

Getting the Big Picture: Session 12

The Church of Christ

Structure of the Bible

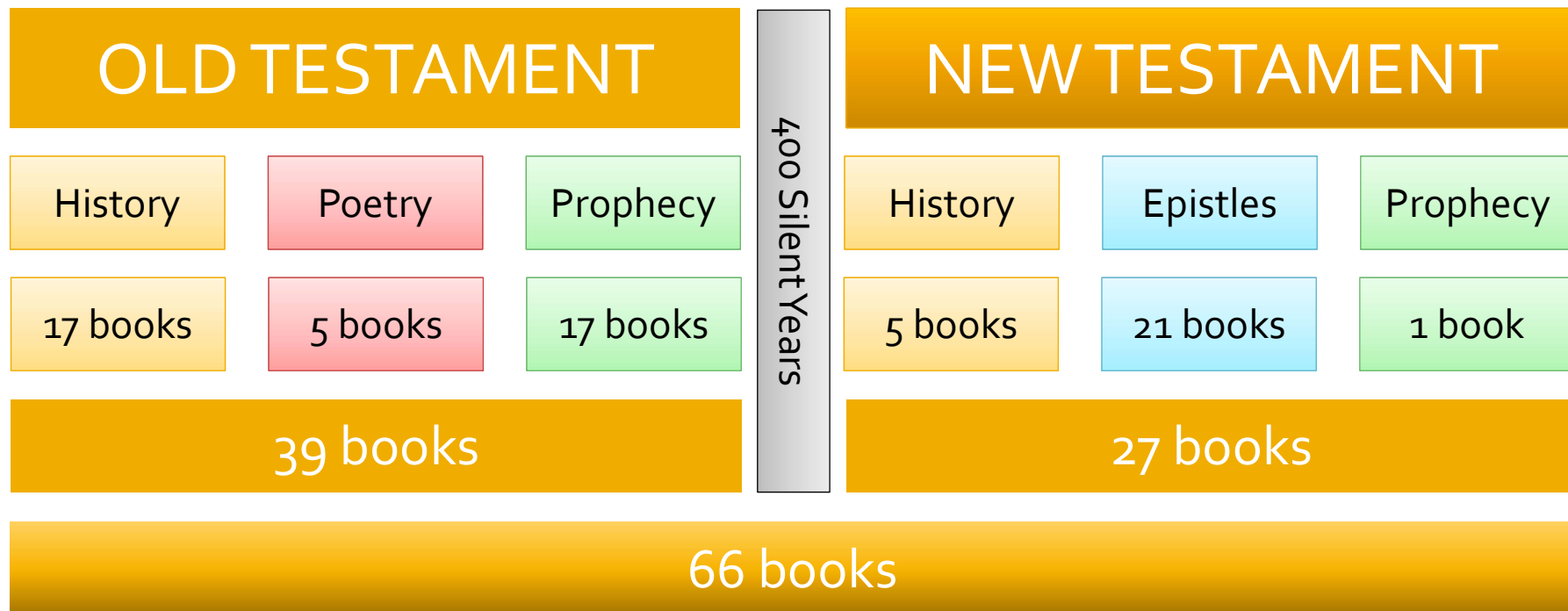
OLD TESTAMENT

- 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-Church of Christ

History

Acts

Epistles

Romans
1 & 2 Corinthians
Galatians
3 Prison Epistles
1 & 2 Thessalonians
3 Pastoral Epistles
Philemon
Hebrews
James
1 & 2 Peter
1, 2 & 3 John
Jude

Prophecy

Revelation

Acts: To the ends of the earth

- “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

- Acts 1:8

Acts: To the ends of the earth

In Jerusalem

**In Judea
& Samaria**

**To the ends
of the earth**

Chapters 1-7

Chapters 8-12

Chapters 13-28

Mainly Jewish

Transitional

Mainly Gentile

Focus on Peter

**Focus on Peter
& Philip**

Focus on Paul

In Jerusalem, 1-7

- The ascension of Christ, 1:1-11
- The appointment of Matthias, 1:15-26
- The Day of Pentecost, 2
- The lame man healed, 3-4
- Growth & persecution of the Church, 5
- Martyrdom of Stephen, 6-7

