

Bible Facts You Need to Know

DOCUMENTS FOR THE STUDY OF THE NT AND EARLY CHRISTIANITY

For the Apocryphal books, you only need to identify that they are Apocryphal. For the NT books, you need to memorize their order. For the other documents, have a very brief description.

Apocryphal books

1 Esdras
2 Esdras
Baruch
Bel and the Dragon
Ecclesiasticus
1 Maccabees
2 Maccabees
3 Maccabees
4 Maccabees
Greek Additions to Esther
Judith
Letter of Jeremiah
The Prayer of Manasseh
The Prayer of Azariah and the Song
of the Three Young Men
Psalm 151
Susanna
Tobit
The Wisdom of Solomon

New Testament Books

The Gospels

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

Historical Narrative

Acts

Pauline Letters

Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians
1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon

General Epistles & Revelation

Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude
Revelation

Other Documents

Dead Sea Scrolls
Diatessaron
Didache
Gospel of Thomas
Mishnah
MT = Masoretic Text
Nag Hammadi Library
Septuagint = LXX
“Q” document
Synoptic Gospels
Talmud
Targumim
Pseudepigrapha

SIGNIFICANT PEOPLE

Andrew
Antiochus Epiphanes IV
Caesar Augustus
Caiaphas
Elizabeth
Herod Agrippa I
Herod Agrippa II
Herod Antipas
Herod Archaleus
Herod Philip
Herod the Great
James the son of Zebedee
John Hyrcanus
John the Apostle
John the Baptist
Joseph (NT)
Josephus
Judas Iscariot
Judas Maccabee
Judas the Galilean
Martha
Mary Magdalene
Mary Mother of Jesus
Mary of Bethany
Matthew
Peter
Philip the Evangelist
Philo
Pompey
Pontius Pilate
Saul / Paul
Simon bar Kochba
Stephen
Teacher of Righteousness
Tiberius
Titus
Vespasian
Zechariah (NT)

GROUPS OF PEOPLE

Essenes
Jews
Gentiles
Pharisees
Sadducees
Sanhedrin
Hasmoneans
Ptolomies
Scribes
Seleucids
Zealots

BIBLICAL PLACES

Palestine
(<http://religion.rutgers.edu/iho/map.html>)
Bethany
Bethlehem
Caesarea Philippi
Capernaum
Dead Sea
Galilee
Jerusalem
Jordan River
Judea
Masada
Nazareth
Qumran
Samaria (country)
Sea of Galilee
Sepphoris

DATES

587 BCE	Fall of Southern Kingdom
587-539 BCE	Period of Babylonian Exile
539 BCE	Some exiles return from Babylonia
539-332 BCE	Persian Period
332 BCE	Alexander the Great captures Jerusalem
332-141 BCE	Greek Period
167 BCE	Desecration of Temple by Antiochus Epiphanes IV
164 BCE	Maccabees rededicate Temple
141-63 BCE	Maccabean Period / Hasmonean Dynasty
63 BCE	Romans (Pompey) take control of Palestine
63 BCE-ca600CE	Roman Period
40 BCE	Herod the Great named King
~5 BCE	Birth of Jesus
4 BCE	Herod dies; kingdom divided among 3 sons
6 CE	Herod Archelaus exiled; tax revolt (Judas the Galilean); Roman procurators rule Judea, Idumea, Samaria
30 CE	Jesus' death and resurrection
49/50 CE	Jerusalem Council (Acts 15)
66 CE	First Jewish revolt
70 CE	Romans destroy Jerusalem Temple
74 CE	Masada falls to Romans
132-135 CE	Second Jewish revolt (Simon bar Kochba)

OTHER WORDS AND CONCEPTS

(<http://religion.rutgers.edu/nt/primer/gloss.html>)
(<http://www.ministryserver.com/bible/glbible/glbible/gl.htm>)

Text Criticism

(http://www.earlham.edu/~seidti/iam/interp_mss.html) -

à = Sinaiticus
A = Alexandrinus
Alexandrian Family
Autograph
B = Vaticanus
Byzantine Family
C = Ephraemi
Codex
D = Bezae
Minuscule
Uncial
Vellum
W = Washingtonensis
Western Family
Papyrus

Form Criticism

(*Powell, Gospels, 20ff.*)
Sitz im Leben
Parable
Pronouncement Story (Chreia)
Legend
Myths

Apocalypse / Apocalyptic
Covenant
Day of Atonement
Diaspora
Eschatology
Griesbach Hypothesis
Hellenism
High Priest
Honor
Kerygma
Messiah / Christ
Miracle
Passover
Rabbi
Sabbath
Synagogue
Temple
Two Source Hypothesis