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Literary Genres of The Bible—Literary Context

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Literary Genres of The Old Testament—39 Books

5 Books of The Law, Books of	12 Books of the History of God's People—Israel	5 Books of Wisdom and Poetry	5 Major Prophets	12 Minor Prophets
Moses				
Genesis	Joshua	Job	Isaiah	Hosea
Exodus	Judges	Psalms	Jeremiah	Joel
Leviticus	Ruth	Proverbs	Lamentations	Amos
Numbers	1 Samuel	Ecclesiastes	Ezekiel	Obadiah
Deuteronomy	2 Samuel	Song of Solomon	Daniel	Jonah
	1 Kings			Micah
	2 Kings			Nahum
	1 Chronicles			Habakkuk
	2 Chronicles			Zephaniah
	Ezra			Haggai
	Nehemiah			Zechariah
	Esther			Malachi

Literary Genres of The New Testament—27 Books

4 Gospels— Biographies of Jesus	1 Book of the History of God's Church	9 Letters of Paul to the Churches	4 Letters of Paul to Individuals	8 General Letters by Different People	1 Book of Prophecy
Matthew	Acts	Romans	1 Timothy	Hebrews	Revelation
Mark		1 Corinthians	2 Timothy	James	
Luke		2 Corinthians	Titus	1 Peter	
John		Galatians	Philemon	2 Peter	
		Ephesians		1 John	
		Philippians		2 John	
		Colossians		3 John	
		1 Thessalonians		Jude	
		2 Thessalonians			

The Bible is a library of sixty-six books of different literary genres, telling one cohesive narrative of God and his people in the four storylines of scripture, which include: creation, fall-mutiny, rescue-salvation, and restoration; answering the five worldview questions: 1. Where did I come from? 2. Why is there such a mess in the world? 3. Is there any hope? 4. What am I here for? and 5. What happens to me when I die?

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