

The 48 Most Important Chapters in the Old Testament

The Old Testament has 929 chapters. The following forty-eight chapters have been selected because of their historical, prophetic, theological, or practical significance. (Wilmington's Guide to the Bible)

Genesis

- 1—Creation of all things
- 3—Fall of man
- 6—The universal flood
- 11—The Tower of Babel
- 12—The call of Abraham
- 15—The confirmation of the Abrahamic Covenant

Exodus

- 3—The call of Moses
- 12—The Passover
- 14—The Red Sea crossing
- 16—The giving of the Sabbath
- 20—The giving of the Law
- 40—The completion of the tabernacle

Leviticus

- 8—The anointing of Aaron as Israel's first high priest
- 23—The feasts of Israel

Numbers

- 14—The rebellion at Kadesh-barnea
- 21—The serpent of brass

Deuteronomy

- 28—Israel's future predicted by Moses

Joshua

- 4—Israel enters the Promised Land

Ruth

- 4—The marriage of Boaz and Ruth

1 Samuel

- 9—The anointing of Saul as Israel's first king
- 16—The anointing of David

2 Samuel

- 6—Jerusalem becomes the capital of Israel
- 7—The giving of the Davidic Covenant

1 Kings

- 8—The dedication of the Temple by Solomon
- 12—The divided kingdom of Israel

2 Kings

- 17—The capture of the northern kingdom by Assyria
- 19—The saving of Jerusalem by the death angel
- 24—The capture of the southern kingdom by Babylon

Ezra

- 1—The decree of Cyrus and the return to Jerusalem

Job

- 1—The confrontations between God and Satan (see also Job 2)

Psalms

- 22—The Psalm of Calvary
- 23—The Psalm of the Good Shepherd
- 51—The great confession of sin chapter
- 119—The Psalm of the Word of God

Isaiah

- 7—The prophecy of the virgin birth
- 14—The fall of Satan
- 35—The Millennium
- 53—The sufferings of Christ

Jeremiah

- 31—The promise of the new covenant to Israel

Ezekiel

- 10—The departure of the glory cloud from Israel
- 28—The prehistorical life of Satan
- 37—The dry bone vision of Israel's restoration
- 38—The future Russian invasion into Palestine (see also Ezekiel 39)
- 40—The future millennial temple

Daniel

- 2—The dream of the future Gentile world powers (see also Daniel 7)
- 9—The vision of the seventy weeks

Jonah

- 2—The great fish and Jonah

Zechariah

- 14—The Second Coming of Christ

The 53 Most Important Chapters in the New Testament

The New Testament has 260 chapters. The following fifty-three chapters have been selected because of their historical, prophetic, theological, or practical significance. (Wilmington's Guide to the Bible)

MATTHEW

- 1—The baptism of Jesus
- 4—The temptation of Jesus
- 5—The Sermon on the Mount
- 6—The Lord's Prayer
- 13—The parable of the sower
- 16—The promise of the church
- 17—The transfiguration of Jesus
- 21—The rejection of Israel by Jesus
- 27—The crucifixion of Jesus
- 28—The resurrection of Jesus

LUKE

- 1—The birth of John the Baptist
- 2—The birth of Jesus

JOHN

- 2—The first miracle of Jesus
- 3—Jesus and Nicodemus
- 11—The resurrection of Lazarus
- 13—The Lord's Supper
- 14—The Father's House sermon
- 15—The abiding chapter
- 17—The prayer of Jesus

ACTS

- 1—The ascension of Jesus
- 2—Pentecost
- 9—The conversion of Saul
- 13—The call of Saul and Barnabas
- 15—The Jerusalem Council
- 16—The Macedonian vision

ROMANS

- 5—The justification chapter
- 6—The sanctification chapter
- 8—The glorification chapter
- 11—The dispensation chapter
- 12—The consecration chapter

1 CORINTHIANS

- 3—The judgment seat of Christ
- 7—The marriage chapter
- 11—Teachings on the Lord's Supper
- 12—The gifts of the Spirit
- 13—The love chapter
- 14—The tongues chapter
- 15—The resurrection chapter

