



The Unified Scriptures

The Story of the Bible

North Hixson church of Christ

January – March 2014

Lesson 1: Introduction and Overview

Course Objectives

- To grow in our knowledge and understanding of the facts, themes, and principles of scripture. (2 Tim 3:15)
- To gain confidence in the inspiration of the Bible and its power to change our lives. (Heb. 4:12)
- To increase our faith and hope in God and His wisdom. (1 Peter 1:21)
- To equip ourselves with the ability to tell the story of the Bible to others. (Mark 16:15)



Class Format

- Meet on Sunday and Wednesday
Jan 5 - Mar 30
- Sunday: follow class schedule
- Wednesday: review, exercises, drills, Q&A
- Incline your ear (*listen*), apply your heart (*pray and meditate*), lift up your voice (*ask questions*), seek and search (*study and prepare*).
Prov. 2:1-5



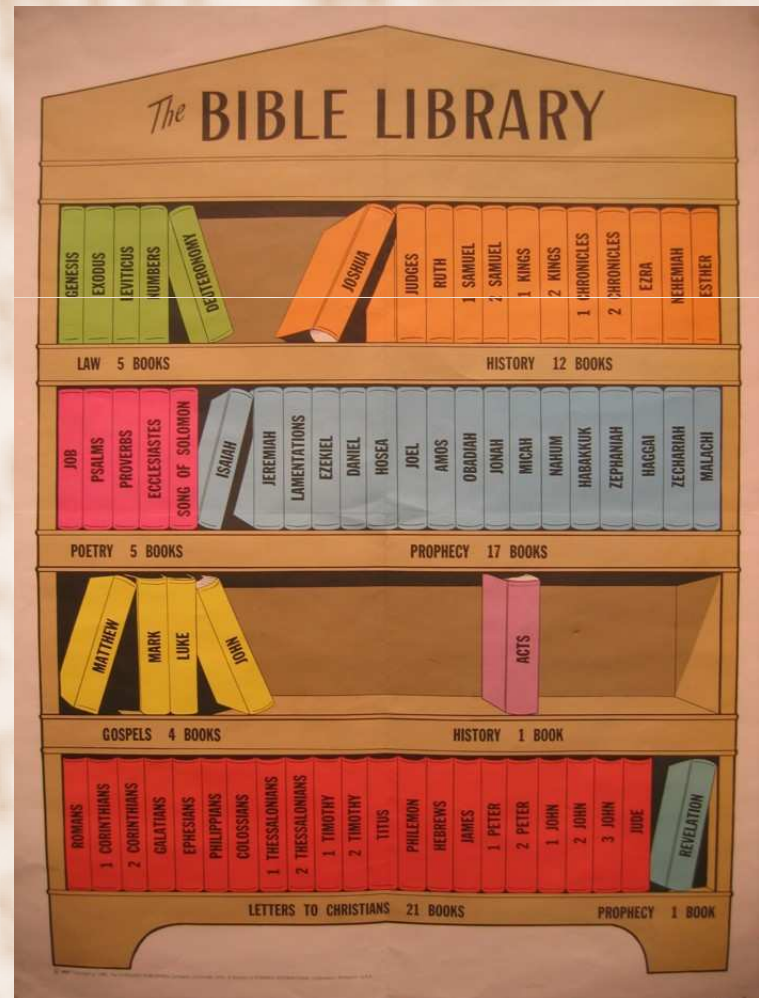
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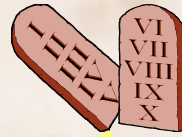
THE BIBLE IS NOT ONE BOOK...

- It's a collection of 66 books
- Written by ~40 authors
- Over a period of ~1500 years





