

# Bible Literature Genres

1. **Narrative** - This genre tells a story about the lives and experiences of people in the Bible. Examples include the books of Genesis, Exodus, and the Gospels.
2. **Law** - This genre includes the legal codes and regulations found in the Bible. Examples include the books of Leviticus and Deuteronomy.
3. **Wisdom** - This genre contains sayings and teachings on how to live a good and wise life. Examples include the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job.
4. **Prophecy** - This genre contains messages from God delivered through prophets. Examples include the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel.
5. **Gospel** - This genre focuses on the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Examples include the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
6. **Epistle** - This genre consists of letters written by early Christian leaders to various churches and individuals. Examples include the letters of Paul, Peter, James, and John.
7. **Apocalyptic** - This genre describes visions of future judgment (immanent and more distant) and the end times. Examples include the book of Revelation and some sections of Daniel.

## **Narrative:**

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy  
Joshua  
Judges  
Ruth  
1 Samuel  
2 Samuel  
1 Kings  
2 Kings  
1 Chronicles  
2 Chronicles  
Ezra  
Nehemiah  
Esther  
Jonah

## **Law:**

Leviticus  
Deuteronomy

## **Wisdom:**

Job  
Psalms  
Proverbs  
Ecclesiastes  
Song of Solomon

## **Prophecy:**

Isaiah  
Jeremiah  
Lamentations  
Ezekiel  
Daniel  
Hosea  
Joel  
Amos  
Obadiah  
Jonah  
Micah  
Nahum  
Habakkuk  
Zephaniah  
Haggai  
Zechariah  
Malachi

## **Gospel:**

Matthew  
Mark  
Luke  
John

## **Epistle**

Romans  
1 & 2 Corinthians  
Galatians  
Ephesians  
Philippians  
Colossians  
1 Thessalonians  
2 Thessalonians  
1 & 2 Timothy  
Titus  
Philemon  
Hebrews  
James  
1 & 2 Peter  
1, 2, 3 John  
Jude

## **Apocalyptic:**

Revelation

Note: Some books, such as the Psalms, contain elements of multiple genres.

Useful link re genre: [https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/literary-styles-bible/?utm\\_source=web\\_social\\_share&medium=shared\\_video](https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/literary-styles-bible/?utm_source=web_social_share&medium=shared_video)