GALATIANS

- 5—The fruit of the Spirit

EPHESIANS

- 5—The love of Christ for his church
- 6—The protection of the believer

PHILIPPIANS

- 2—The Kenosis (emptying) of Christ

1 THESSALONIANS

- 4—The rapture

2 TIMOTHY

- 3—Duties of pastors and deacons

HEBREWS

- 11—The faith chapter
- 12—The chastisement chapter

JAMES

- 3—The gossip chapter

1 JOHN

- 1—The fellowship chapter

JUDE

- 1—The apostasy chapter

REVELATION

- 6—Beginning of tribulation
- 13—The ministry of the antichrist
- 19—Second Coming of Christ
- 20—Great white throne judgment
- 21—New heaven and new earth

Most Important New Testament Events

Gospel Events (Matthew—John)

1. His birth (Lk. 2:1–7)
2. The adoration by the shepherds (Lk. 2:8–20)
3. The dedication in Jerusalem (Lk. 2:21–38)
4. The worship by the wise men (Mt. 2:1–12)
5. Flight into Egypt (Mt. 2:13–23)
6. Temple visit at age twelve (Lk. 2:41–50)
7. His baptism (Mt. 3:13–17)
8. His temptation (Mt. 4:1–11)
9. Introduction by John the Baptist (Jn. 1:29)
10. First Temple cleansing (Jn. 2:13–25)
11. Conversion of Nicodemus (Jn. 3:1–21)
12. The choice of the twelve (Mt. 10:1–4)
13. Imprisonment and execution of John (Mt. 14:1–12)
14. Peter's great confession (Mt. 16:13–20)
15. The transfiguration (Mt. 17:1–13)
16. His triumphal entry (Mt. 21:1–11)
17. Weeping over Jerusalem (Mt. 23:37–39; Lk. 19:41)
18. In the upper room (Jn. 13–14)
19. In Gethsemane (Jn. 18:1–11)
20. His arrest and trials (Jn. 18:12–19:15)
21. The crucifixion (Jn. 19:16–18)
22. The resurrection (Mt. 28:1–7)
23. The ten appearances
24. The ascension (Lk. 24:51)

Early Church and Epistle Events (Acts—Revelation)

1. Pentecost (Acts 2:1–4)
2. Sermon of Peter (2:14–40)
3. Healing of a lame man (3:1–11)
4. Death of Ananias and Sapphira (5:1–11)
5. Election of the first deacons (6:1–8)
6. Martyrdom of Stephen (7:1–60)
7. Conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch (8:26–39)
8. Conversion of Saul (9:1–19)
9. Conversion of Cornelius (10:1–48)
10. Establishment of the Antioch church (11:19–26)
11. Deliverance of Peter (12:1–19)
12. Paul's first missionary trip (13:2–14:28)
13. The Jerusalem Council (15:1–35)
14. Paul's second missionary trip (15:36–18:22)
15. Paul's third missionary trip (18:23–21:16)
16. Paul's imprisonment in Rome (28:30)
17. The exile of John to Patmos (Rev. 1:9)

The Most Important Old Testament Events

1. Creation of Adam and Eve (Gen. 1:26, 27; 2:7, 21, 22)
2. Institution of marriage (Gen. 2:23–25)
3. Fall of man (Genesis 3:6)
4. Promise of the Redeemer (Gen. 3:15)
5. Universal flood (Gen. 6–8)
6. Institution of human government (Gen. 9:1–19)
7. Tower of Babel (Gen. 11:1–9)
8. Conversion and call of Abraham (Gen. 12:1–3)
9. Giving of Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 12:7; 13:14–17; 15:1–21)
10. Abraham's marriage to Hagar (Gen. 16:1–16)