Moses



John



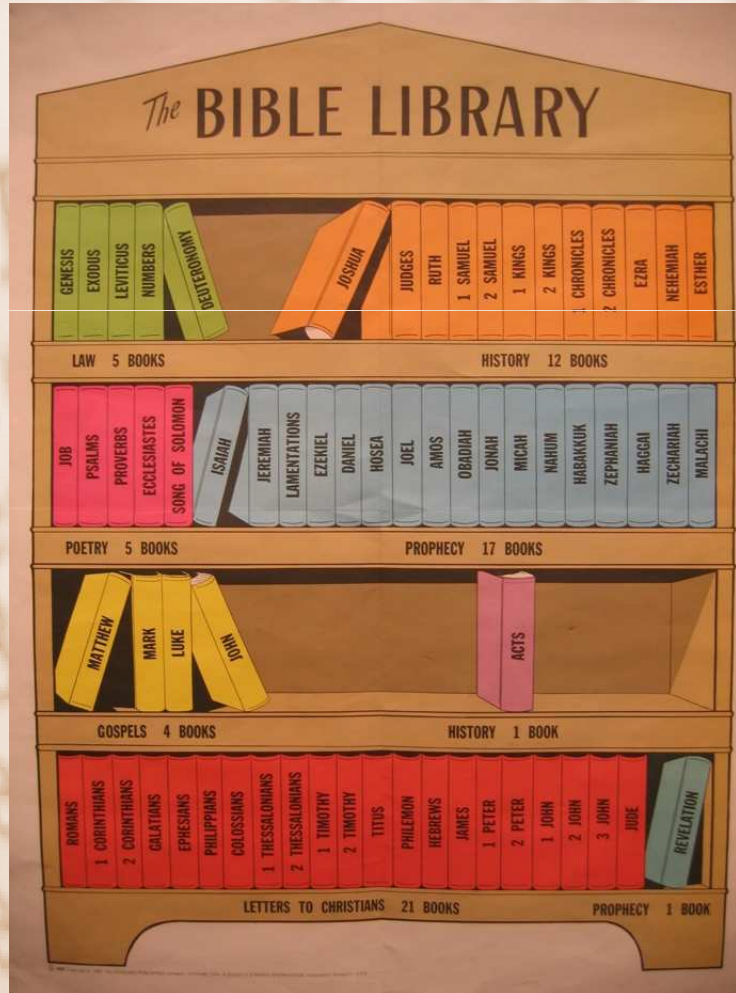
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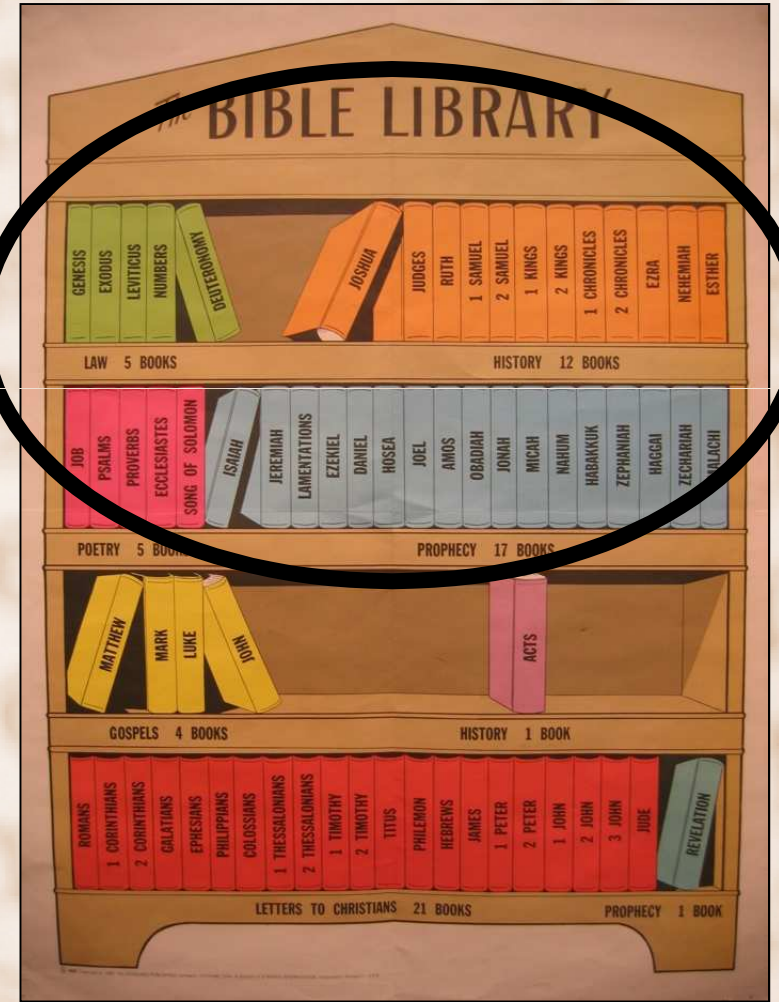
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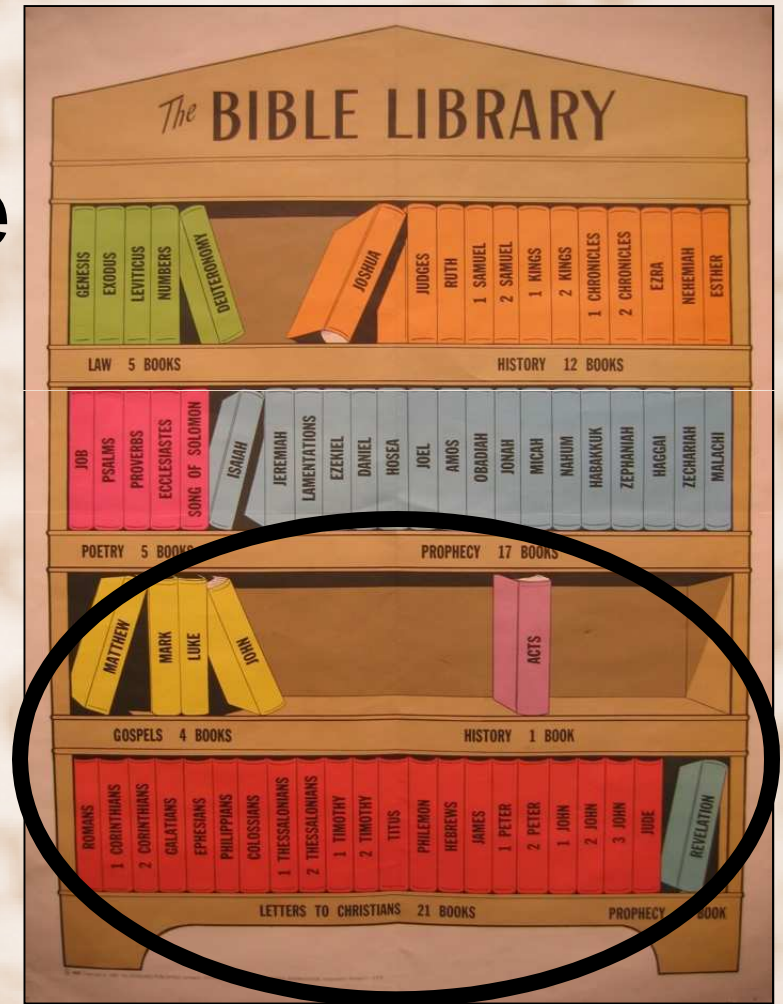
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Two Major Divisions

