

Old Testament Index

This index of the 39 books of the Old Testament lists the number of words and number of verses in each book and the estimate time to read each book.

Book 1	Genesis	38,262 words in	1,533 verses =	5.3 hours to read
Book 2	Exodus	32,672 words in	1,213 verses =	4.5 hours to read
Book 3	Leviticus	24,541 words in	859 verses =	3.4 hours to read
Book 4	Numbers	32,889 words in	1,288 verses =	4.5 hours to read
Book 5	Deuteronomy	28,354 words in	959 verses =	4 hours to read
Book 6	Joshua	18,852 words in	658 verses =	2.6 hours to read
Book 7	Judges	18,966 words in	618 verses =	2.6 hours to read
Book 8	Ruth	2,575 words in	85 verses =	21 minutes to read
Book 9	1 Samuel	25,048 words in	810 verses =	3.5 hours to read
Book 10	2 Samuel	20,600 words in	695 verses =	2.9 hours to read
Book 11	1 Kings	24,513 words in	816 verses =	3.4 hours to read
Book 12	2 Kings	23,518 words in	719 verses =	3.2 hours to read
Book 13	1 Chronicles	20,365 words in	942 verses =	2.8 hours to read
Book 14	2 Chronicles	26,069 words in	822 verses =	3.6 hours to read
Book 15	Ezra	7,440 words in	280 verses =	1 hour to read
Book 16	Nehemiah	10,480 words in	406 verses =	1.2 hours to read
Book 17	Esther	5,633 words in	167 verses =	46 minutes to read
Book 18	Job	18,098 words in	1,070 verses =	2.5 hours to read
Book 19	Psalms	29,408 words in	1,569 verses =	4.1 hours to read
Book 20	Proverbs	15,038 words in	915 verses =	1.2 hours to read
Book 21	Ecclesiastes	5,579 words in	222 verses =	46 minutes to read
Book 22	Song of Solomon	2,658 words in	117 verses =	22 minutes to read
Book 23	Isaiah	36,851 words in	1,284 verses =	5.1 hours to read
Book 24	Jeremiah	42,654 words in	1,364 verses =	6 hours to read
Book 25	Lamentations	3,422 words in	155 verses =	28 minutes to read
Book 26	Ezra	39,401 words in	1273 verses =	5.5 hours to read
Book 27	Daniel	11,602 words in	357 verses =	1.6 hours to read
Book 28	Hosea	5,174 words in	197 verses =	43 minutes to read
Book 29	Joel	2,033 words in	73 verses =	16 minutes to read
Book 30	Amos	4216 words in	146 verses =	35 minutes to read
Book 31	Obadiah	669 words in	21 verses =	5 minutes to read
Book 32	Jonah	1,320 words in	48 verses =	11 minutes to read
Book 33	Micah	3,152 words in	105 verses =	26 minutes to read
Book 34	Nahum	1,284 words in	47 verses =	11 minutes to read
Book 35	Habakkuk	1,475 words in	56 verses =	12 minutes to read
Book 36	Zephaniah	1,616 words in	53 verses =	13 minutes to read
Book 37	Haggai	1,130 words in	38 verses =	10 minutes to read
Book 38	Zechariah	6,431 words in	211 verses =	53 minutes to read
Book 39	Malachi	1,781 words in	55 verses =	14 minutes to read

Total: 610,836 words in 23,176 verses = 51 hours to read

Old Testament Overview

A concise, one-sentence-per-book overview of the 39 books of the Old Testament.

