**Summary of 66 Books of the bible**

**Old Testament**

**Genesis** Creation; world flood; Tower of Babel; Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (Israel); 12 sons of Jacob (12 tribes of Israel); Joseph (son of Isaac) as second in command over Egypt.

**Exodus** Israelites live 420 years in Egypt as slaves; Moses and 10 plagues of Egypt; Israel's departure from Egypt; parting of Red Sea; 10 Commandments on Mt. Sinai; the tabernacle (dwelling tent of God’s Art of the Covenant).

**Leviticus** 613 Levitical Laws (ceremonial, civil, & moral laws); Levi’s decedents (1 of 12 sons of Jacob/Israel); priestly duties; ceremonial law requirements (different sacrifices, depending on certain sins).

**Numbers** Census of the Israelites; Israelites wander in wilderness 40 years.

**Deuteronomy** The law rehearsed/read aloud; the death of Moses.

**Joshua** The story of the conquest/wars and partition/dividing of Canaan; cross Jordan River by parting its waters; cities of refuge.

**Judges** Wars of Israel; Samson kills 1,000 with donkey’s jaw bone; Samson & Delilah.

**Ruth** Ruth (widow) stays with Naomi (mother-in-law) and marries Boaz (kinsman redeemer).

**1 Samuel** Samuel (prophet & judge) anoints Saul as first king of Israel; David & Goliath; Saul vs. David; David & Jonathan (Saul’s son) as close friends; David’s victories in war; Saul & witch; Saul kills himself.

**2 Samuel** David (king of Israel) and many wars; David & Bathsheba; Nathan (prophet) rebukes David. David’s sons rebel & die; David’s strong/fighting men; David’s death.

**1 & 2 Kings** David dies; Solomon becomes king and builds the Temple & Palace; Israel is divided into the Northern Tribes and Southern Tribe, each having their own series of kings that go to war; Jerusalem is destroyed; Jehoiachin is freed from his prison at Babylon, twenty-six years later.

**1 & 2 Chronicles** genealogy records (family tree) of the kingdoms of Judah and Israel; more details of David, Solomon, and their family line (other kings); many wars occur; dedication of the Temple of God.

**Ezra** The story of the return of the Jews from the Babylonian captivity, and of the rebuilding of the temple.

**Nehemiah** A further account of the rebuilding of the temple and city walls of Jerusalem, and of the obstacles encountered and overcome.

**Esther** The story of a Jewess who becomes queen of Persia and saves the Jewish people from destruction

**Job** The story of the trials and patience of a holy man of Edom; Job’s dialogue with his wife, four friends, and God; an account of how Satan must submit to God.

**Psalms** A collection of sacred poems intended for use in the worship of God; mostly the writings of David.

**Proverbs** The wise sayings (not promises, but wise sayings) of Solomon for daily living

**Ecclesiastes** A poem respecting the vanity of earthly things, stating that “everything is meaningless,” unless God is placed at the center of your life… in which case, everything then has eternal meaningfulness.

**Solomon's Song** An account of Solomon and his wife, describing their pursuit and their friend’s every-changing viewpoints on the matter; NOT an allegory relating to the church.

**Isaiah** Prophecies of Judah, Jerusalem, and the life/death of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom.

**Jeremiah** Prophecies announcing the captivity of Judah, its sufferings, and the final overthrow of its enemies.

**Lamentations** The utterance of Jeremiah's sorrow upon the capture of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple of God.

**Ezekiel** Messages of warning and comfort to the Jews in their captivity; “end-times prophesies.”

**Daniel** A narrative of some of the occurrences of the captivity, and a series of prophecies concerning Jesus Christ and the “end-times prophecies.”

**Hosea** God tells the prophet Hosea to marry a prostitute to prophecy events that will happen to Israel and to Jesus Christ.

**Joel** Prediction of woes upon Judah, and of the favor with which God will receive the those whose hearts change from their sinful ways.

**Amos** Prediction that Israel and other neighboring nations will be punished by conquerors from the North, and of the fulfillment of the Messiah's Kingdom.

**Obadiah** Prediction of the desolation of Edom.

**Jonah** God’s mercies over Nineveh (sinful capital city), using a disobedient prophet, Jonah.

**Micah** Predictions relating to the invasions of Shalmaneser and Sennacherib, the Babylonish captivity, the establishment of a theocratic kingdom in Jerusalem, and the birth of the Messiah in Bethlehem.

**Nahum** Prediction of the downfall of Assyria.

**Habakkuk** A prediction of the doom of the Chaldeans.

**Zephaniah** A prediction of the overthrow of Judah for its idolatry and wickedness.

**Haggai** Prophecies concerning the rebuilding of the temple.

**Zechariah** Prophecies relating to the rebuilding of the temple and the Messiah.

**Malachi** Prophecies relating to the calling of the Gentiles and the coming of Christ.

**New Testament**

**Matthew** The life and death of Jesus Christ.

**Mark** The life and death of Jesus Christ.

**Luke** The life and death of Jesus Christ.

**John** The life and death of Jesus Christ.

**Acts** Letter of Luke; history of the labors/death of the apostles; the foundation of the Christian Church.

**Romans** Letter of Paul on the doctrine of justification by Christ; explains God’s inner workings from the Old Testament Jew/Gentile relationship to the New Testament Jew/Gentile relationship.

**1 Corinthians** Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, correcting errors into which they had fallen.

**2 Corinthians** Letter of Paul, confirming his disciples in their faith, and upholds his own character.

**Galatians** Letter of Paul, we are justified by grace through faith, and not by works.

**Ephesians** Letter of Paul on the power of divine grace.

**Philippians** Letter of Paul sets forth the beauty of Christian kindness.

**Colossians** Letter of Paul warns his disciples against errors, and exhorts to certain duties.

**1 Thessalonians** Letter of Paul exhorts his disciples to continue in the faith and in holy conversation.

**2 Thessalonians** Letter of Paul corrects an error concerning the speedy coming of Christ the end times.

**1 & 2 Timothy** Letters of Paul instructs Timothy in the duty of a pastor, and encourages him in the work of the ministry.

**Titus** Letter of Paul, encourages Titus in the performance of his ministerial duties.

**Philemon** An appeal to a converted master to receive a converted escaped slave with kindness.

**Hebrews** Author unknown (most claim Paul as author), maintains that Christ is the substance of the ceremonial law.

**James** A treatise on the efficacy of faith united with good works.

**1 & 2 Peter** Exhortations to a Christian life, with various warnings and predictions.

**1 John** Respecting the person of our Lord, and an exhortation to Christian love and conduct.

**2 John** John warns a converted lady against false teachers.

**3 John** A letter to Gaius, praising him for his hospitality.

**Jude** Warnings against deceivers.

**Revelation** The past, present, and future of the Church foretold, with Jesus as the center of all things.