Of the 66 books, 27 were written soon after the death of Jesus:

NEW TESTAMENT





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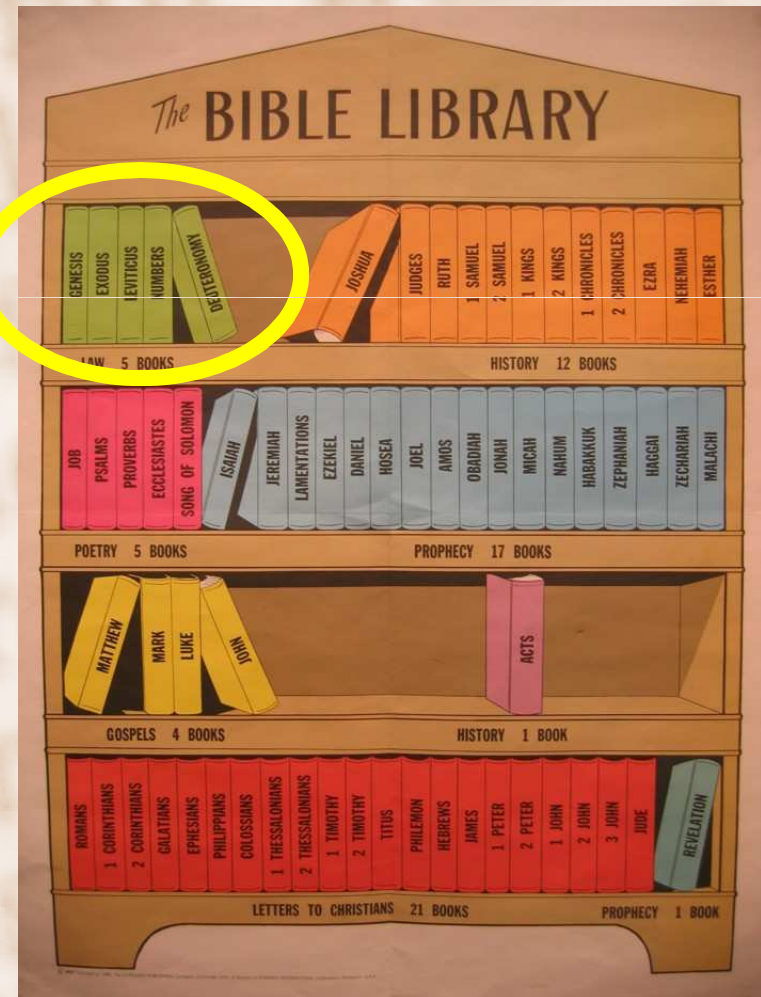
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OT Books 1-5: LAW

- Written by Moses
- Look back from the death of Moses to the creation of the world





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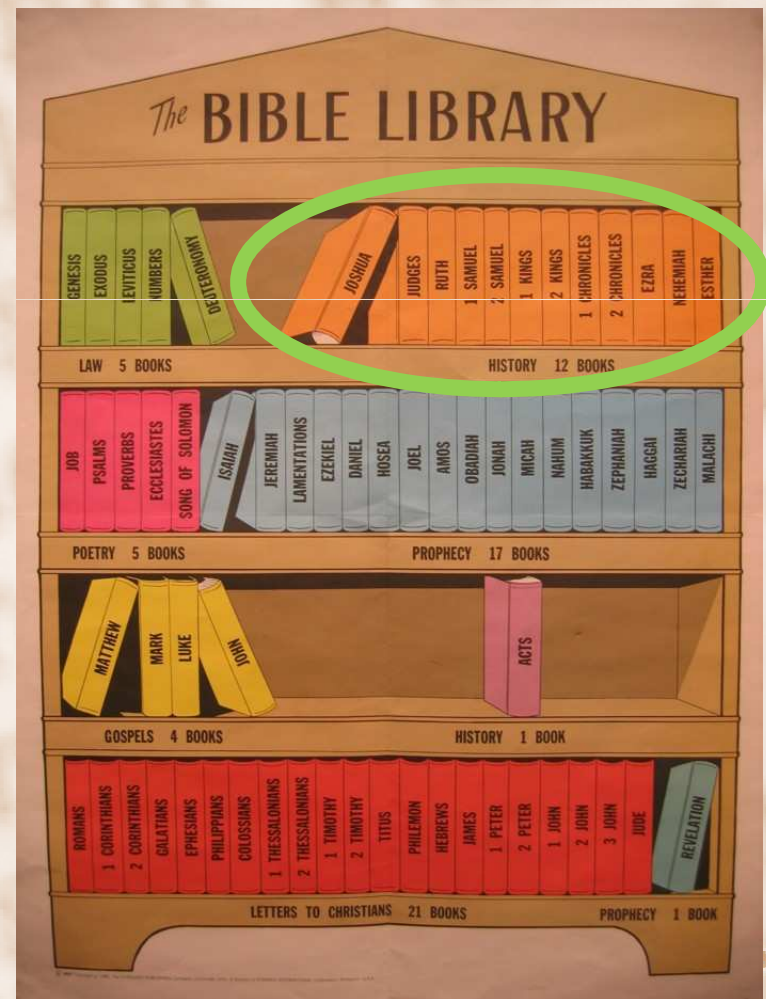
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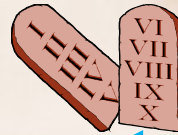
OT Books 6-17: HISTORY

- Written by various authors from 1400-400 B.C.
- History of the nation of Israel, from the possession of the land to the return from captivity.