- 1 **Genesis** A description of the origin of the universe, origin of the human race, and record of the early history of mankind.
- 2 **Exodus** An account of the enslavement of God's people in Egypt, their deliverance out of slavery, and the historical record of their journey to the promised land of Canaan under Moses' leadership.
- 3 **Leviticus** A book of instructions and laws to govern God's people with regard to morals, cleanliness, approved foods, and sacrifices.
- 4 **Numbers** A description of the Hebrews' 40 years of wandering in the wilderness.
- 5 **Deuteronomy** A repetition of the laws given shortly before Israel entered Canaan.
- 6 **Joshua** An historical account of Israel's conquest of Canaan under the leadership of Joshua, and the division of the land among the twelve tribes of Israel.
- 7 **Judges** The history of the six servitudes of Israel and the various deliverances of the land through the reigns of 15 judges.
- 8 **Ruth** An account of key events in the life of Ruth, an ancestor of Jesus Christ, as one who demonstrated true love and devotion.
- 9 **Samuel** The history of the prophet Samuel and the early years of the monarchy in Israel under the reigns of Saul and David.
- 11 **Kings** A description of the early history of Israel and the later divided kingdom, as admonished by the prophets Elijah and Elisha.
- 13 **Chronicles** An historical record of the reigns of King David, King Solomon, and the kings of Judah up to the time of the captivity.
- 15 **Ezra** An historical record of the return of the Jews from captivity and the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem.
- 16 **Nehemiah** An historical account of rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem and reestablishing of the sacred ordinances.
- 17 **Esther** An account of Queen Esther's courageous intervention that led to deliverance of the Jews from a plot by Haman to destroy them.
- 18 **Job** An account of a malicious assault by Satan on a righteous man, Job's patient endurance, the folly of human philosophy, divine wisdom, and Job's ultimate deliverance.
- 19 **Psalms** A collection of 150 spiritual songs, poems, and prayers that demonstrate worship.
- 20 **Proverbs** A collection of moral maxims and discourses on wisdom, temperance, justice, and right-conduct.
- 21 **Ecclesiastes** Reflections on the vanity of temporal life and mankind's duties and obligations to God.

- 22 **Song of Solomon** An allegorical poem symbolizing the passionate mutual love that flows between God and His earnestly devoted followers.
- 23 **Isaiah** A prophetic narrative describing the woes that always come to disobedient people, the redemption that is available to all, and presenting key Messianic prophecies.
- 24 **Jeremiah** A prophetic narrative by the prophet Jeremiah who lived from the time of Josiah until the captivity of Israel in Babylon.
- 25 **Lamentations** A series of compositions by the weeping prophet, Jeremiah, expressing grief over the afflictions of God's people.
- 26 **Ezekiel** A prophetic narrative containing metaphors that portray the sad condition of God's people and the path to future glory.
- 27 **Daniel** A biography of the prophet Daniel containing apocalyptic visions concerning future events in secular and sacred history.
- 28 **Hosea** A prophetic narrative by a contemporary of Isaiah and Micah revealing the apostasy of God's people as spiritual adultery.
- 29 **Joel** A prophetic narrative by the prophet of Judah revealing how national repentance can turn divine judgments into blessings.
- 30 **Amos** A prophetic narrative by a courageous reformer whose five visions denounced selfishness and sin and advocated reform.
- 31 **Obadiah** A prophetic narrative foretelling the doom of the oppressive nation of Edom and the ultimate deliverance of God's people.
- 32 **Jonah** A prophetic account of a reluctant missionary who was taught the lesson of obedience and shown the depth of God's mercy.
- 33 **Micah** A prophetic narrative presenting a picture of the dark moral condition of Israel and Judah, then foretelling the establishment of the Messianic kingdom in which righteousness will prevail.
- 34 **Nahum** A prophetic narrative describing the destruction of Nineveh and promised deliverance of God's people from oppressors.
- 35 **Habakkuk** A prophetic narrative contemplating the mysteries of divine providence and explaining how a just God allowed a wicked nation to oppress God's rebellious people to discipline them.
- 36 **Zephaniah** A prophetic narrative filled with threatenings, but ending in a vision of future glory for God's people who are faithful.
- 37 **Haggai** A prophetic narrative reprimanding the Jews for their slackness in rebuilding the temple, yet promising a return of the glory of God when the building is completed.
- 38 **Zechariah** A prophetic narrative endeavoring to arouse the Jews to rebuild the temple and, through a series of eight visions, seeing the ultimate triumph of God's kingdom.
- 39 **Malachi** A prophetic narrative presenting a graphic picture of the closing of one period of history and showing the necessity of reforms before the coming of the Messiah.