

3.0 THE BIBLE

The following are various mnemonics that can help you memorise the categories of books in the Old and New Testaments.

Categories of books in the Old Testament

1. **Torah or law books**

Use the mnemonic, 'Go Eat Lunch Now, Dad' to memorise Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.

2. **Historical books**

Use the mnemonic, 'Jack Jumps Round School Kicking, Chicken Every Night Energetically' to memorise Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther.

3. **Poetic or wisdom books**

Use the mnemonic, 'Job Paints People Every Season' to memorise Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclésiastes and Songs of Songs.

4. **Prophetic books**

There are two categories of prophets.

a) Major prophets

Use the mnemonic, 'Innocent Juma Loves Eating Donuts' to memorise Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel and Daniel.

b) Minor prophets

Use the mnemonic, 'Henry Jokes About Orange Juice. Mary Njeri Hates Zebra Hunting Zones as Much,' to memorise Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi.

Categories of books in the New Testament

1. The Gospels

Use the mnemonic, 'My Mom Likes Jeans,' to memorise Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

2. The Epistles

3. They are divided into two.

a) The Pauline letters

Use the mnemonic, '*Ruth Cooked Githeri. Every Person Clapped Cheerfully To Thank Pat,*' to memorise Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus and Philemon.

b) The General letters

Use the mnemonic, '*Harry Jumped Past Jennifer's Jacket,*' to memorise Hebrews, James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2 and 3 John and Jude.