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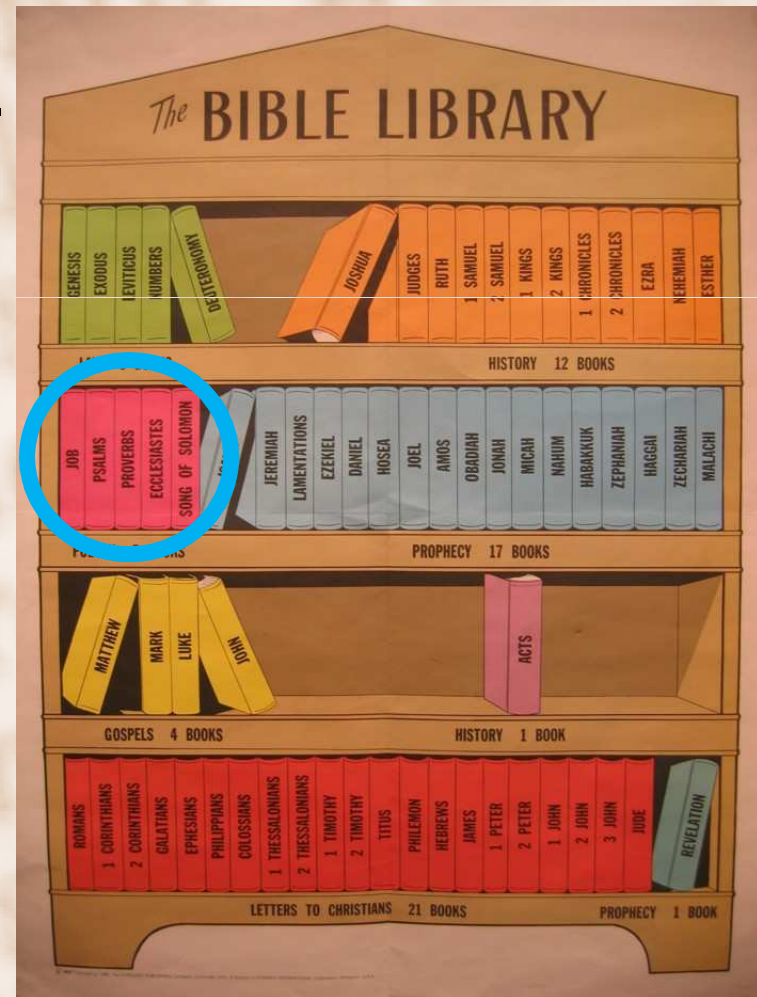
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OT Books 18-22: POETRY & WISDOM

- Job – man's questions about suffering
- Psalms – collection of poems put to music
- Proverbs – collection of short wise sayings
- Ecclesiastes – the meaning of life
- Song of Solomon – poem about true romantic love





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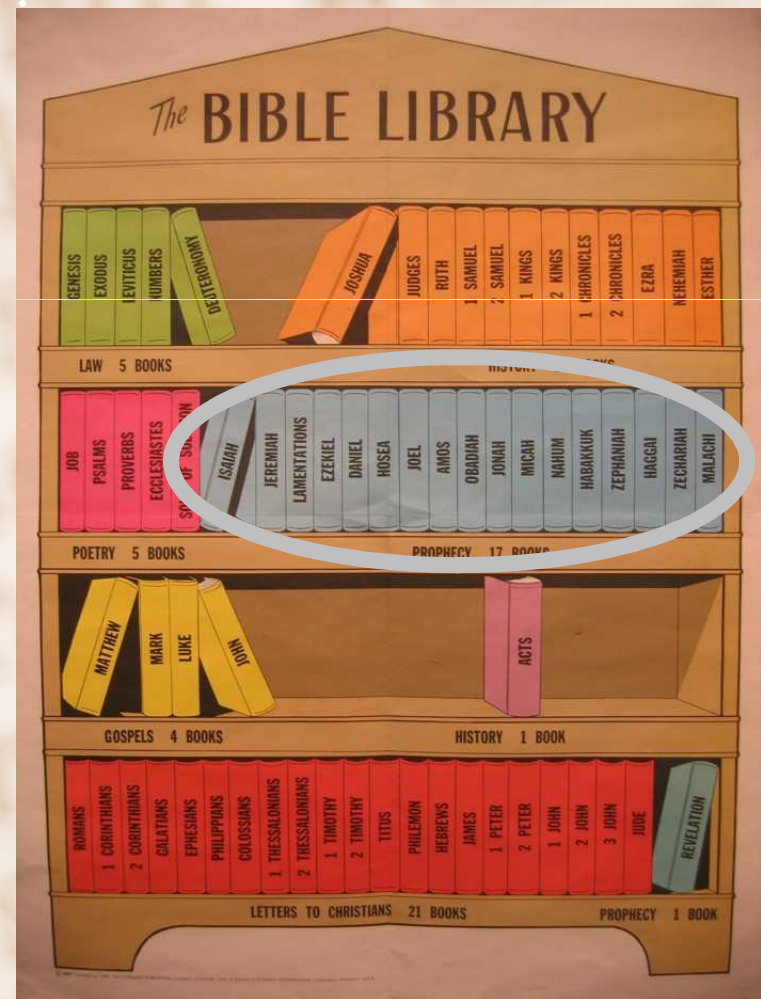
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OT Books 23-39: PROPHECY

