



Part 1: Getting Your Bearings

## Goals

- You would begin reading the Bible
- You would better understand what you read
- You would apply what you understand
- You would be transformed

## Name: The Holy Bible

- Papyrus - plant from which materials were used to write upon
- Greek word for papyrus is *biblos*
- *biblos* became common term for writings / rolls / books
- *biblos* translated into English = Bible
- Within 200 years of the life of Jesus, Christians began referring to the Scriptures as “The Holy Bible”
- Bible = book; Holy = from God

## Interesting Facts

- **Written over period of 1,500 years**
- **3 Languages, several genres**
- **3 continents**
- **40 authors with diverse backgrounds**

## Major Divisions

- Old Testament & New Testament
- Testament = covenant or promise
- Old Testament = God's covenant with a nation
- New Testament = God's covenant with all willing people



3 → ← 9  
OLD TESTAMENT

39

+



3 X 9  
NEW TESTAMENT

27

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**BIBLE**

66

## Book, Chapter and Verse Divisions

- John 3:16 = book of John, chapter 3, verse 16
- Chapter divisions came in 1227 AD
- Old Testament verse divisions came in 1448 AD
- New Testament verse divisions came in 1555 AD
- First Bible to use book, chapter and verse divisions was the Geneva Bible in 1560 AD

## Structure of the Old & New Testaments

13 books contain the chronological storyline of Bible:

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1- <b>Genesis</b>  | 8- <b>1 Kings</b>   |
| 2- <b>Exodus</b>   | 9- <b>2 Kings</b>   |
| 3- <b>Numbers</b>  | 10- <b>Ezra</b>     |
| 4- <b>Joshua</b>   | 11- <b>Nehemiah</b> |
| 5- <b>Judges</b>   | 12- <b>Luke</b>     |
| 6- <b>1 Samuel</b> | 13- <b>Acts</b>     |
| 7- <b>2 Samuel</b> |                     |



## Translations & Versions of the Bible

- Bible written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek
- Translation is when scholars bring original languages into modern language
- A version = the finished work of a team of scholars translating from original languages
- Recommended Translations or Versions
  - New International Version (NIV)
  - New Living Translation (NLT)



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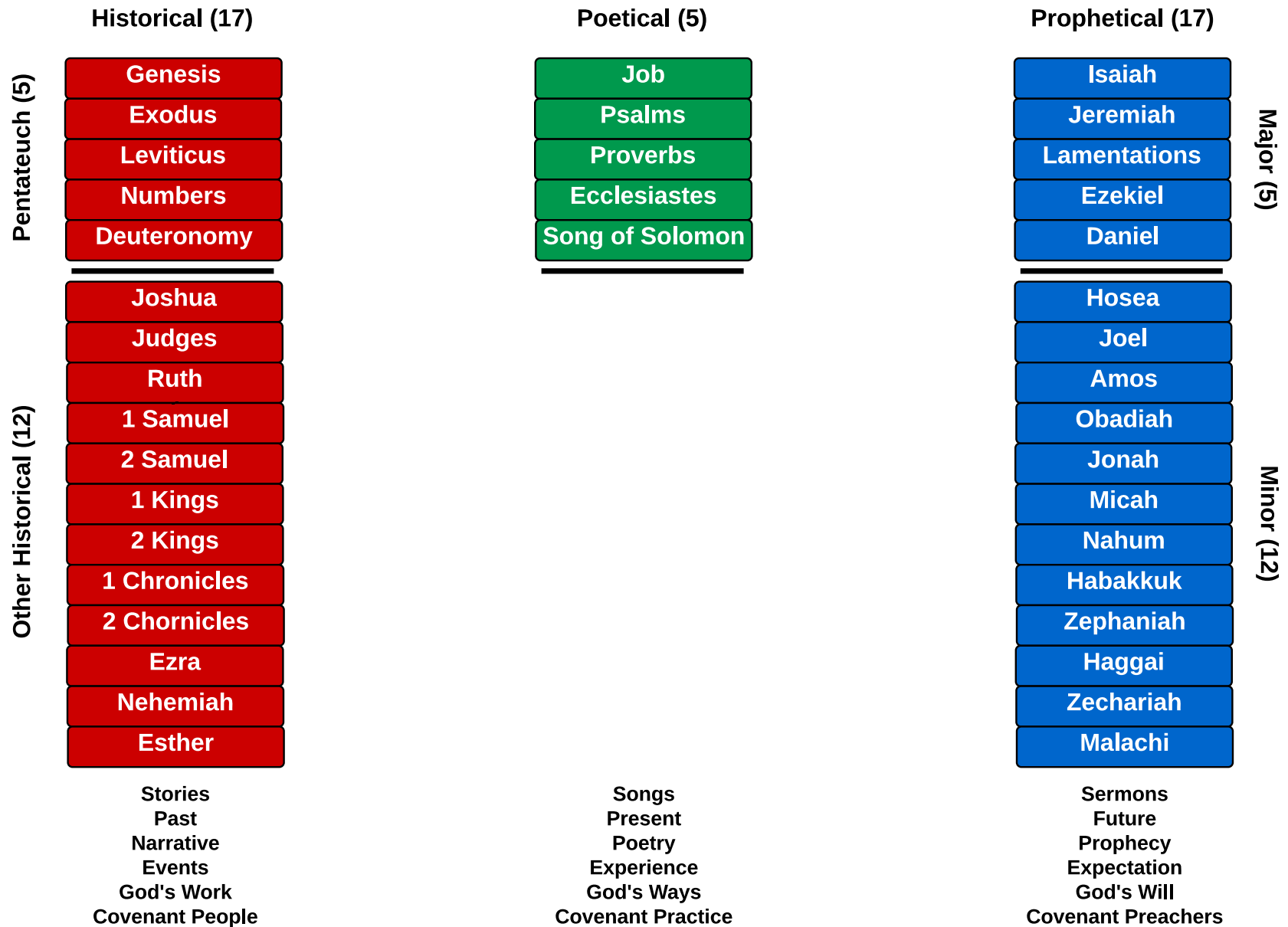
**Bottom Line:**

