

Week 2 Lecture Notes: Structure of the Bible

1. Learning Objectives

- 1) To understand the overall composition of the Bible, including the Old and New Testaments.
- 2) To identify where each book fits within the structure of the Bible.
- 3) To recognize the Bible as a unified revelation of God's redemptive plan.

2. Overview of the Bible's Composition

Division	Number of Books	Summary Description
Old Testament	39 books	History from creation to the promise of the Messiah
New Testament	27 books	The gospel of Jesus Christ and the church age

Total: 66 books, written over ~1,500 years by more than 40 authors.

3. Structure of the Old Testament

Category	Books	Examples	Summary Description
Pentateuch (Law)	5	Genesis to Deuteronomy	Creation, humanity, sin, Israel's origins
Historical Books	12	Joshua to Esther	The history of the people of Israel
Wisdom Literature	5	Job, Psalms, Proverbs	Poetry, wisdom, and worship
Major Prophets	5	Isaiah to Daniel	Judgment and hope for Israel and nations
Minor Prophets	12	Hosea to Malachi	Messages of repentance and restoration

4. Structure of the New Testament

Category	Books	Examples	Summary Description
Gospels	4	Matthew to John	Life and ministry of Jesus Christ
Historical Book	1	Acts	Birth and expansion of the early church
Pauline Epistles	13	Romans to Philemon	Doctrinal teachings and church instructions
General Epistles	8	Hebrews to Jude	Exhortations to the church and believers
Prophetic Book	1	Revelation	Eschatological visions and Christ's second coming

5. Unity of the Bible's Structure

- 1) One central theme: The Kingdom of God and redemptive history
- 2) Central figure: Jesus Christ
- 3) Redemptive Connection:
 - (1) The Old Testament foreshadows Christ.
 - (2) The New Testament fulfills and explains that promise.

6. Application and Reflection

- 1) Read each book of the Bible with an awareness of its place in the overall structure.
- 2) Observe how God has worked through history to fulfill His redemptive

plan.

If you'd like, I can turn this lecture into a PowerPoint presentation, PDF, or Word document. Would you like me to create that now?

Also, would you like to proceed with Week 3: How to Read the Bible in both Korean and English?