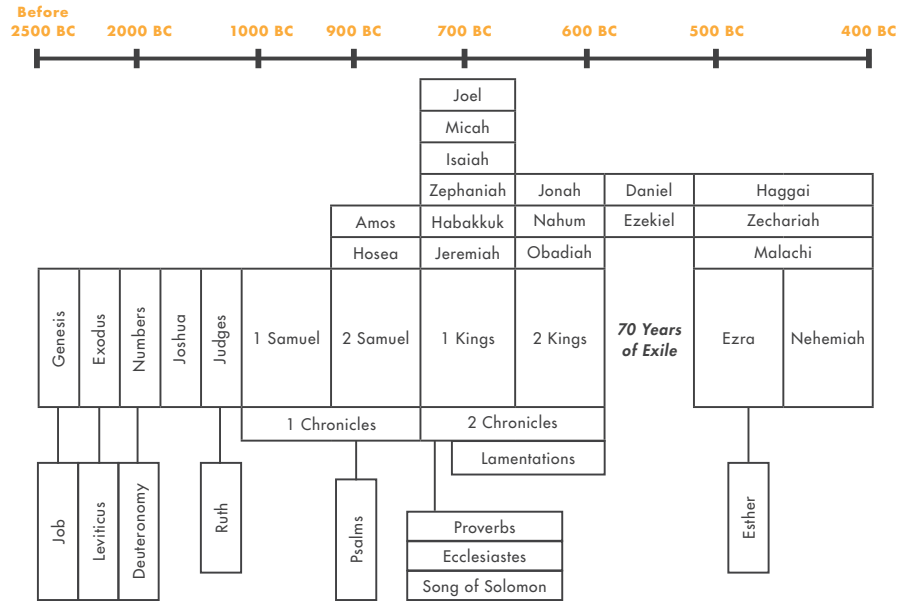
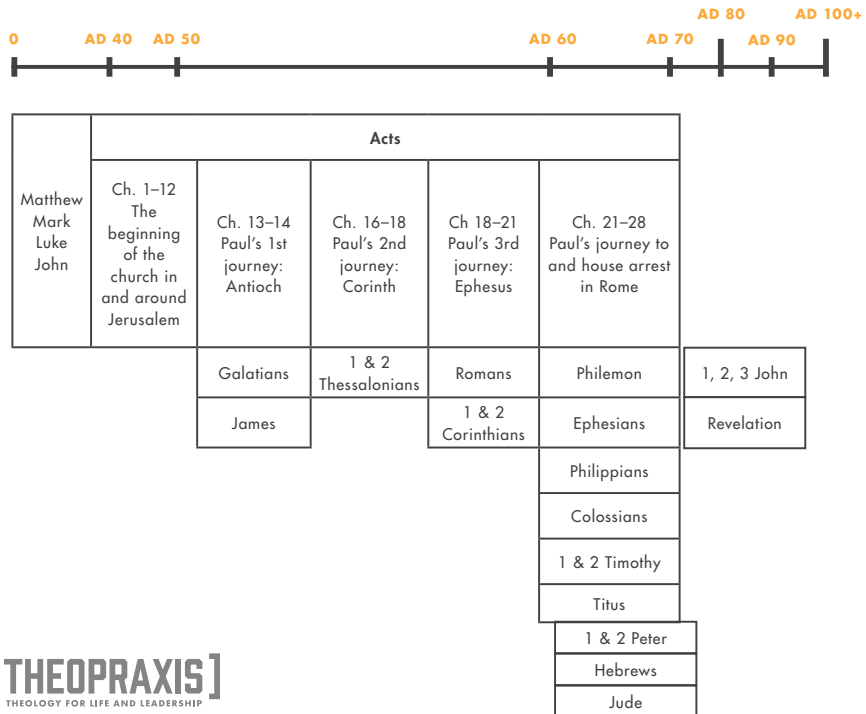


APPROXIMATE CHRONOLOGY OF OLD TESTAMENT



APPROXIMATE CHRONOLOGY OF NEW TESTAMENT



SESSION 1: STRUCTURE

I. WHAT IS THE BIBLE ABOUT?

- A. The Bible tells the story of God restoring a broken relationship with his creation.
- B. God sometimes uses people to move his plans forward.
- C. God works his plan of restoration through a series of covenants.

II. KNOWING HOW THE BIBLE IS STRUCTURED PROVIDES CONTEXT FOR READING IT.

- A. The Bible isn't one book. It's a collection of 66 writings: 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.
 1. Forty different authors wrote the Bible.
 2. The authors wrote over a span of more than 1,500 years.
 3. Most of the Old Testament was written in ancient Hebrew. Some portions were written in Aramaic, which is similar to Hebrew.
 4. The New Testament was written in an ancient form of Greek known as Koine (pronounced KOIN-ay).

B. The Bible includes multiple types of literature, written to different people for different reasons.

1. **Historical narrative:** historical accounts of people and events
2. **Law:** instructions God gave to Israel
3. **Poetry:** poems or songs written to praise God or to describe the experiences and emotions of his people
4. **Proverbs:** wise sayings
5. **Prophecy:** writings that use symbolic language to reveal previously unknown messages from God
6. **Parables:** fictional stories designed to illustrate a spiritual or moral concept
7. **Epistles:** letters sent to individuals or groups of people

C. The books of the Bible record events fairly chronological order, but there are exceptions.

1. Some books provide the main historical storyline of events.
2. Others provide additional details and commentary about historical events.

OLD TESTAMENT		NEW TESTAMENT	
LAW	WISDOM/POETRY	GOSPELS	EPISTLES
Genesis	Job	Matthew	Romans
Exodus	Psalms	Mark	1 Corinthians
Leviticus	Proverbs	Luke	2 Corinthians
Numbers	Ecclesiastes	John	Galatians
Deuteronomy	Song of Solomon		Ephesians
		HISTORY	Philippians
HISTORY	PROPHECY	Acts	Colossians
Joshua	Isaiah		1 Thessalonians
Judges	Jeremiah		2 Thessalonians
Ruth	Lamentations		1 Timothy
1 Samuel	Ezekiel		2 Timothy
2 Samuel	Daniel		Titus
1 Kings	Hosea		Philemon
2 Kings	Joel		Hebrews
1 Chronicles	Amos		James
2 Chronicles	Obadiah		1 Peter
Ezra	Jonah		2 Peter
Nehemiah	Micah		1 John
Esther	Nahum		2 John
	Habakkuk		3 John
	Zephaniah		Jude
	Haggai		
	Zechariah		PROPHECY
	Malachi		Revelation