

Getting the Big Picture: Session 5

# Patriarch Era

# Structure of the Bible

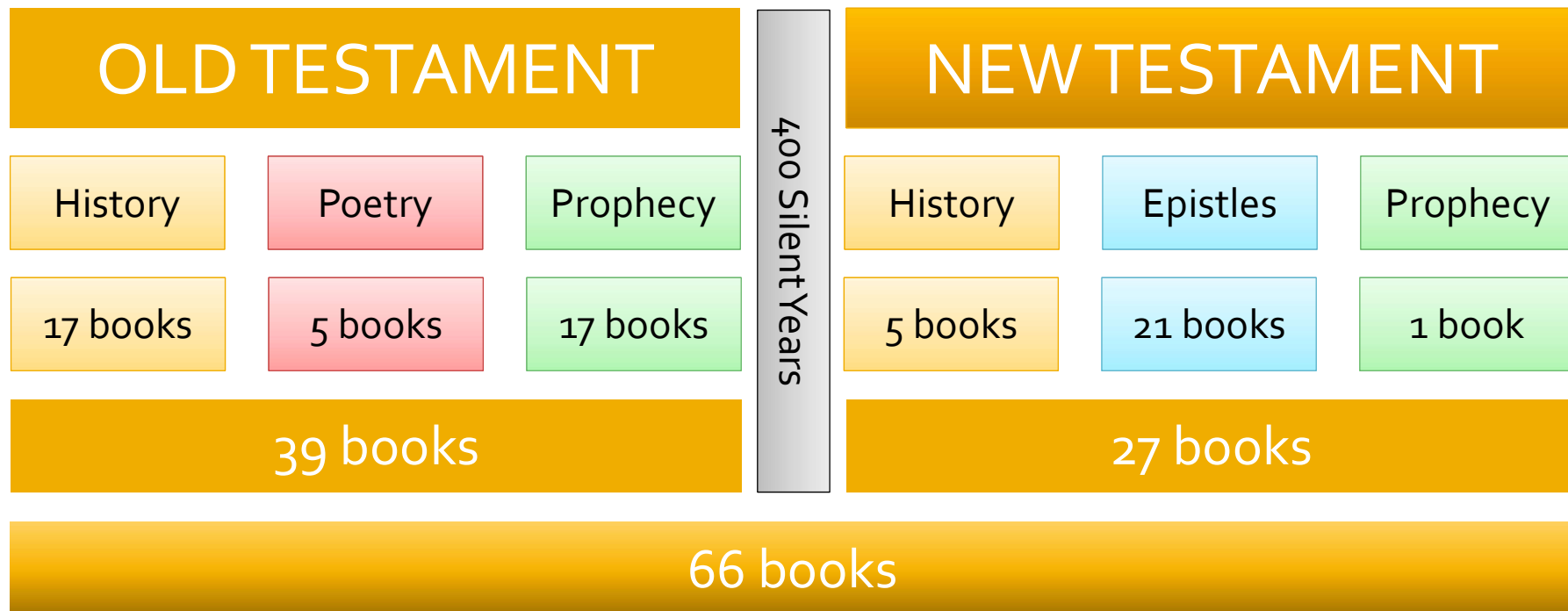
## OLD TESTAMENT

- History of God's dealings with Israel
- Written in Hebrew and Aramaic
- Covers 4000 plus years

## NEW TESTAMENT

- History of Christ and His Church
- Written in Greek
- Covers about 100 years

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# 2-Patriarchs

History

Genesis 12-50

Poetry

Job

Prophecy

# Patriarchs

- Abraham, Gen 12:1-25:11
- Isaac, Gen 21:1-35:29
- Jacob, Gen 25:19-49:33
- Joseph, Gen 37:1-50:26



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# Abraham: Genesis 12:1-25:11

- God calls Abraham, Gen 12:1 (cp. Acts 7:2)
- God makes promises to Abraham, Gen 12:2-5
- God cuts a covenant with Abraham, Gen 15
- God confirms the covenant with the sign of circumcision, Gen 17
- God tests Abraham, Gen 22:1-14
- God swears that He will fulfil His promises to Abraham and his seed, Gen 22:15-19

# Isaac: Genesis 21:1-35:29

- A bride for Isaac, Gen 24
- The sons of Isaac: Esau and Jacob
  - The election of Jacob, Gen 25:22-23
  - The stolen birthright, Gen 25:27-34
  - The stolen blessing, Gen 27:1-28:5

# Jacob: Genesis 25:19-49:33

- Jacob flees to Laban, Gen 28
- Jacob's ladder and God's promises, Gen 28
- Jacob's wives, Gen 29
  - Leah (& her servant Zilpah)
  - Rachel (& her servant Bilhah)
- Jacob's sons, Gen 30
  - Heads of the 12 tribes of Israel
- Jacob wrestles with God, Gen 32
- The threat of contamination: Dinah, Gen 34

# 12 sons (tribes) of Jacob (Israel)

	LEAH (1 <sup>st</sup> wife)	Bilhah (Rachel's maid)	Zilpah (Leah's maid)	RACHEL (2 <sup>nd</sup> wife)
1	Reuben: "see a son"			
2	Simeon: "heard"			
3	Levi: "attached"			
4	Judah: "praise"			
5		Dan: "judge"		
6		Naphtali: "wrestling"		
7			Gad: "troop"	
8			Asher: "happy"	
9	Issachar: "wages"			
10	Zebulun: "dwelling"			
11				Joseph: "he will add"
12				Benjamin: "son of my right hand"



# Joseph: Genesis 37:1-50:26

- The young dreamer, Gen 37
- Sold into Egypt, Gen 37
- The threat of contamination: Judah, Gen 38
- Lessons in Potiphar's house, Gen 39
- Lessons in the prison, Gen 40
- Pharaoh's dream; Joseph exalted, Gen 41
- Joseph's brothers tested, Gen 42-45
- Israel in Egypt, Gen, 46-50
  - God's plan for protecting Israel

# Significance of this era

- God's determination to bless
- God's sovereign choice of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as the means of blessing
- God's overruling of men's wickedness to accomplish His purposes