



# How to Read The Bible For Kids!

PART 1 - DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

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# IT'S A MESSAGE! IT'S A STORY! IT'S A LIBRARY! IT'S—THE BIBLE!

## It's a Message!

Over many hundreds of years God used many different writers to produce this book. The writers were different ages and had different backgrounds, but what they all wrote carried the same wonderful **message**—



Old Testament



New Testament

**What are some names you have heard people call the Bible? Do you know what those names mean?**

- + Bible (book)
- + God's Word (God's truth)
- + The Gospel (good news)
- + Scripture (writings)
- + Holy Bible (special book)
- + The Law (God's rules)

The word "Bible" is from the Greek word that simply means "book," but the Bible is no ordinary book. That's why most Bibles have the word "Holy" ("special or chosen by God") in the title.

# THE ANATOMY OF THE BIBLE

66

BOOKS  
IN THE  
BIBLE

2  
TESTAMENTS

NEW Testament  
OLD Testament

39 OLD  
TESTAMENT  
BOOKS

27 NEW  
TESTAMENT  
BOOKS

40 people  
wrote  
THE BIBLE

The Bible was written over  
1500-2000ish  
YEARS

BASIC  
Difference  
BETWEEN THE  
OLD TESTAMENT  
& NEW TESTAMENT

BEFORE  
JESUS

during & after  
JESUS

OLD  
Testament

is divided  
into

5

PARTS

5  
LAW

12  
HISTORY

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POETRY

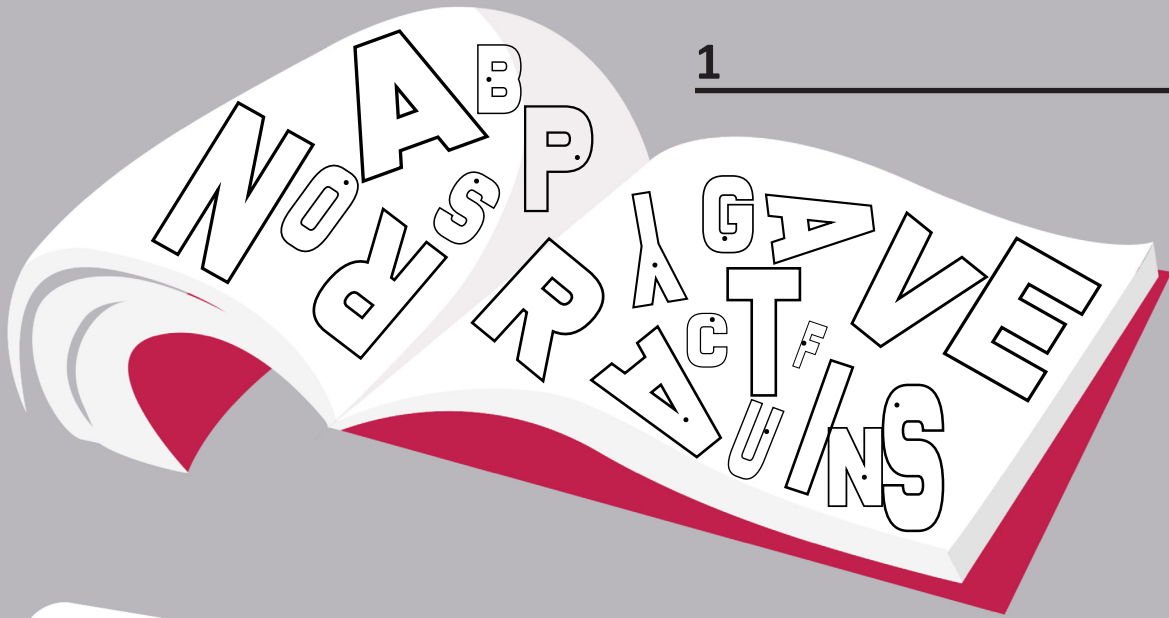
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MAJOR  
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MINOR  
PROPHETS

# LITERARY STYLES OF THE BIBLE

The meaning of ***Literary Style*** is a unique way of presenting a piece of writing. The Bible is written in **3** unique ways.

Using this page and listening to speakers tonight, colour only the letters without dots to discover each literary style and write the word on the line.