- Throughout the history of Israel, various spokesmen called Israel to repentance and predicted the coming of the Messiah.
- Israel, Judah, and other nations
- Silent for 400 years preceding Christ's birth





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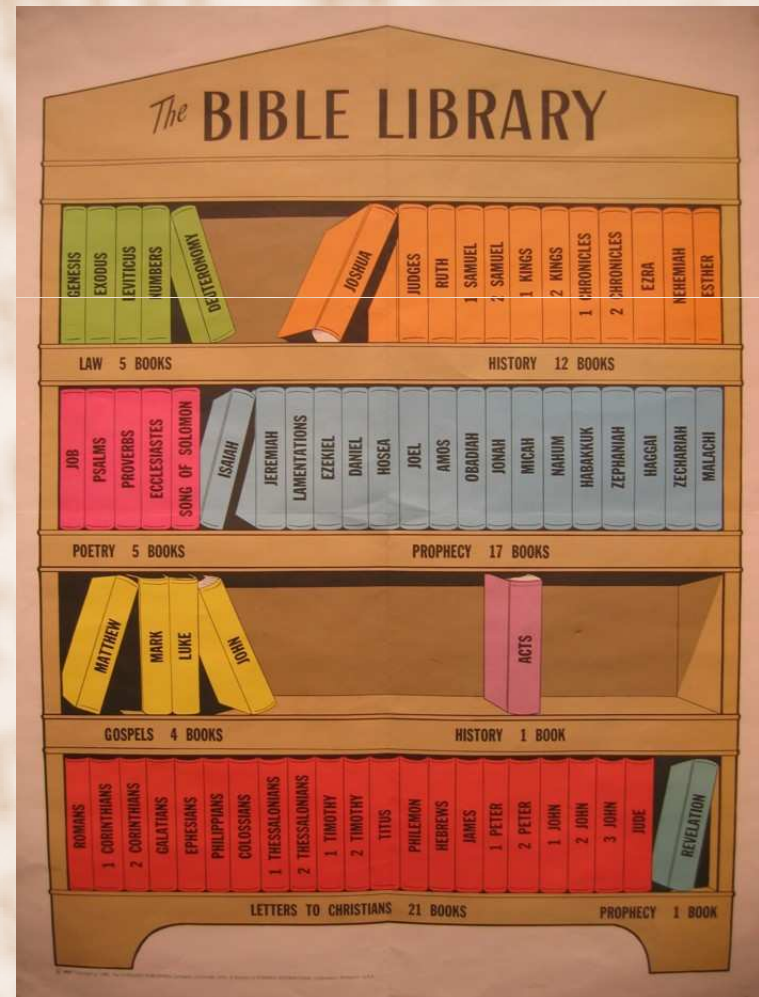
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The message of the Old Testament:

1 Samuel 2:35

The Messiah is coming





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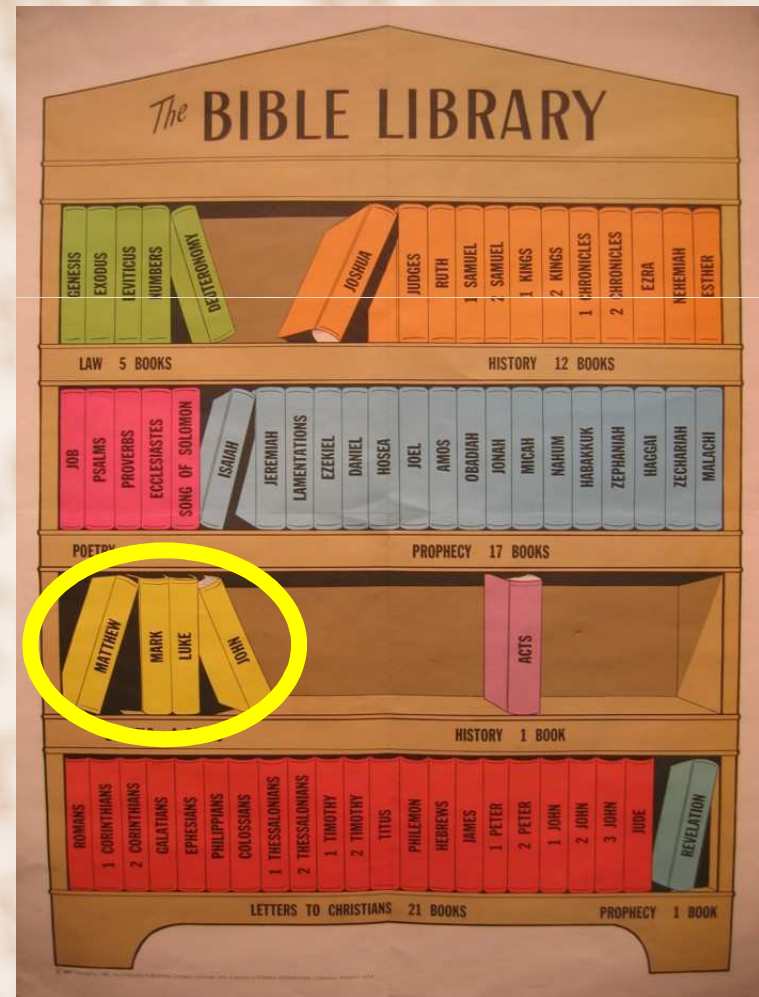
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NT Books 1-4: GOSPELS