11. The birth of Isaac (Gen. 21:1–8)
12. The flight of Jacob (Gen. 28)
13. The selling of Joseph into Egyptian slavery (Gen. 37)
14. The enslavement of Israel in Egypt (Ex. 1)
15. The call of Moses (Ex. 3:1–10)
16. The ten plagues (Ex. 7–12)
17. The institution of the Passover (Ex. 12)
18. The appearance of the glory cloud (Ex. 13:21, 22)
19. The Red Sea crossing (Ex. 14)
20. The giving of the manna (Ex. 16:4)
21. The institution of the Sabbath (Ex. 16:29)
22. The giving of the Law (Ex. 20:1–17)
23. The completion of the tabernacle (Ex. 40:33, 34)
24. The anointing of Aaron (Lev. 8:1–12)
25. The unbelief at Kadesh-barnea (Num. 14)
26. The death of Moses (Deut. 34:5–8)
27. The Jordan River crossing into Palestine (Josh. 3)
28. The victory over Jericho (Josh. 6)
29. The death of Joshua (Josh. 24:29)
30. The marriage of Ruth to Boaz (Ruth 4)
31. The capture of the ark by the Philistines (1 Sam. 4)
32. The rejection of Samuel by Israel (1 Sam. 8:1–9)
33. The anointing of Saul (1 Sam. 9, 10)
34. The rejection of Saul (1 Sam. 15:23)
35. The anointing of David (1 Sam. 16:13)
36. The capture of Jerusalem by David (2 Sam. 5:9)
37. The recovery of the ark by David (2 Sam. 6:15, 16)
38. The giving of the Davidic Covenant (2 Sam. 7:8–17)
39. The anointing of Solomon (1 Ki. 1:39)
40. The completion of Solomon's Temple (1 Ki. 6:38)
41. The Israeli civil war (1 Ki. 12)
42. The deliverance of Joash from murderous Queen Athaliah (2 Chron. 22:10–12)
43. The Assyrian captivity of the northern kingdom (2 Ki. 17:6)
44. The deliverance of Jerusalem from the Assyrians (2 Ki. 19:32–35)
45. The death of Josiah (2 Ki. 23:29, 30)
46. The departure of the glory cloud (Ezek. 10:18)
47. The destruction of the Temple of Solomon (2 Ki. 25:8, 9)
48. The Babylonian captivity of the southern kingdom (2 Ki. 25:11)
49. The return under Cyrus' decree (Ezra 1)
50. The completion of the new Temple under Zerubbabel (Ezra 3)
51. The salvation of the Jews by Esther (Est. 4–7)

Old Testament Basic Stages

	MAIN ACTORS	MAIN ACTION
From the undated past up to 2165 B.C. CREATION STAGE		
GENESIS 1-11	Adam, Abel, Enoch, Noah	Creation Flood Fall Tower of Babel
2165-1804 B.C. PATRIARCHAL STAGE		
GENESIS 12-50 JOB	Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph Job, Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar, Elihu	Beginning of Hebrew Nation Giving of Abrahamic Covenant Jews Move into Egypt God Allows Satan to Test Job
1804-1405 B.C. EXODUS STAGE		
EXODUS LEVITICUS NUMBERS DEUTERONOMY	Moses, Aaron, Miriam, Eleazer Korah, Balaam, Phinehas	Deliverance from Egypt Building of the Tabernacle Giving of the Law The Failure at Kadesh-Barnea
1405-1382 B.C. CONQUEST STAGE		
JOSHUA	Joshua, Caleb, Rahab, Achan	Invasion of the Land Subjection of the Land Division of the Land
1382-1043 B.C. JUDGES STAGE		
JUDGES RUTH 1 SAMUEL 1-7	Ehud, Barak, Deborah, Gideon, Jephthah, Samson Ruth, Naomi, Boaz Hannah, Eli, Samuel	The Ministry of 12 Military Reformers The Marriage of a Moabite Girl The Prayer of a Mother The Death of a Priest
1043-931 B.C. UNITED KINGDOM STAGE		
1 SAMUEL 8-31 2 SAMUEL 1 KINGS 1-11 1 CHRONICLES 2 CHRONICLES 1-9 PSALMS PROVERBS ECCLESIASTES SONG OF SOLOMON	Saul, David, Solomon, Joab, Abner, Absalom, Goliath, Zadok, Bath-Sheba, Witch of Endor, Nathan, Jonathan, Queen of Sheba	The Threefold Anointing of David in Bethlehem by Samuel in Hebron by 2 Tribes in Hebron by All 12 Tribes The Capture of Jerusalem by David The Bringing of the Ark into Jerusalem The Giving of the Davidic Covenant The Construction of the First Temple

Old Testament Basic Stages (2)

931-605 B.C.

