

# A List of Abbreviations of the Books of the Bible

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## Old Testament

Gen	Genesis
Exod	Exodus
Lev	Leviticus
Num	Numbers
Deut	Deuteronomy
Josh	Joshua
Judg	Judges
Ruth	Ruth
1-2 Sam	1-2 Samuel
=1-2 Kgdms	1-2 Kingdoms (LXX)
1-2 Kgs	1-2 Kings
=3-4 Kgdms	3-4 Kingdoms (LXX)
1-2 Chr	1-2 Chronicles
Ezra	Ezra
Neh	Nehemiah
Esth	Esther
Job	Job
Ps/Pss	Psalms/Psalms
Prov	Proverbs
Ecc1 (Qoh)	Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth)
Song (Cant)	Song of Songs/Solomon (Canticles)
Isa	Isaiah
Jer	Jeremiah
Lam	Lamentations
Ezek	Ezekiel
Dan	Daniel
Hos	Hosea
Joel	Joel
Amos	Amos
Obad	Obadiah
Jonah	Jonah
Mic	Micah
Nah	Nahum
Hab	Habakkuk
Zeph	Zephaniah
Hag	Haggai
Zech	Zechariah
Mal	Malachi

## Capitalization of Other Terms

the Bible, but “biblical”

Scripture/scriptural

the Gospels (referring to texts), “gospel” when referring to the Christian message

the Twenty-Third Psalm

King of kings (used as title)

Son of Man (used as title)

Hebrew Bible (Jewish canon), Old Testament (Christian Bible)

Second Temple period, intertestamental period  
deuterocanonical literature, Apocrypha (pl.;  
apocryphon, sg.)

## New Testament

Matt	Matthew
Mark	Mark
Luke	Luke
John	John
Acts	Acts
Rom	Romans
1-2 Cor	Corinthians
Gal	Galatians
Eph	Ephesians
Phil	Philippians
Col	Colossians
1-2 Thess	1-2 Thessalonians
1-2 Tim	1-2 Timothy
Titus	Titus
Phlm	Philemon
Heb	Hebrews
Jas	James
1-2 Pet	1-2 Peter
1-2-3 John	1-2-3 John
Jude	Jude
Rev	Revelation

## Apocrypha

Tob	Tobit
Jdt	Judith
Add Esth	Additions to Esther
Wis	Wisdom of Solomon
Sir	Sirach/Ecclesiasticus
Bar	Baruch
Ep Jer	Epistle of Jeremiah
Add Dan	Additions to Daniel
Pr Azar	Prayer of Azariah
Bel	Bel and the Dragon
Sg Three	Song of the Three Young Men
Sus	Susanna
1-2 Macc	1-2 Maccabees
3-4 Macc	3-4 Maccabees
1-2 Esd	1-2 Esdras
Pr Man	Prayer of Manasseh
Ps 151	Psalm 151

## Citing the Bible

Gen 1-2	Genesis chapters 1 through 2
Gen 1:2	Genesis chapter 1, verse 2
ch./chs.	chapter/chapters
v./vv.	verse/verses ( <i>not</i> versus!)
HB	Hebrew Bible
LXX	Septuagint
OT	Old Testament
NT	New Testament
Rom 3:21-26, 27-31; 4:1-5; Col 2:11-12	(semi-colon when chapter or book change; only comma when additional verses in the same chapter and book)