

## THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

*I've indicated the stress at the start of some lines  
as it can be difficult to fit in some of the names of the books!*

*Sung to the tune of 'The Sons of the Prophet' – or any suitably jolly tune*

The books of the Bible are easy to learn  
If you can remember this rhyme:  
The *first* book is Genesis: God makes the world  
At the very beginning of time.

*Exodus*, *Leviticus* and *Numbers* come next;  
*Deuteronomy* is the fifth book,  
And these five together - the Jewish Torah -  
Are *also* called the Pentateuch.

*Joshua* and *Judges* and *Ruth* tell the tale:  
The *history* of God's Chosen Race,  
And *two* books of *Samuel* and both books of *Kings*  
With two *Chronicles* keep up the pace.

*Ezra*, *Nehemiah* and *Esther* and *Job*  
Continue their stories to tell,  
And next young King *David* produces the *Psalms*;  
and King *Solomon* writes *Proverbs* as well.

*Ecclesiastes* is a cynical book;  
The *Song of Songs*: lyrical love,  
Then come the great prophets - *Isaiah* comes first -  
Inspired by *Jehovah* above.

*Jeremiah* spoke up, *Lamentations* comes next  
With *Ezekiel*, *Daniel* and *Hosea*,  
*Joel* and then *Amos*, *Obadiah*, *Jonah*  
With *Micah* and *Nahum* in the rear.

The last of the prophets from such ancient days:  
*Habakkuk*, *Zephaniah*, *Haggai*,  
The Old *Testament* ends with just two further books -  
*Zechariah* and old *Malachi*.

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Now dawns the New Testament with the Good News:  
The *Gospels* proclaim God's love song.  
The story of *Jesus* is told in four books -  
Those of *Matthew*, *Mark*, *Luke* and then *John*.

The Acts of Apostles are set down for us;  
Their letters continue to guide.  
Paul wrote to the Romans, Corinthians twice,  
To Galatians and Ephesians besides.

*Philippians* and *Colossians* were kept up to scratch,  
Thessalonians got two as well,  
Two *Timothys*, *Titus*, then brief *Philemon*:  
Paul's loving concern they do tell.

The Epistles continue with *Hebrews* and *James*;  
Two letters from Peter were penned;  
Three letters from John and then finally *Jude*  
With *Revelation*: when Christ comes again!