CHAOTIC KINGDOM STAGE

<p>1 KINGS 12-22 2 KINGS 2 CHRONICLES 10-36</p> <p>OBADIAH (850-840) JOEL (841-834) JONAH (785-750) AMOS (760-753) HOSEA (760-700)</p> <p>ISAIAH (739-681) MICAHA (735-700) NAHUM (650-620) ZEPHANIAH (640-620) JEREMIAH (627-575)</p> <p>HABAKKUK (609-606) LAMENTATIONS (586)</p>	<p>Northern Kings: Jeroboam, Omri, Ahab, Jehu, Jeroboam II, Hoshea</p> <p>Southern Kings: Rehoboam, Asa, Jehoshaphat, Uzziah, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh, Josiah, Jehoiakim, Zedekiah</p> <p>Oral Prophets: Elijah, Micaiah, Elisha</p> <p>Various Figures: Jezebel, Naaman, Athaliah</p> <p>Amaziah Gomer, Jezreel, Lo-Ru-Ha-Mah, Lo-Am-Mi</p> <p>Baruch, Gedaliah, Ishmael, Johanah</p>	<p>Israel's Tragic Civil War The Capture of the Northern Kingdom by the Assyrians The Salvation of Jerusalem from the Assyrians The Great Preaching Ministry of the Oral Prophets The Great Preaching Ministry of the Writing Prophets The Giving of the New Covenant The Capture of the Southern Kingdom by the Babylonians</p>
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605-538 B.C.

CAPTIVITY STAGE

<p>DANIEL (605-536) EZEKIEL (593-560)</p>	<p>Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Belshazzar, Darius</p>	<p>Personal Deliverance of Daniel and His Friends Destruction of First Temple Description of the Future Millennial Temple A Panorama of Gentile World Powers A Preview of Israel's Future The Fall of Babylon</p>
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538-400 B.C.

RETURN STAGE

<p>EZRA (438-440) ESTHER (478-463) NEHEMIAH (445-415)</p> <p>HAGGAI (520-504) ZECHARIAH (520-488) MALACHI (427-400)</p>	<p>Cyrus, Joshua, Zerubbabel, Ezra Ahasuerus, Esther, Mordecai, Haman Nehemiah, Artaxerxes, Sanballat</p>	<p>The Decree of Cyrus The Construction of the Second Temple The Rebuilding of the Walls The Deliverance of the Jews in Persia</p>
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NEW TESTAMENT BASIC STAGES

	MAIN ACTORS	MAIN ACTION
GOSPEL STAGE 5 B.C.–A.D. 30		
MATTHEW <i>King and Lionlike</i>	Twelve Apostles Mary and Joseph	Birth Flight into Egypt
MARK <i>Servant and Oxlike</i>	Mary and Martha Pilate and Herod	Temptation Choosing the Twelve
LUKE <i>Perfect Man and Manlike</i>	John the Baptist Nicodemus	Upper Room Event Trials and Death
JOHN <i>Mighty God and Eaglelike</i>	Lazarus Mary Magdalene	Dedication Temple Visit at Age Twelve Introduction as Lamb of God Transfiguration Gethsemane Resurrection Wise Men Visit Baptism First Temple Cleansing Triumphal Entry Great High Priestly Prayer Ascension
EARLY CHURCH STAGE A.D. 30–A.D. 68		
ACTS	Peter, Philip, Stephen, Paul, Barnabas, Silas, James	Pentecost Death of Ananias and Sapphira Selection of the First Deacons Martyrdom of Stephen Conversion of Ethiopian Eunuch Conversion of Saul Conversion of Cornelius Establishment of Antioch Church Deliverance of Peter Three Missionary Journeys of Paul Jerusalem Council Paul's Macedonian Vision Paul's Arrest and Trip to Rome
EPISTLE STAGE 45–A.D. 100		
	<u>James (45)</u>	<u>Hebrews (59)</u>
	<u>Jude (68)</u>	1 Peter (68) <u>2 Peter (66)</u>
	Galatians (49) 1 Thessalonians (51) 2 Thessalonians (61) 1 Corinthians (56) 2 Corinthians (56) Romans (57) Ephesians (60) Colossians (61) Philippians (61) Philemon (62) 1 Timothy (62) Titus (66) <u>2 Timothy (67)</u>	1 John (96) 2 John (95) 3 John (95) <u>Revelation (95)</u>