A key to understanding the Bible  
is to know its structure

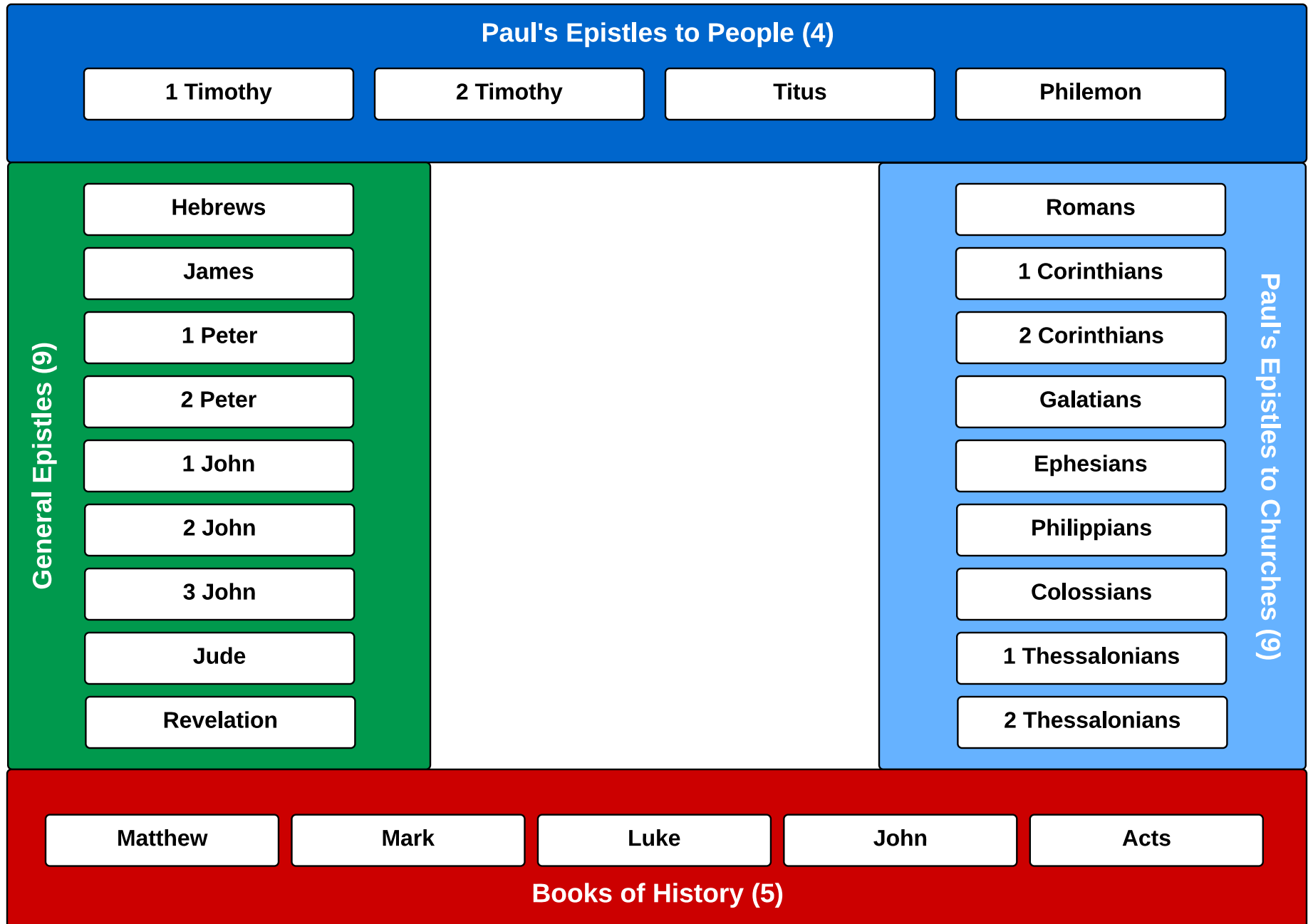
**Action Step:**

Over the next 30 days read Luke and Acts  
by reading 2 chapters a day

