



PRINCIPLES IN SERVING GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

THE POETIC BOOKS

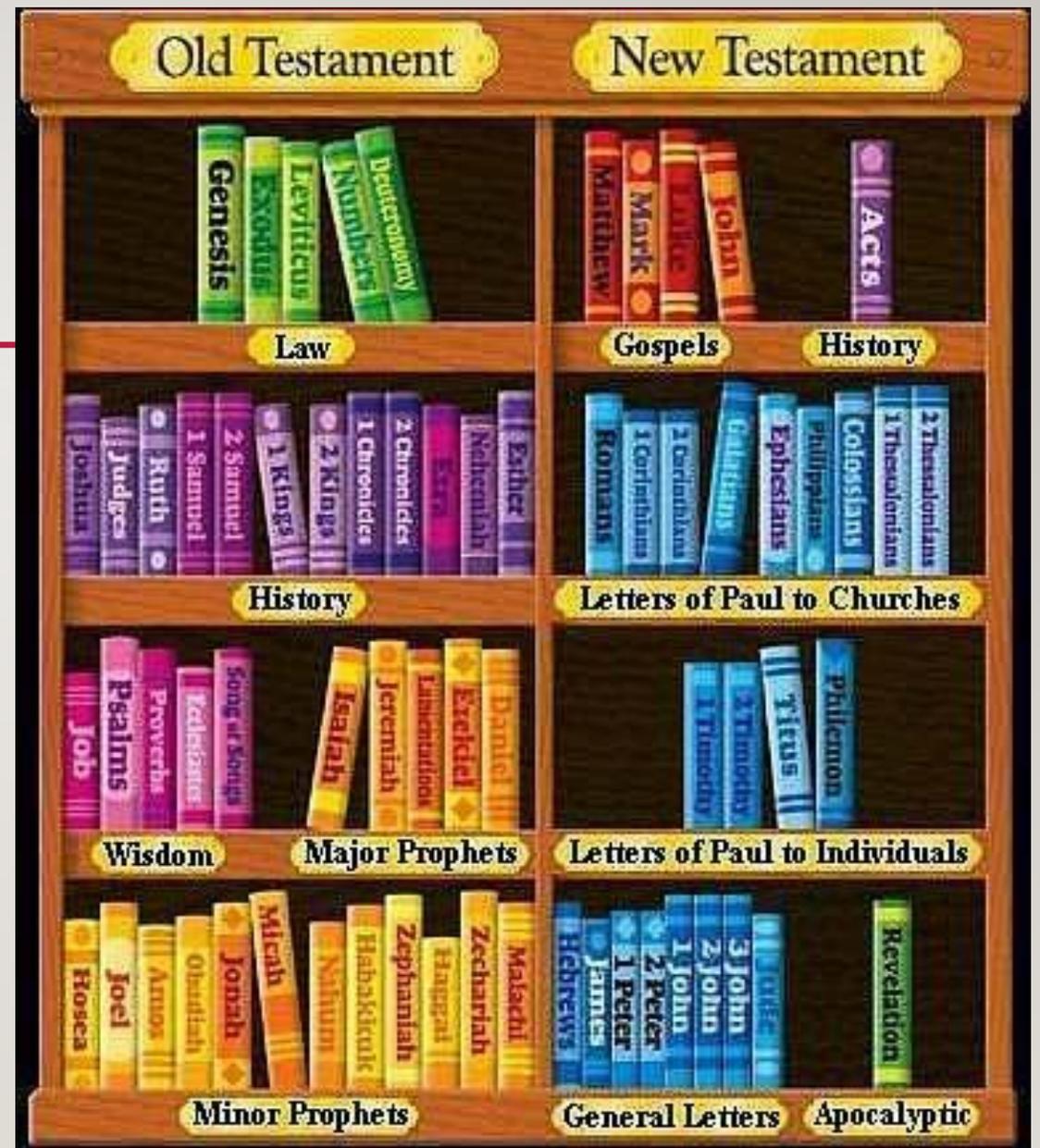
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1. Job
2. Psalms
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JOB

- A book of suffering. The book shows the malice of Satan, the patience of Job. The vanity of human philosophy, the wisdom of God, and the final deliverance of the sufferer.
- The oldest Book in the Bible, about 1800 BC. (time of Jacob)
- Mentioned in (Ezekiel 14:14) & (James 5:11)
- The debates were written in a poetic way as it was known at that time.
- Most probably Job wrote it but Moses added the beginning and the end

PSALMS

- A collection of 150 spiritual songs, poems, and prayers. Used through the centuries by the church in its worship.
- Author: David (73)
- The rest were ascribed to others (Moses, Solomon, Ezra, Heman, Ethan or unknown)

PROVERBS

- A collection of moral and religious maxims and discourses on such topics as wisdom, temperance, justice.
 - **Meaning of Proverbs:** In Hebrew “Mashal” means comparison.
 - In Latin means a word or speech that is, one expression for many.
 - **The Authors:** King Solomon chapter 1-29
- * King Solomon wrote 3,000 proverbs (1 Kings 4:32)

PROVERBS

- Golden Verse:

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”

(Proverbs 1:7)

ECCLESIASTES

- Reflections on the vanity of life and on man's duties and obligations to God, etc.

The writer: king Solomon.

When? End of his life as a testimony of his repentance.

The Scope: Vanity of all pleasures under the sun.

Conclusion: Be content, fear God and keep His commandments.



SONG OF SOLOMON

- A religious poem symbolizing the mutual love of Christ and the church
- It's also called "The Song of Songs" In the Septuagint.
- It's considered as "the holy of holies" of the Bible, because it describes the relationship between God and the human soul as a groom and his bride.
- Origen and Jerome tell us that the Jews forbade it to be read by any until he was 30 Y. to have a spiritual maturity.