- Named after the authors
- Matthew, Mark, and John were eyewitnesses; Luke knew many of the eyewitnesses





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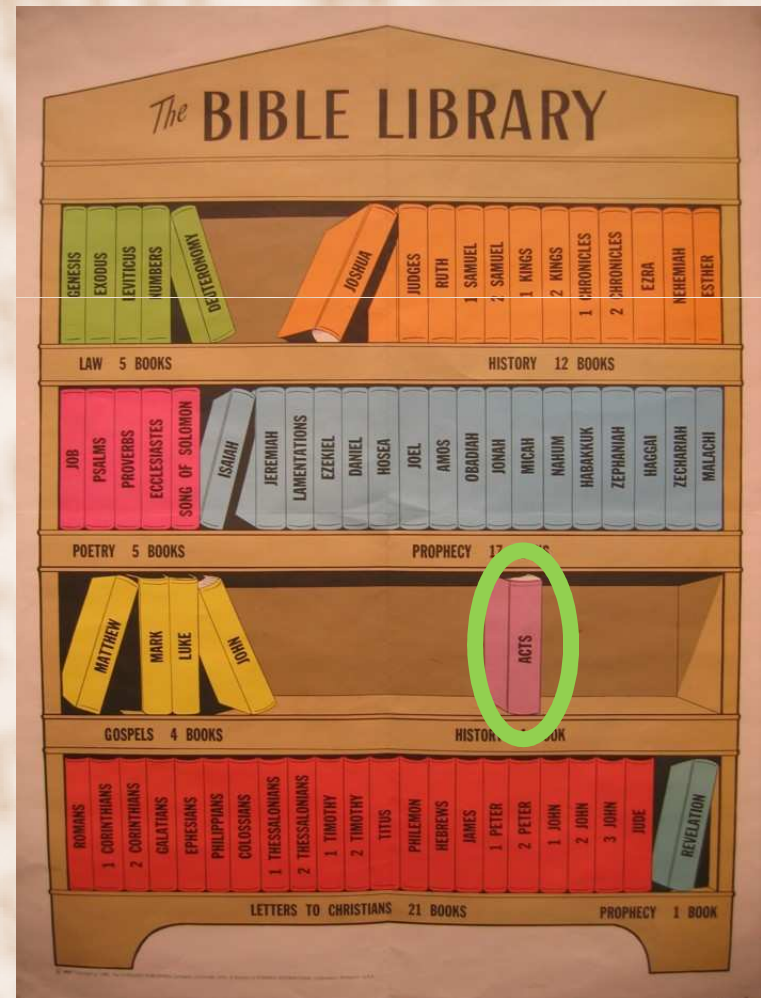
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NT Book 5: ACTS

- Written by Luke
- Tells the story of the first 30 years of the church as the Gospel was preached throughout the world.





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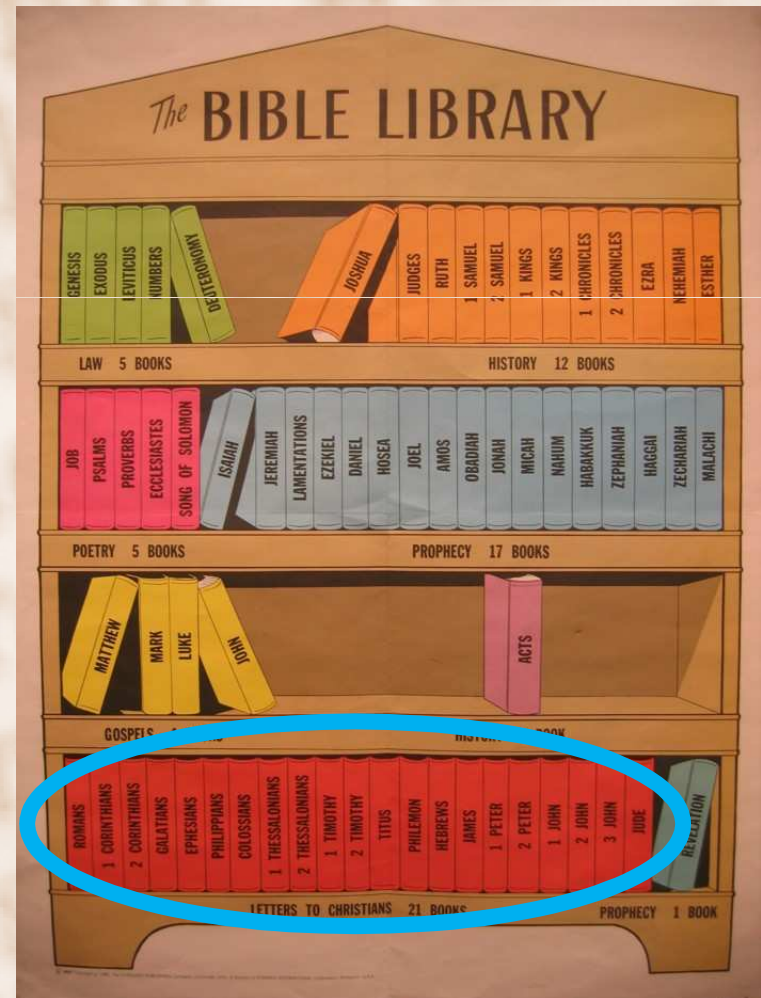
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NT Books 6-26: EPISTLES