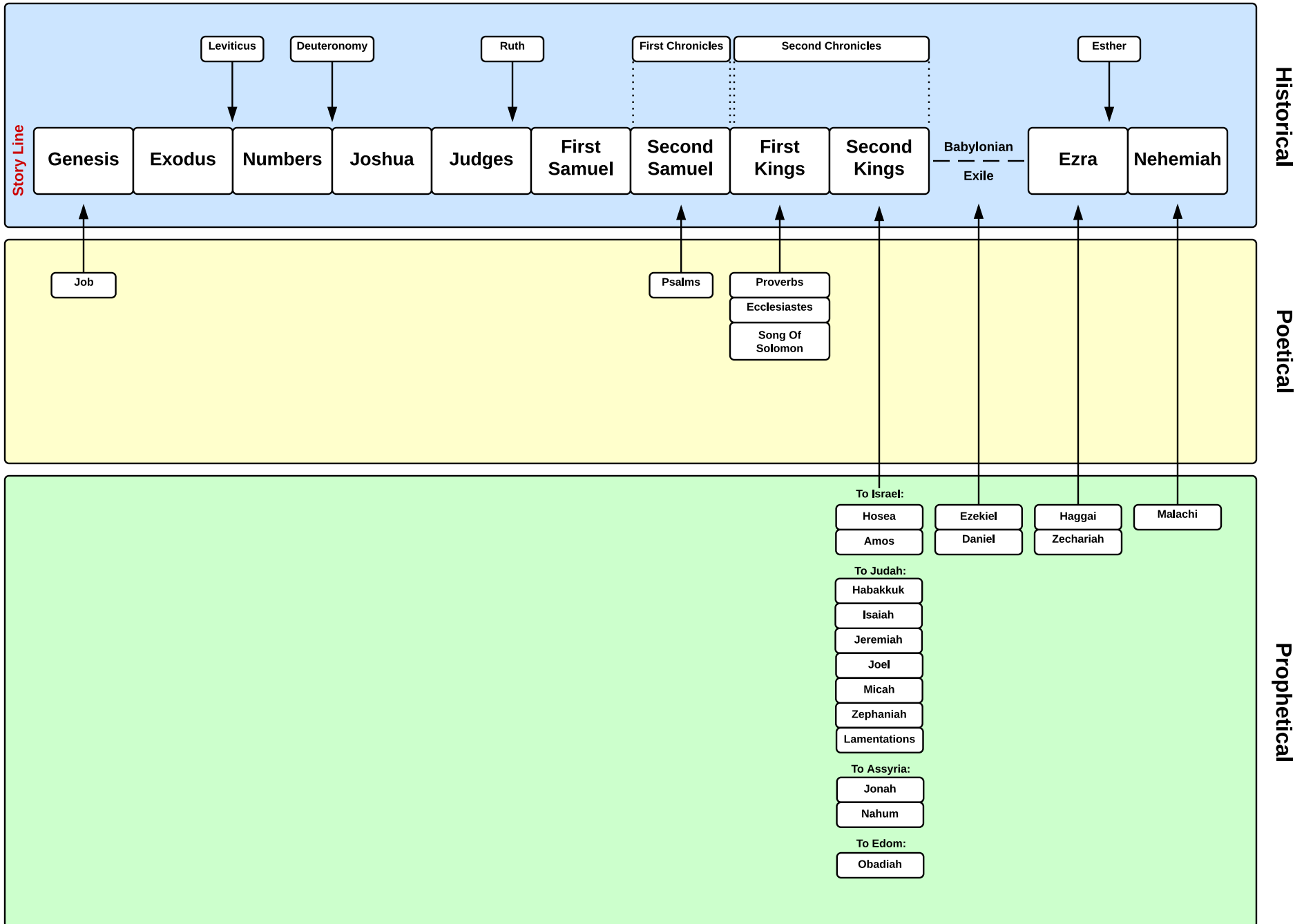
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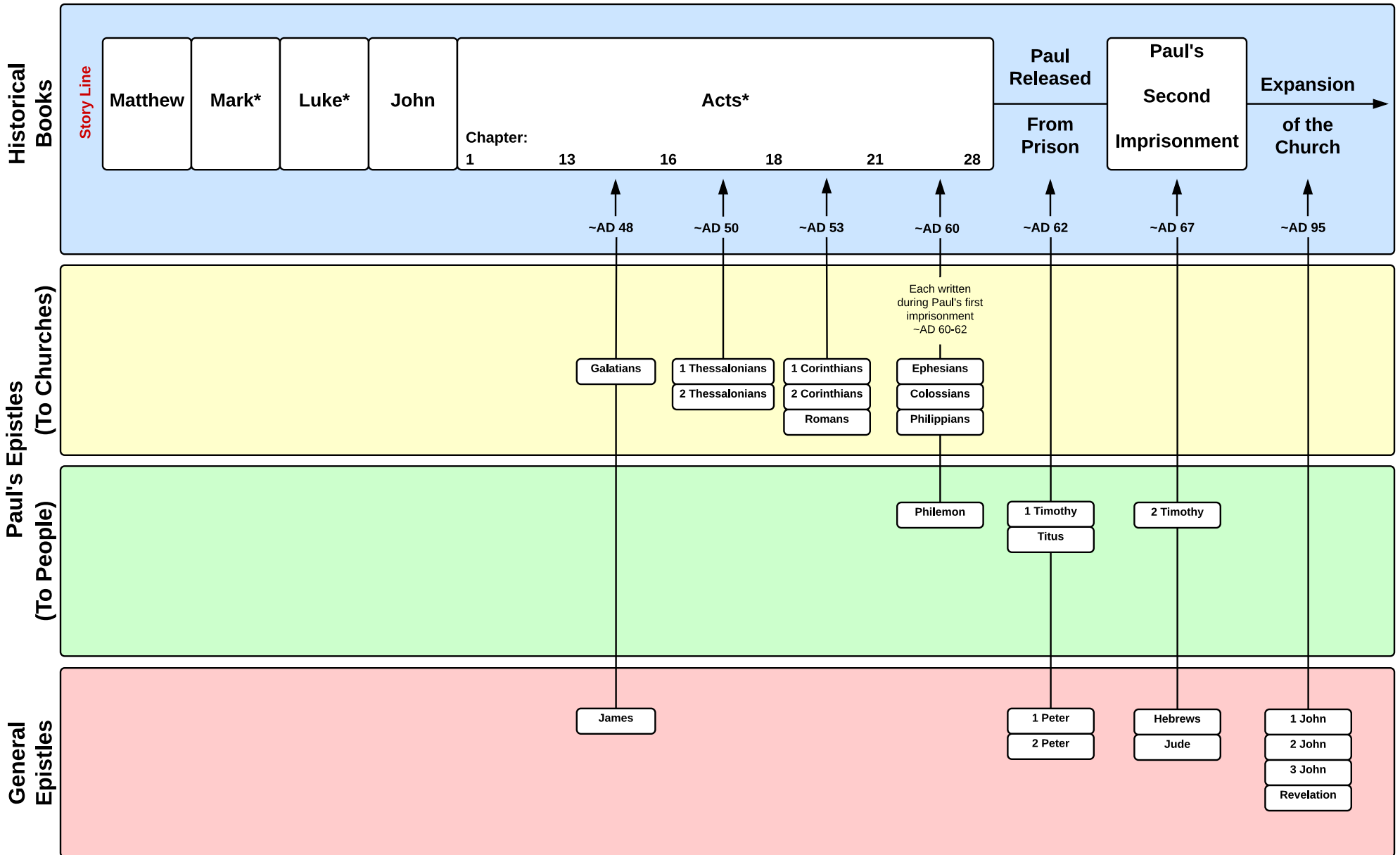
# Structure of the New Testament



# Integration of the Old Testament



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\* These books are written chronologically

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