



The Books of the Bible in 66 Tweets

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis: God made it. We ate it. Cain killed it. Noah built it. Abraham believed it. Jacob received it & Joseph saves the day!

Exodus: Moses & Pharaoh & Plagues Oh My! Greatest adventure story ever. God smacks Pharaoh with 10 plagues and its Promise Land time!

Leviticus: Be holy because I AM. God's recipe: Mix sin offerings with cleanliness. Fold in rules for priests. Let obedience rise & feast!

Numbers: Sinai – Canaan. The dash is for just two words: “FAITHLESS COMPLAINING”. Take 40 years and call on God in the morning.

Deuteronomy: its 10 Commandments, Take Two. Love God with all your heart! Tell your kids & ditch the idols! Goodbye, Moses- Hello, Joshua.

Joshua: In Mission Impossible: Promised Land Spies saved! Jordan parted! Wall tumbles! Will the tribes take the hood? Oooh yeah!

Judges: No gavels, all guts. Think Rambo in a black robe. The people cry out & God sends folks like Deborah, Gideon, Samson to the rescue.

Ruth: A foreigner welcomed into God's family? Becomes an ancestor to King David & Jesus? So God does love all the children of the world!

I Samuel: The final judge makes mama's prayers come true & crowns King Saul and a shepherd boy too.

2 Samuel: David is King of all Israel! David wins battles! David needs to stay off the roof! Its the good & the bad of the Singing King.

I Kings: Kings obeyed God, people were blessed. Kings didn't they weren't! Foreign gods are like French desserts: Never as good as they look.

II Kings: What? There's more kings of Judah & Israel who refused to obey God's law? Hello!! Just listen to Elijah, guys: He's got the Word.

I Chronicles: In a II Samuel remix, Ezra, post-exile priest/writer, shows that God cares about Israel in the past, present & future.

II Chronicles: United we stand, divided we fall. Its all the same stories of the Kings, but with more boring details...

Ezra: Back from Babylon the Jews struggle to rebuild the temple. A king offers help. The people repent & foreign babes are banished.

Nehemiah: Action, organizing, supervising, encouraging, meeting opposition, confronting injustice... All bricks in the wall Nehemiah built.

Esther: Cinderella story of beautiful Israelite girl who becomes queen of Persia. Haman's plans are foiled and God's behind it all.

Job: How bad can it get? Pretty bad! And frenemies only make it worse. In the end, God gets real with Job & Job gets blessed again.

Psalms: God's rock star - David's hymnal containing 150 of the top praise hits of Israel's worship. Even includes a tune by Moses!

Proverbs: 31 pearls in a necklace of wisdom ending with the perfect woman to wear them.

Ecclesiastes: The cranky old teacher's cry - Everything is meaningless! True richness lie in fearing God and keeping his commandments.

Song of Songs: Sexy is back, like way back. God knows about that? And check out my lover's teeth. They're just like sheep & no solos!

Isaiah: The wordy prophet from the palace who saw God on high scolds Judah for her mess but promises a Messiah. It's long... really long.

Jeremiah: “I told you so!” Reminding Judah of God's love he warns them to obey. They don't & Jerusalem is overrun. The people are exiled.

Lamentations: Boo hoo! Jeremiah's lanky hanky filled with Israel's snotty sins & tears for a topped Temple.

Ezekiel: Street preacher who saw flying saucer, or at least a cool set of wheels, brings watchman's call of repentance & hope to captives.

Daniel: Speaks truth to power & refuses to bow down... expect to God. Note to prophets: Lions prefer cowards for lunch.

Hosea: Gomer's going out again! But God calls her prophet husband to be merciful & buy back wayward wife. Hey, that looks like us and God!

Joel: Who let the locusts out? God did. But the pessimistic prophet promises the pardoning of the people & the pouring out of God's spirit.

Amos: Robin Hood-rhetoric lets justice roll for the poor. God's plumb line exposes Israel's crooked ways. Prepare for the day of the Lord!

Obadiah: Edom, you pillaged Jerusalem! You shouldn't have done that. God is not happy and you won't be either.

Jonah: To Nineveh or not to Nineveh? Running from God can land you in deep blubber. But the puked-up prophet provoked repentance.

Micah: Warning- God's wrath will consume wicked nations. Good News - A messiah will come & save us. Do justice, love mercy, & walk humbly.

Nahum: Message to Assyria: God won't let his people be bullied. Get right, Ninevites. Your mob boss days are done! Peace out.

