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Classification of the Old Testament Books

Teacher : Our first lesson is the “Classification of the Old Testament Books.”

Noel : Yes, teacher, There are 46 books.

Teacher : Very good, Noel.

We can divide these 46 books into various groups. As a result, it is easy to study.

Children, who can read Psalm 119:105?

Danuka : “Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

Teacher : Very good. Somebody else may read Numbers 6:24-26.

Shehan : The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Teacher : Dear children, we should be able to turn the books of the Bible quickly. We have to read the Word of God and understand. Now let us identify the Books of the Old Testament.

Let us turn to the Bible and know them.

Let us understand the meaning of the Word of God, found in these books.

There are 46 books in the Old Testament of the Bible. These books can be classified into five sections. They are:

1. The Pentateuch
2. The Historical Books
3. The Wisdom Literature
4. The Prophetic Literature
5. The Apocalyptic Literature

The first five books of the Holy Bible are called, “Pentateuch.”

The Pentateuch

1. Genesis
2. Exodus
3. Leviticus
4. Numbers
5. Deuteronomy

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The second section is the “Historical Books.” There are 16 of them.

The Historical Books

1. Joshua
2. Judges
3. Ruth
4. 1 Samuel
5. 2 Samuel
6. 1 Kings
7. 2 Kings
8. 1 Chronicles
9. 2 Chronicles
10. Ezra
11. Nehemiah
12. Tobit
13. Judith
14. Esther
15. 1 Maccabees
16. 2 Maccabees

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The third group is the “Wisdom Literature. There are 7 of them.

The Wisdom Literature

1. Job
2. Psalms
3. Proverbs
4. Ecclesiastes
5. Song of Songs
6. Wisdom
7. Sirach

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The fourth group is the “Prophetic Literature.” There are 17 of them.

The Prophetic Literature

1. Isaiah
2. Jeremiah
3. Lamentations
4. Baruch
5. Ezekiel
6. Hosea
7. Joel
8. Amos
9. Obadiah
10. Jonah
11. Micah
12. Nahum
13. Habakkuk
14. Zephaniah
15. Haggai
16. Zechariah
17. Malachi

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The fifth group is the “Apocalyptic Literature.” Only one book belongs to this group.

The Apocalyptic Literature

1. Daniel

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Activity



1. Name the five books of the Pentateuch.
2. Name five Historical Books.
3. Name five books that belong to the category of the Wisdom Literature.
4. Name five books that belong to the category of the Prophetic Literature.
5. Name the only book that belongs to the category of the Apocalyptic Literature of the Old Testament.



For Life

- ★ Buy a Holy Bible to your house.
- ★ Study the order of the books.