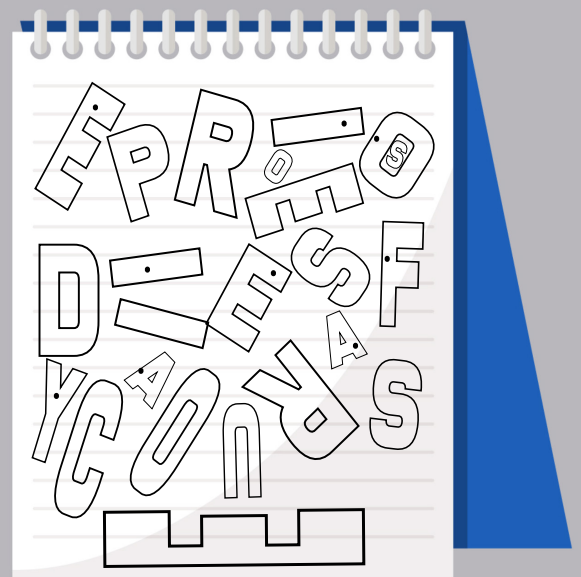
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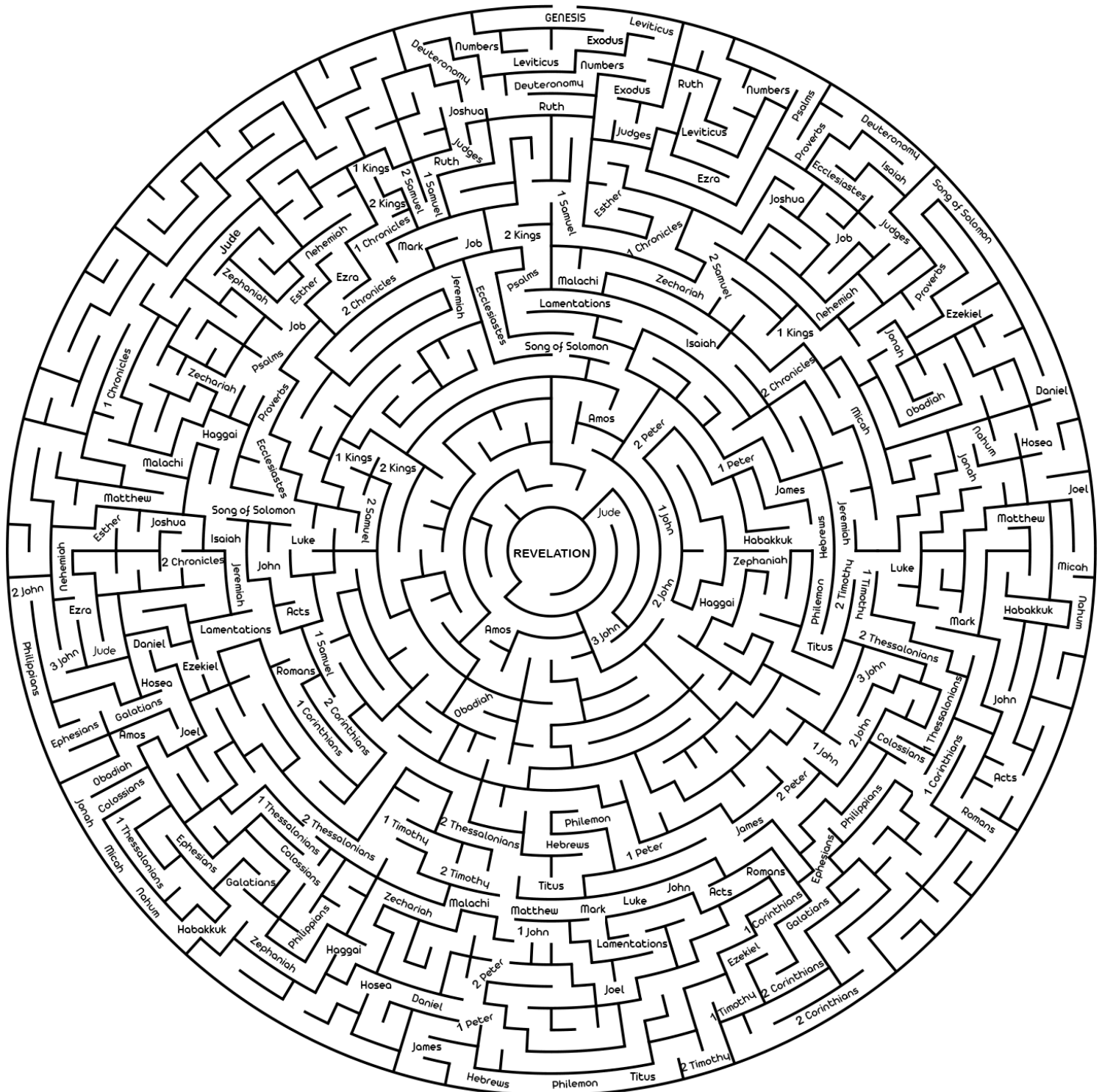
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# BOOKS OF THE BIBLE MAZE