- Letters written by apostles and prophets in the church to various individuals and churches.
- Contain instructions for church practice and Christian living.





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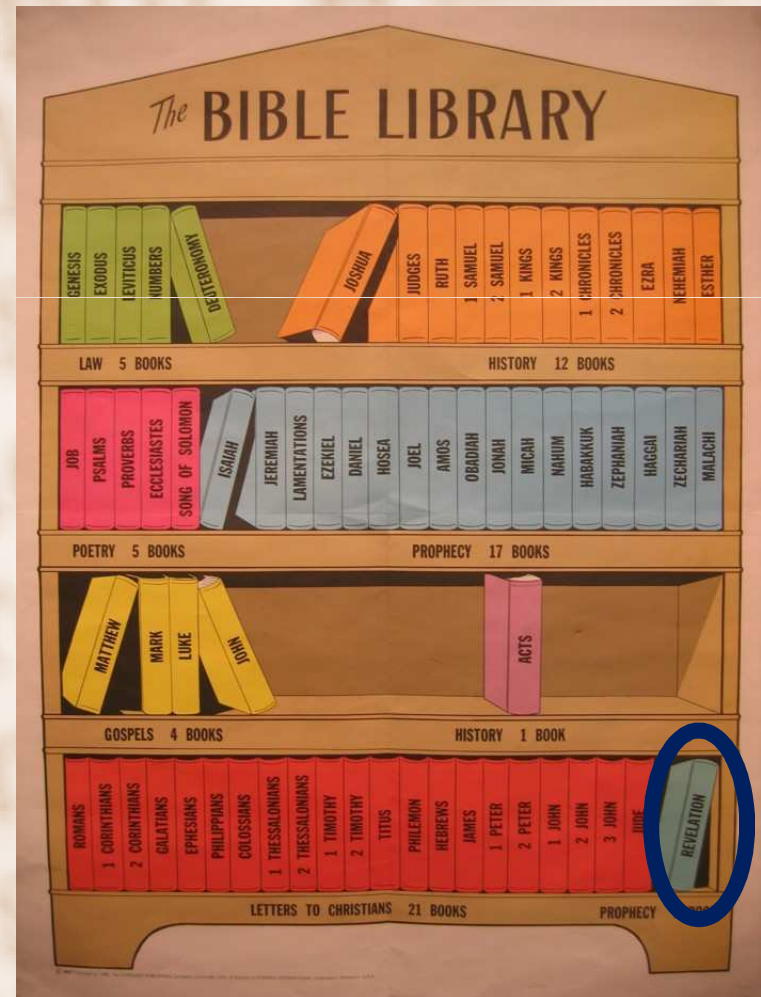


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NT Book 27: REVELATION

- A prophetic book written to suffering Christians living in Asia Minor (Turkey) in the 1st century.
- It assures them (and us) that though they suffered, Christ is victorious over all!





