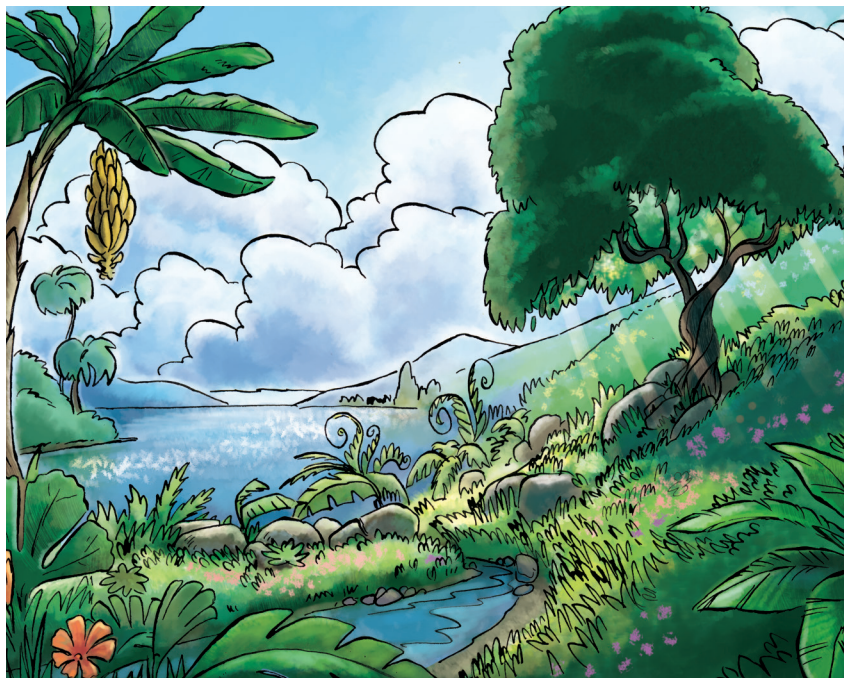


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# Genesis



## Who wrote Genesis?

The book doesn't say—but most people believe it was Moses.

## When was Genesis written?

Moses lived about 3,500 years ago—but the story of Genesis goes back to the very beginning of time!

## What's Genesis about?

One word: **Beginnings**.

In more words: Genesis tells how **God** created the whole universe just by speaking. God spoke, and there was light and dark. God spoke, and the Earth had skies, seas, and land. God spoke, and there were plants, fish, birds, and animals. But then God made people specially—He created **Adam** from the dirt and **Eve** from a rib of Adam.

Genesis also tells us about

- the beginning of sin—when Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden
- **Noah** and his ark full of animals
- a very important man named **Abraham**
- Abraham's kids, grandkids, and other family members—**Isaac, Jacob, Joseph**, and the “**people of Israel**”— God's chosen people

## What's an important verse from Genesis?

And Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith. GENESIS 15:6 NLT

## What does that mean?

“Faith” is believing in God—believing that there is a God, and that what He says is true. When we have faith in God, God is happy! (Learn more in Hebrews 11:6.)

## So, what?

God made you for a special purpose—to walk close with Him. Your journey is just beginning.

# Exodus



## Who wrote Exodus?

The book doesn't say—but most people believe it was Moses.

## When was Exodus written?

Moses helped God's people exit Egypt. He lived about 3,500 years ago.

## What's Exodus about?

One word: Exit.

In more words: Exodus tells how God's people—the **Israelites**—became slaves in Egypt. When they cried out to **God**, He heard them. He raised up **Moses** to save them. After God sent ten plagues on Egypt, its king—or **pharaoh**—let the Israelites go. But then he changed his mind. So God parted the Red Sea and His people escaped.

