

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

An unusual Poem

In **GENESIS** the world is made by God's creative hand;
In **EXODUS** the Hebrews march toward their promised land.
LEVITICUS contains the law — holy and just and good;
NUMBERS records the tribes enrolled — all sons of Abraham's blood.
Moses in **DEUTERONOMY** records God's mighty deeds;
JOSHUA into Canaan the Lord's host bravely leads.
In **JUDGES** their rebellion provokes the Lord to smite,
But **RUTH** records the faith of one well pleasing in His sight.
In **FIRST** and **SECOND SAMUEL** of Jesse's son we read;

Ten tribes in **FIRST AND SECOND KINGS** revolt against his seed.
The **FIRST** and **SECOND CHRONICLES** see Judah captive made,
But **EZRA** leads a remnant back by princely **Cyrus's** aid.
The city wall of **Zion** **NEHEMIAH** builds again;
While **ESTHER** saves her people from the plots of wicked men.
In **JOB** we read how faith will live beneath affliction's rod,
And **David's PSALMS** are precious songs to every child of God.
The **PROVERBS** like a goodly string of choicest pearls appear;
ECCLESIASTES teaches man how vain are all things here.
The mystic **SONG OF SOLOMON** exalts sweet **Sharon's** rose;
While **Christ, the Saviour** and the **King, the rapt ISAIAH** shows.
JEREMIAH'S warning apostate **Israel** scorns;
In **LAMENTATIONS** he the accomplished downfall mourns.
EZEKIEL tells in wondrous words of dazzling mysteries;
While kings and empires yet to come **DANIEL** in vision sees.
Of judgment and of mercy **HOSEA** loves to tell;
JOEL describes the blessed days when God with men will dwell.
Among **Tekoah's** herdsmen **AMOS** receives his call;
While **OBADIAH** prophesies of **Edom's** final fall.
JONAH enshrines a wondrous type — our resurrected Lord;
MICAH pronounces **Judah** lost — lost, but again restored.
NAHUM declares on **Nineveh** just judgment to be poured,
When God Almighty pours his wrath on to **Assyria's** horde.
A view of **Chaldea's** coming doom **HABAKKUK'S** vision give;
Next **ZEPHANIAH** warns the Jews to turn, repent and live.
HAGGAI writes of those who see the temple built again,
And **ZECHARIAH** prophesies of **Christ's** triumphant reign.
MALACHI, the last to touch the high prophetic chord,
In final notes sublime predicts the coming of the Lord.

MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE and **JOHN** the holy gospel pen,
Describing how the Saviour lived and died for love of men.
ACTS proves how God the apostles owned with signs in every place;
Paul in **ROMANS** teaches us how man is saved by grace.
He in the **CORINTHIANS** instructs, exhorts, reproves;
GALATIANS show that faith in **Christ** alone the **Father** loves.
EPHESIANS and **PHILIPPIANS** tell what Christians ought to be;
COLOSSIANS bids us to live to God and for eternity.
In **THESSALONIANS** we see the Lord will come from Heaven;
In **TIMOTHY** and **TITUS** a bishop's rule is given.
PHILEMON marks the love of **Christ** which only Christians know;
HEBREWS depicts the gospel, prefigured by the Law.