

# Sacred Scripture: An Overview

## Old Testament

Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)

Historical books: Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles

Prophetic books: Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Jonah, Ezra, Nehemiah,  
Daniel, 1 and 2 Maccabees

Wisdom books: Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes, Sirach, Wisdom

## Old Testament events:

Creation (in the beginning...)

Exodus

Moses

Noah

Babylonian captivity (587 BC to 538 BC)

Persian period (538 BC to Alexander the Great)

Ptolemies of Egypt (third century BC)

Seleucids of Syria (second century BC)

Roman rule (begins in 63 BC)

## New Testament

### Gospels

Mark (65-70 AD)

Matthew (70-85 AD)

Luke (70 -85 AD) and Acts of the Apostles (80-85 AD)

John (90-100 AD)

### Letters of St. Paul

13 letters to various Christian communities (50-65 AD)

### The "Catholic" Letters

James, Peter, John and Jude

The Letter to the Hebrews (80-90 AD)

Revelation (81-96 AD)

## **Catholic Uses of Scripture in Worship**

### Sunday lectionary

“Lections”

Old testament reading

Psalm

New testament reading

Gospel

Three cycles:

A (Matthew)

B (Mark)

C (Luke)

What happened to John?

Book of the Gospels

### Weekday lectionary

Two cycles: I and II

### Sacramentary and the sacraments

### Missalettes

### Homily

### Seven Old Testament books that don't appear in Protestant Bibles

Tobit

Judith

1 and 2 Macabees

Wisdom

Sirach

Baruch