

The Books of the Bible

In **Genesis** the world was made by God's creative hand;
In **Exodus** the Hebrews marched to gain the Promised Land.

In **Leviticus** of offerings and Aaron's sons we're told;

In **Numbers** twice are all the tribes of Israel enrolled.

Moses, in **Deuteronomy**, recounts God's mighty deeds;

Brave **Joshua** into Canaan's land, the host of Israel leads.

In **Judges** their rebellion provokes the Lord to smite;

But **Ruth** records the faith of one well pleasing in His sight.

In First and Second **Samuel** of Jesse's sons we read;

Ten tribes in First and Second **Kings** revolted from his seed.

The first and Second **Chronicles** see Judah captive made;

But **Ezra** leads a remnant back by princely Cyrus's aid.

The city walls of Zion **Nehemiah** builds again,

While **Esther** saves her people from the plots of wicked men.

In **Job** we read how faith will live beneath affliction's rod,

And David's **Psalms** are precious songs to every child of God.

The **Proverbs** like a goodly string of choicest pearls appear,

Ecclesiastes teaches man how vain all things here are.

The mystic **Song of Solomon** exalts sweet Sharon's rose,

While Christ, the Savior and the King, the "rapt **Isaiah**" shows.

The warning **Jeremiah**, apostate Israel scorns;

His plaintive **Lamentations** their awful downfall mourns.

Ezekiel tells in wondrous words of dazzling mysteries,

While kings and empires yet to come, **Daniel** in vision sees.

Of Judgment and of mercy **Hosea** loves to tell,

Joel describes the blessed days when God with men shall dwell.

Among Tekoa's herdsmen, **Amos** received his call,

While **Obadiah** prophesies of Edom's final fall,
Jonah enshrines a wondrous type of Christ, our risen Lord.
Micah pronounces Judah lost, but again restored.
Nahum declares on Nineveh just judgment shall be poured.
A view of Chaldea's coming doom **Habakkuk's** visions give.
Next **Zephaniah** warns the Jews to turn, repent and live.
Haggai wrote to those who saw the temple built again,
And **Zechariah** prophesied of Christ's triumphant reign.
Malachi was the last who touched the high, prophetic chord;
Its final notes sublimely show the coming of the Lord.
Matthew, and **Mark**, and **Luke** and **John** the holy Gospels wrote,
Describing how the Savior died, His life and all He taught.
Acts proves how God led the apostles, with signs in every place.
St. Paul in **Romans** teaches us how man is saved by grace.
The apostle in **Corinthians** instructs, exhorts, reproves.
Galatians shows the faith in Christ alone, the Father loves.
Ephesians and **Philippians** tell what Christians ought to be.
Colossians bids us live for God and for eternity.
In **Thessalonians** we are taught the Lord will come from heaven.
In **Timothy** and **Titus** a bishop's rule is given.
Philemon marks a Christian's love, which only Christians know.
Hebrews reveals the gospel prefigured by the law.
James shows that without Holiness, faith is but vain and dead.
St. **Peter** points the narrow way in which the saints are led.
John in his three epistles, on love delight dwell
St. **Jude** gives awful warning of judgment, wrath of hell.
The **Revelation** prophesies of that tremendous day,
When Christ, and Christ alone, shall be the trembling sinner's stay.