# Canonical Order of Bible Books

Although the Bible makes more sense when read chronologically, it was originally organized by content. Saint Jerome, the church scholar who translated the first complete Christian canon of the Bible into Latin in 405, arranged the sixty-six books into categories of content. Thus, most Bibles today still bear his mark. Provided below is Jerome’s canonical order.

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## Bible Trivia

- Oldest Book — *Job*
- Last Written — *Revelation*
- Largest Book — *Psalms*
- Smallest Book — *2 John*
- Longest Verse — *Esther 8:9*
- Shortest Verse — *John 11:35*
- Wrote the Most — Paul (13 Books)