66 books of the Bible all have to do with a common theme: *God's plan redeem humanity and restore his rule over creation.***

Old Testament (39 books)	New Testament (27 Books)
<p><b>Narrative Books:</b> <i>Events that were important to God's plan.</i> The narrative books revolve around three important covenants (agreements) that God makes with man:</p> <p>God's covenant with Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>...God will multiply his descendants into a great nation.</li> <li>...God will establish his descendants in the promised land.</li> <li>...God will bless the entire world through one of his descendants.</li> </ul> <p>God's covenant with Moses (Exodus - Deuteronomy):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>...God will bless and protect the people of Israel <i>if</i> Israel will keep and obey God's laws.</li> </ul> <p>God's covenant with David (2 Samuel 7:11-16):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>...God will establish a son of David (the Messiah) on David's throne.</li> <li>...The Messiah will rule God's eternal kingdom.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key narrative books:</b> Genesis, Exodus, Joshua, 1 &amp; 2 Samuel</p> <p><b>Books of the Prophets:</b> <i>God's view of where his plan is and where it's going in the future.</i></p> <p>The prophets are God's spokespersons. They call Israel to obey God's covenant with Moses. They also give increasingly clearer pictures of how God is being faithful to his covenant promises to Abraham and David.</p> <p><b>Key prophetic books:</b> Isaiah &amp; Daniel</p> <p><b>Wisdom Books:</b> <i>How to orient your life around God's plan.</i></p> <p><b>Key wisdom books:</b> Psalms &amp; Proverbs</p>	<p><b>Narrative Books:</b> <i>What Jesus did.</i> These books announce the arrival of Jesus' kingdom and describe God's plan to <i>redeem humanity</i> through the Jesus' death on the cross.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Key narrative books:</b> Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, &amp; Acts</p> <p><b>Letters:</b> <i>What Jesus is doing.</i> In their letters, the apostles urge believers to come more fully under <i>Jesus' rule</i> by responding to His grace. This involves taking His message to the world, following him personally, and living in close fellowship with one another</p> <p style="text-align: center;">➤ <b>Key letters:</b> Romans, Galatians &amp; Ephesians</p> <p><b>Prophecy:</b> <i>What Jesus will do.</i> Revelation explains how God will end this present phase of history and <i>re-establish His rule on earth.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">➤ <b>Key prophetic book:</b> <i>Revelation</i></p> <p><b>Jesus is the promised descendant of Abraham</b> who blesses the world by redeeming humanity.  <b>Jesus is the promised descendant of David</b> who sits on David's throne and rules God's eternal kingdom. (Matt. 1:1; Rev. 7:9)</p>
<p><b>Focuses on the nation of Israel.</b>  <b>Books written over 1000 years</b></p>	<p><b>Focuses on the Body of Christ and the nations of the world.</b>  <b>Books written over less than 100 years</b></p>