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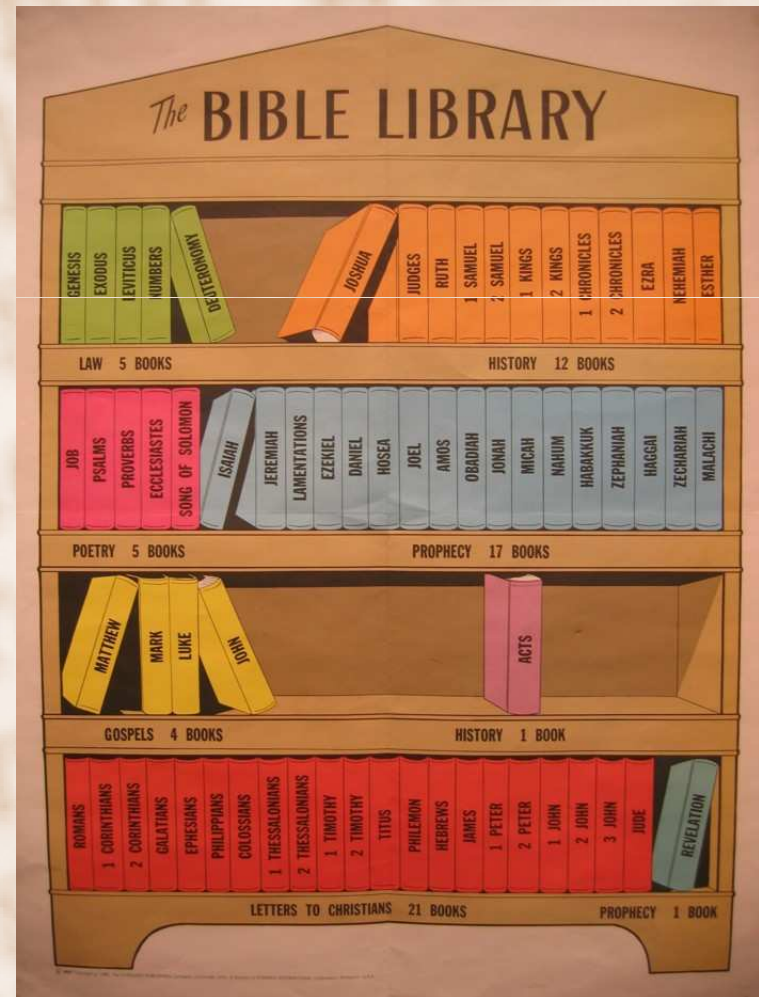
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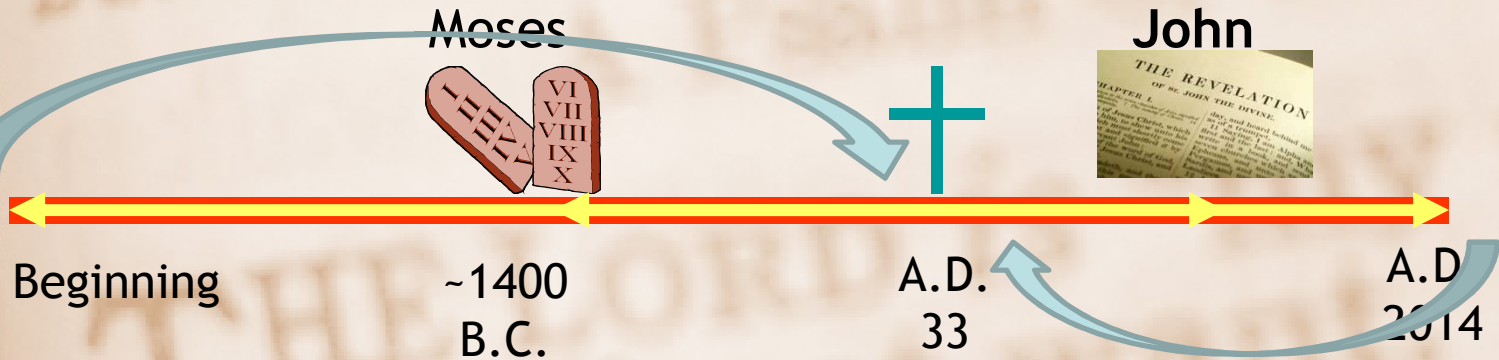
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The message of the New Testament: Acts 2:36

“God has made
this Jesus...both
Lord and Christ”

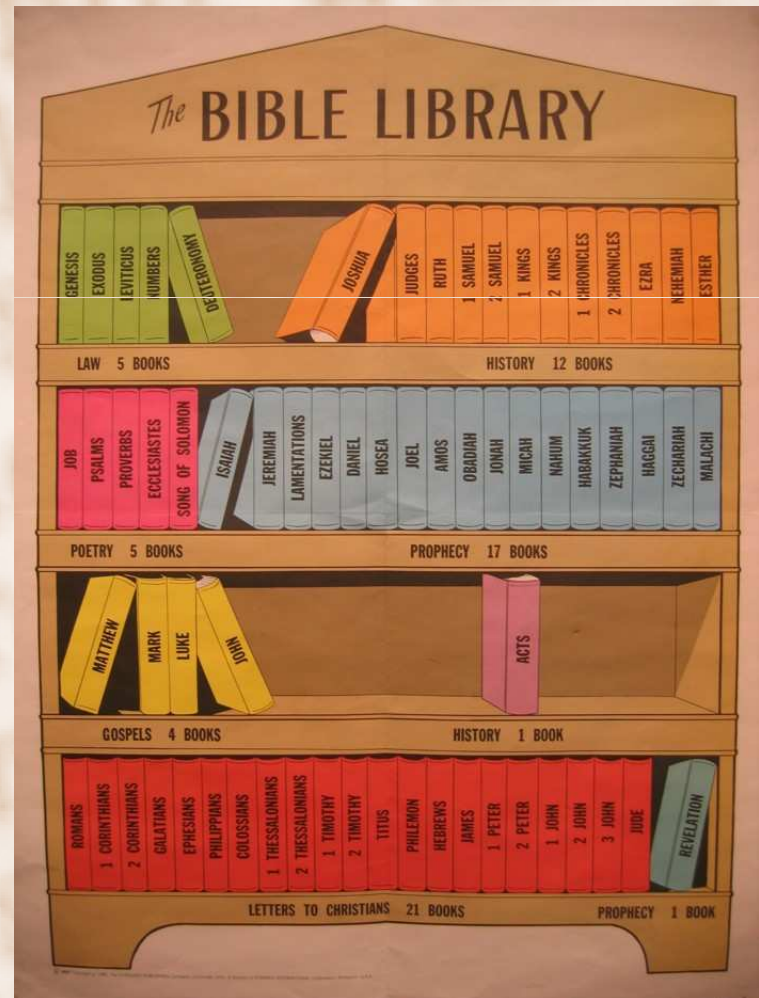




The Story of the Bible:

2 Cor. 5:17-21

God's plan of reconciliation and salvation in Christ



Next Week

Lesson 2:

“Before the Foundation of the World”

1 Peter 1:20-21

2 Timothy 3:16-17