

# AUTHORS of the BIBLE

## OLD TESTAMENT - 39 BOOKS

### Historical Books

- Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy) – Moses
- Joshua – Joshua with the final verses written by Phineas according to Talmud
- \*Judges – unknown; maybe Samuel
- Ruth – unknown
- \*1 Samuel – possibly Samuel with additions by prophets Nathan and Gad
- \*2 Samuel - unknown
- \*1 & 2 Kings – unknown, but possibly the prophet Jeremiah along with other prophets
- \*1 & 2 Chronicles – Ezra, according to Jewish tradition
- Ezra – Probably Ezra
- Nehemiah – Sections by Nehemiah, compiled by Ezra
- Esther – unknown, but possibly Mordecai

*\*Many scholars believe one or more compilers had a large hand in these books.*

### Poetry and Wisdom Books

- Job - unknown
- Psalms – various including David
- Proverbs – various including Solomon
- Ecclesiastes - Solomon
- Song of Songs – Solomon
- Lamentations - Jeremiah

### Books of Prophecy

The prophets – Isaiah through Malachi (4 major and 12 minor) are attributed to the prophet himself, the namesake of each book.

#### 4 Major Prophets

- Isaiah - Isaiah
- Jeremiah - Jeremiah
- Ezekiel - Ezekiel
- Daniel – Daniel
- Obadiah - Obadiah
- Jonah - Jonah
- Micah - Micah
- Nahum - Nahum
- Habakkuk - Habakkuk
- Zephaniah - Zephaniah
- Haggai - Haggai
- Zechariah - Zechariah
- Malachi – Malachi

#### 12 Minor Prophets

- Hosea - Hosea
- Joel - Joel
- Amos - Amos

## NEW TESTAMENT - 27 BOOKS

### Four Gospels

- Matthew – Matthew, one of Jesus' 12 disciples
- Mark – John Mark, cousin of Barnabas; Featured in Acts and mentioned in Colossians, Philemon, 2 Timothy and 1 Peter; Probably based on Peter's testimony
- Luke - Luke, a doctor (Colossians 4:14) and ministry companion of the Apostle Paul (Acts 16:10-17, 20:5-16, 21:1-18, 27:1-28:16); this Gospel and Acts are a two-volume set written to someone named "Theophilus" who probably funded Luke's research and writing
- John – John the apostle, son of Zebedee, one of Jesus' 12 disciples

### History

- Acts – Luke, companion volume to the Gospel of Luke

### Paul's Writings

- This apostle and former Pharisee wrote letters to specific churches to address specific issues
- Letters to Churches (9) - Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians
- Pastoral Epistles (3) – 1 & 2 Timothy, and Titus were written by the Apostle Paul to encourage and direct young pastors
- Philemon – Personal letter from Paul to Philemon

### Other NT Writings

- Hebrews – unknown; probably a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Jewish believer (Hebrews 2:3)
- James – James, the half-brother of Jesus and leader of the Jerusalem church
- 1 & 2 Peter – Peter the apostle, one of Jesus' 12 disciples
- 1, 2, & 3 John – John the apostle, son of Zebedee, one of Jesus' 12 disciples
- Jude – Jude, half-brother of Jesus
- Revelation - John the apostle, son of Zebedee, one of Jesus' 12 disciples