In Judea and Samaria, 8-12

- Philip's ministry, 8
- Saul's conversion, 9:1-30
- Peter & Dorcas, 9:31-43
- Peter & Cornelius, 10-11
- Peter & Herod, 12

To the ends of the earth, 13-28

- Paul the missionary, 13:1-21:14
 - First missionary journey, 13-14
 - Jerusalem council, 15
 - Second missionary journey, 16:1-18:22
 - Third Missionary journey, 18:23-21:14
- Paul the Prisoner, 21:15-28:31
 - Arrest in Jerusalem, 21:15-36
 - Sent to Caesarea, 23:11-35
 - Journey to Rome, 27:1-28:16

Paul's early days (AD 10-43)

AD	Event	Reference
10?	Birth	Acts 22:3
33	Death of Christ	
35	Stoning of Stephen	Acts 7:58
35-36	Persecuting Christians	Acts 9:1
37	Conversion	Acts 9:3-18
39	Visit to Jerusalem	Acts 9:26-29
43	Brought to Antioch	Acts 11:25-26

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Paul's 1st Journey (AD 45-50)

AD	Event	Reference
45	Cyprus crusade	Acts 13:4-12
45	Perga	Acts 13:13
46	Pisidian Antioch	Acts 13:14-50
46	Iconium	Acts 13:51-14:5
46	Derbe	Acts 14:20
47	Lystra, Iconium, Pisidian Antioch	Acts 14:21-24
47	Perga, Attalia	Acts 14:25
47-50	Syrian Antioch	Acts 14:26-28
50	Jerusalem Council	Acts 15

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Paul's 2nd Journey (AD 50-54)

AD	Event	Reference
50	Antioch via Syria, Cilicia	Acts 15:41
50	Derbe and Lystra	Acts 16:1-5
50	Phrygia and Galatia	Acts 16:6
50	Troas, Samothrace, Neapolis, and Philippi	Acts 16:8-40
50	Thessalonica	Acts 17:1-9
50	Berea	Acts 17:10-14
50	Athens	Acts 17:15-34
50	Corinth	Acts 18:1-17
52-53	Wrote 1 & 2 Thessalonians	
53	Ephesus, Caesarea, Jerusalem	Acts 18:18-22
53-54	Return to Antioch	

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Paul's 3rd Journey (AD 54-58)

AD	Event	Reference
54	Galatia, Phrygia	Acts 18:23
54-57	Ephesus	Acts 19:1-41
55-56	Wrote 1 & 2 Corinthians	
57	Wrote Galatians	
57	Wrote Romans	
57	Macedonia, Achaia	Acts 20:1-5
57	Miletus	Acts 20:13-38
58	Journey to Jerusalem	Acts 21:1-17
58	Arrest in Jerusalem	Acts 21:27-36

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Paul's final days (AD 58-68)

AD	Event	Reference
58-60	Prisoner at Caesarea	Acts 23:23-26-32
60	Journey to Rome	Acts 27
61	Arrival in Rome	Acts 28:16
61-63	First imprisonment	
61-62	Wrote Philemon, Colossians, Ephesians, Philippians	
64-67?	Release	
64-67	Wrote 1 Timothy, Titus	
64-67	Spain(?), Crete	Titus 1:5
64-67	Asia	2 Timothy 1:3
64-67	Macedonia	1 Timothy 1:3
64-67	Greece	2 Timothy 4:20
67	Second arrest	
67	Wrote 2 Timothy	
68?	Death	

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Significance of this era

- At the outset of Acts, the disciples ask the Lord Jesus when the kingdom will be restored to Israel (1:6), but are told that it is not for them to know.
- Their responsibility (and ours) is to be witnesses to Christ by the power of the promised Holy Spirit, who was poured out by the risen Christ on the Day of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, in Acts 2.

Significance of this era

- The Gospels record all “that Jesus began to do and to teach” (Acts 1:1). But that work of Jesus now continues through His Church.
- The priorities for the Church are recorded in Acts 2:42: the apostles’ doctrine, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer.
- Yet Acts appears to be an unfinished book, since the Church continues to witness for Christ until He returns.