CIRCLE THROUGH THIS MAZE FOLLOWING THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE IN ORDER UNTIL YOU REACH  
THE CENTRE!



ON THE FOLLOWING TWO PAGES IS PAUL'S LETTER TO PHILIPPIANS. IT IS  
A GREAT EXAMPLE OF ONE OF THE LITERARY STYLES DISCUSSED TODAY...  
PROSE DISCOURSE. IT IS ALSO A GREAT COLOURING PAGE!



## How Philippians fits into...

### GOD'S BIG STORY

- Being humble is necessary for us to be united together.
- God provides for us through His generosity and the willingness of others to be kind, give and share.
- Joy from Jesus allows us to not be worried about what can and is happening in our lives.

# LETTER TO THE ROMANS

## A UNIQUE WINDOW INTO PAUL'S HEART & MIND

- HE SAW HIS LIFE AS A REENACTMENT OF JESUS' STORY
- HIS AWARENESS OF JESUS' LOVE & PRESENCE GAVE HIM HOPE & HUMILITY
- KNOWING JESUS IS DEEPLY PERSONAL & TRANSFORMATIVE

### MESSIAH POEM

THEREFORE, GOD HAS HIGHLY EXALTED HIM, AND GIVEN HIM THE NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME, SO THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, IN HEAVEN, ON EARTH, OR UNDER THE EARTH, AND EVERY TONGUE WILL CONFESS:

JESUS the MESSIAH is LORD! To the GLORY of GOD the FATHER!

QUOTING ISAIAH 45:23  
PAUL'S POINT:  
"the One True God consists of GOD the FATHER & the LORD JESUS"

### 4:10-23 CLOSING THANKS



IN NEED & PROSPERITY, IN POVERTY & PLENTY, I'VE LEARNED THE SECRET OF CONTENTMENT: SIMPLE DEPENDENCE ON THE ONE WHO STRENGTHENS ME. (4:12-13)



### 4:2-9 CHALLENGE TO LIVE THE EXAMPLE

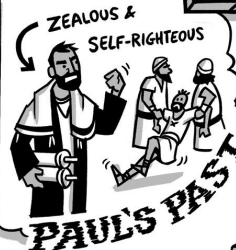
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"I PLEAD WITH YOU TO BE UNIFIED IN THE LORD." (4:2)



"MAKE YOUR NEEDS KNOWN TO THE GOD OF PEACE WHO WILL GUARD YOUR HEARTS & MINDS." (4:6-7)

### 3:1-4:1 PAUL'S EXAMPLE



ZEALOUS & SELF-RIGHTEOUS  
PAUL'S PAST  
(SEE GALATIANS)

"I REGARD IT ALL AS ~~FILTH~~ IN COMPARISON TO KNOWING THE MESSIAH." (3:8-10)



"OUR TRUE CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN & WE'RE AWAITING OUR ROYAL SAVIOR TO COME FROM THERE." (3:20)



### TWO EXAMPLES

HE CAME CLOSE TO DEATH TO SERVE THE MESSIAH."

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EPAPHRODITUS



...HE'S OKAY!

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### MY STORY

- Because of Jesus, we can move from selfish to living for others.
- Jesus sets the example for our relationship with God and friendships with each other.
- The more we show kindness to others, the more the message of Jesus can spread.



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