Exodus also tells us about

- the Ten Commandments—God's list of dos and don'ts
- the worship of a golden calf
- God's pillar of cloud and pillar of fire
- manna—special bread from heaven

## What's an important verse from Exodus?

"I have heard the groans of the Israelites. . . . Tell the people of Israel, 'I am the LORD. I will throw off the heavy load the Egyptians have put on your shoulders. I will set you free from being slaves to them. I will reach out my arm and save you with mighty acts.'" EXODUS 6:5–6

## What does that mean?

When God hears our cries, He will help us—because He loves us. That's why He sent Moses—to save the Israelites. And that's why He sent Jesus—to save us.

## So, what?

When you are in trouble, God will always help you find the exit.

# Leviticus



## Who wrote Leviticus?

The book doesn't say—but most people believe it was Moses.

## When was Leviticus written?

About 3,500 years ago.

## What's Leviticus about?

One word: Holiness.

In more words: Leviticus means “about the **Levites**”—people from the family of **Levi**. The Levites were to be the ministers for God. In Leviticus, God tells His people how to serve, obey, and worship Him—how to be holy. Then God lists all the blessings for obeying Him. It is a book full of rules—laws to live by.

Leviticus also tells us about

- what the people were to sacrifice
- which animals were okay to eat
- Moses' brother, **Aaron**, who was the first high priest
- special holy days like the Sabbath and the Passover

## What's an important verse from Leviticus?

“Be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.”

LEVITICUS 19:2 NLV

## What does that mean?

The word *holy* appears in Leviticus 150 times. It means to be pure and set apart—just for God and just like God. Back in Moses' day, people killed animals (“sacrifices”) because God's people weren't holy. Later Jesus died on the cross to make us holy—one sacrifice, one time, for everyone.

## So, what?

You don't have to follow the rules in Leviticus to be holy. But you still worship a holy God through Jesus Christ. So treat Him with respect.

# Numbers



## Who wrote Numbers?

The book doesn't say—but most people believe it was Moses.

## When was Numbers written?

About 3,500 years ago.



## What's Numbers about?

One word: Wandering.

In more words: Numbers starts by counting warriors—and that's how the book got its name. After counting 603,550 fighters, the **Israelites** begin a 200-mile walk to the Promised Land of Canaan. Because of the people's fear, naughtiness, and complaining, they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years! Numbers also tells us about

- spies reporting a land of giants
- the courage of **Joshua** and **Caleb**
- the earth swallowing up complainers
- **Moses** hitting (instead of talking to) a rock that God said would provide miracle water

## What's an important verse from Numbers?

“If the LORD is pleased with us, he'll lead us into that land. It's a land that has plenty of milk and honey. He'll give it to us.” NUMBERS 14:8

## What does that mean?

Twelve spies checked out the Promised Land where giants lived. Ten spies said the Israelites were grasshoppers compared to the giants. Only two spies—Joshua and Caleb—knew that God is bigger than anything and anyone. They were faithful and brave. So God let only Joshua and Caleb into the Promised Land.

## So, what?

Keep your eyes on God. He's bigger than any giant. And God won't let you wander. He will lead you to a land of plenty. That's a promise!

# Deuteronomy



## Who wrote Deuteronomy?

The book doesn't say, but most people believe it was Moses—except for the last eight verses. Those tell us about Moses' death.

## When was Deuteronomy written?

About 3,500 years ago.

## What's Deuteronomy about?

One word: Remembering.

In more words: In Deuteronomy, **Moses** is 120 years old. Forty years have passed in the wilderness. All the people who escaped Egypt are dead—except for **Joshua**, **Caleb**, and Moses. So Moses tells the Israelites the history of their wandering in the wilderness. And he repeats God's rules for the new generation. (The word *Deuteronomy* means “second law.”)

Deuteronomy also tells us about

- Moses seeing the Promised Land from Mount Nebo
- Moses dying and being buried by God
- Joshua becoming the Israelites' new leader

## What's an important verse from Deuteronomy?

“You saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way you have walked until you came to this place.” DEUTERONOMY 1:31 NLV

## What does that mean?

Moses reminded the people of the way God helped them. God did miracles for them—like parting the Red Sea so they could escape Egypt. He led them all through the wilderness. He provided special food called manna. And He carried them to safety.