Habakkuk: Questions, questions, questions... Why evil, death, and prospering wickedness? God: ANSWERS!

Zephaniah: Destruction to all who refuse to worship YHWH. Oh, & God's totally going to destroy Nineveh... again! Some towns don't listen.

Haggai: Sing it: "Don't... stop.... building the second temple." Rebuild. Repent. Redeemed. (Ok... so I'm getting a little tired.)

Zechariah: This prophet's wild dreams of flying scrolls & olive trees point to the coming Messiah. Rebuild the temple: The Lord is coming!

Malachi: You're cheatin' heart will tell on you, You took from God what was his due. Test me, says God, & I'll bless you! That's all, folks!

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew: 1 baby's cry breaks 400 years of silence by Israel's God. The most Jewish of Gospels, this Rabbi knows his Torah & loves parables.

Mark: Shortest Gospel - fit for a Roman soldier. "Jesus came. He was God & man. Died for you & rose again." Now drop & gimme ten pushups!

Luke: The Doctor's order. Zechariah dumbfounded. Mary rejoices. Disciples amazed. Zacchaeus repents. Pilate chooses poorly. Jesus triumphs!

John: In the beginning... WORD! Jesus' BFF gives us a look at divinity in flesh, light for the world, love in action and 3:16 to memorize.

Acts: To Jerusalem & beyond! Disciples wait. Spirit shows up. 1000's saved. Murderer turns missionary. Steven stoned but gospel prevails.

Romans: Can you say, "Faith"? Paul's Christianity for dummies covers justified, sanctified, glorified & unified. So hate evil; cling to good.

1 Corinthians: Missive to a most messed-up church. Lawsuits, incest, drunks at communion & speakin' in tongues. Thank God for chapter 13!

2 Corinthians: "I was gonna visit... really!" A defensive Paul pulls the Apostle card & challenges this church's commitment & generosity.

Galatians: Does Paul hate legalistic Jews? Ask Peter. Grace is center stage, freedom in Christ proclaimed & Spirit steppin' is demanded!

Ephesians: Here is the church, here is the steeple... WRONG! Paul says the church is the body of Christ that must be built up & armored up.

Philippians: Chained? Yep! Depressed? Nope! Paul preaches the power of positivity & the comfort of constant contentment. & Gals, get along!

Colossians: It's all about JESUS! He's the head, creator & firstborn from the dead. Paul calls us to live holy... and submit, everybody!

1 Thessalonians: Jesus is coming! Paul points a young church towards 2nd coming. While waiting, warn idle, encourage timid & help weak.

2 Thessalonians: OK, I didn't say He was coming tomorrow! Get back to work. And if someone tells you Jesus came yesterday... Fugetaboutit!

1 Timothy: So you're young? Make Mama & Grannie proud, Tim! Paul's picture of perfect elders, deacons & women: Raised hands – No pearls.

2 Timothy: Things are changing, Boy. I'm in prison AGAIN, but don't be blue: Take courage! Trust God! Boldly lead! Bring me my coat!

Titus: Son, straighten out them Cretans while you're picking pastors & fighting false teachers. Sound doctrine? Good. Foolish arguing? Bad.

Philemon: Who let the slave out? Christ did! But Paul sent him back, urging his old owner to abstain from an onerous outlook on Onesimus.

Hebrews: Jesus is better! Better than angels & offerings. His ministry's better. His blood's better... So, who wrote this better letter?

James: Got it bad? Count it joy! Jesus' brother was from Missouri: "Show me!" Spare me the faith talk & help the poor & widows. Prayer works!

I Peter: Keep hope alive. The first Christian preacher gives courage to believers facing persecution. Stay holy and hang tough – Jesus did!

II Peter: Seeing his end coming, Peter predicts punishment for those preachers who peddle the Gospel and poison the people of God. Powerful!

I John: All you need is love! Love comes from God. Love is defined by God. We ought to love God cuz God is love. That enough love for ya?

2 John: Truth and love are the backbone of Christianity. They are taught and talked about constantly on the sidelines but rarely enter the field of play.

3 John: Hospitality is honored in John's 13 verses. Gaius is polite, Diotrephes is proud and Demetrius does right. My favorite verse: #4.

Jude: Forever followed by & revelation, little letter from Jesus' bro warns of lousy liars, phony prophets & the back story on Moses death.

Revelation: Trumpets & seals & Bowls, Oh My! John's wild, island dream depicts the world's demise and the dawn of Christ's forever dominion.