

SURVEY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT - INTRODUCTION

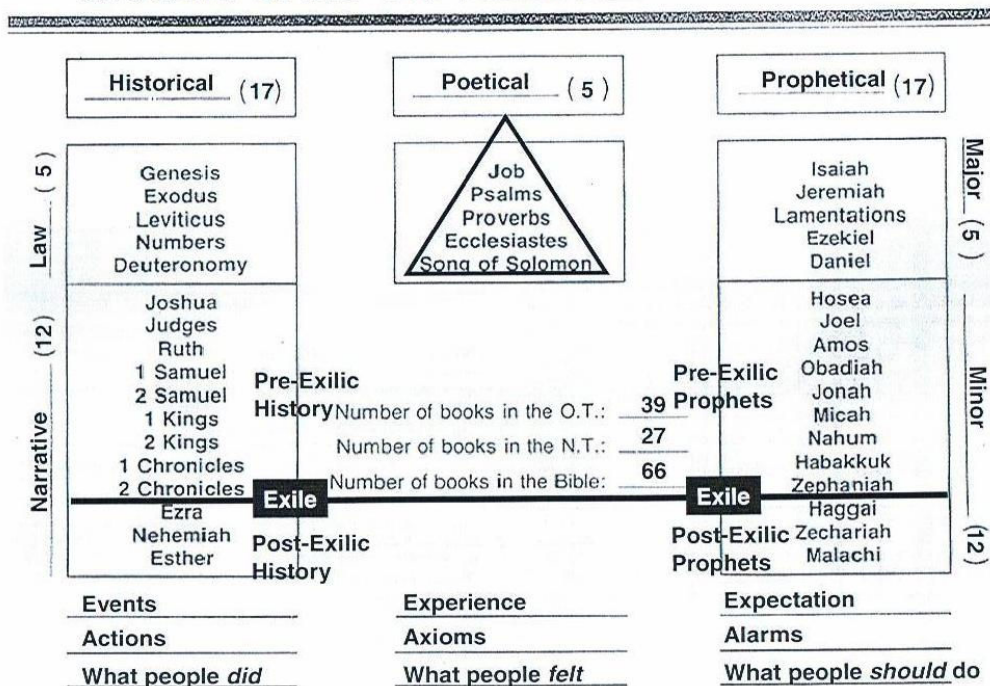
Our Bible is divided into Old and New Testament. Altogether, there are 39 books in the Old Testament. One way of classifying the Old Testament is as follows:



Law/Torah:	5
History:	12
Poetry:	5
Prophets:	17
	(Major: 5, Minor: 12)

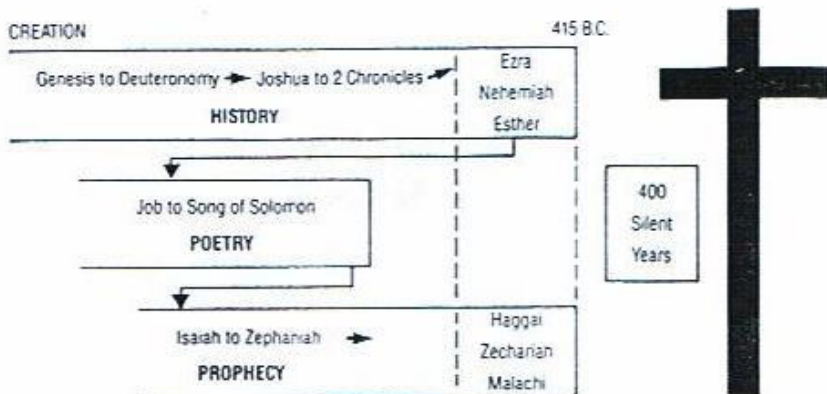
Another bird's-eye view of the Old Testament is as follows:

Structure of the Old Testament



What's the central theme of the Old Testament? Let these words from the New Testament show us the answer:

- *Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. (1 Peter 1:10-11)*
- *Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. (Luke 24:25-27; see also 24:44-47)*
- *You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. (John 5:39)*
- *So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening. (Acts 28:23)*



The central theme
of the
Old Testament
is
CHRIST!

Questions

- + Look at the list of 39 books of the Old Testament. Which one have you never read? Why not aim to read it in January 2008?
- + In reading each of the Old Testament books, can you see Christ? If not, read again!

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