## So, what?

Never forget how God has blessed you. He carried you yesterday. He carries you today. And He will carry you tomorrow. You are safe in His arms.

# Joshua



## Who wrote Joshua?

The book doesn't say—but most people believe it was Joshua, except for the last five verses. They tell about Joshua's death.

## When was Joshua written?

About 3,400 years ago.

## What's Joshua about?

One word: Victory.

In more words: **Moses** has died. **Joshua** is the Israelites' new leader. And he is the one who leads them into the promised land of Canaan. God's words give the new leader courage. So Joshua leads his people into battle.

The first step—Jericho. With the help of **God**, the city walls fall down. The Israelites win the battle.

Joshua also tells us about

- **Rahab** and the spies
- God parting the Jordan River
- God making the sun stand still during a battle
- each tribe getting a piece of the Promised Land

## What's an important verse from Joshua?

“Be strong and brave. Do not be terrified. Do not lose hope. I am the LORD your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.” JOSHUA 1:9

## What does that mean?

God told Joshua to be brave. He also told Joshua that He would be with him no matter where Joshua went. Joshua believed God's words. So he was able to lead his people to great victories.

## So, what?

Do not be afraid of anything. You have God. He can do anything. And He is with you wherever you go. He will help you win any battle.

# Judges



## Who wrote Judges?

The book doesn't say—but some people believe it was the prophet Samuel.

## When was Judges written?

About 3,000 years ago. But some of its stories take place as long as 3,400 years ago.

## What's Judges about?

One word: Rescuers.

In more words: After **Joshua** dies, the **Israelites** take a break from chasing pagan people off their land. (Pagans are people who worship things called idols instead of God.) But God's people start worshipping idols, too. And that only gets them into trouble. When the Israelites cry out to **God** for help, He sends judges to rescue them.

Judges also tells us about

- **Deborah**, a prophet, wife, judge, and army leader
- **Jael**, a woman who killed a general
- **Gideon** and his fleece
- **Samson** and his great strength

## What's an important verse from Judges?

In those days Israel didn't have a king. The people did anything they thought was right. **JUDGES 21:25**

## What does that mean?

The Israelites were going in circles. First they'd disobey God. Then they'd cry out to Him. God would send judges to rescue the Israelites. And for a while they would behave. But then they'd go back to not obeying God—doing “anything they thought was right.”

## So, what?

The one and only way to stay out of trouble: Don't do what you think is right, but do what God says is right.

# Ruth



## Who wrote Ruth?

The book doesn't say—but some people believe it was the prophet Samuel.

## When was Ruth written?

About 3,100 years ago.



## What's Ruth about?

One word: Faithfulness.

In more words: **Ruth** was a woman from Moab. She married a Jewish man. When he died, she faithfully followed her mother-in-law—**Naomi**—to Bethlehem. Once there, Ruth needed work to keep them both fed. So she gathered grain in the fields of a rich man named **Boaz**, a relative of Naomi.

Ruth also tells us about

- Ruth leaving her home to live with strangers
- Boaz and Ruth falling in love, then getting married
- Boaz saving Ruth and Naomi from being poor
- Ruth giving birth to **Obed**—who became the grandfather of **King David**

## What's an important verse from Ruth?

“I will go where you go. I will live where you live. Your people will be my people. And your God will be my God.”

RUTH 1:16 NLV

## What does that mean?

When her husband died, Ruth could have stayed in her own country. That would have been the easy thing to do. But instead, she followed Naomi to a strange land. Because Ruth was faithful to Naomi, God gave her many blessings.

## So, what?

When you are faithful to God, He will be sure to reward you. Trust in Him. Follow Him, and He will bless you.

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