

| BOOK | OVERVIEW | GOD'S MESSAGE | HAND GESTURE |
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| GENESIS | The First Book. "In the beginning God created...So Joseph died...in Egypt." | You are My people. | Hold up a number 1 |
| EXODUS | From Egypt to Mt. Sinai | Out of Egypt I brought you. | Two fingers walking |
| LEVITICUS | Named for the tribe of Levi, the priests, this is their handbook explaining how to serve God | I am holy, so you are to be holy. | Hands together in a gesture of prayer |
| NUMBERS | From Mt. Sinai to the edge of the Promised Land | I have promised you a good land. | Forearms before you, touch tips of fingers together, representing the edge of the promised land |
| DEUTERONOMY | "Deuter," meaning 'second in series', this is a 2nd telling to a new generation of what has been, & what God expects | I have put before you a blessing and a curse; choose life. | Hold up two hands, flat, palms out, representing the two tellings & the two stone tablets |
| JOSHUA | Joshua, the leader after Moses, leads the people into the Promised Land | Be strong and courageous. | Arms up and flexing on either side |
| JUDGES | A time when God's people, led by the judges, did what was right in their own eyes. | I kept our covenant, but you aren't keeping yours. | Hands on either side of body weighing, or moving up and down, the scales |
| RUTH | A love story about redemption, the ancestors of David and Jesus | I am your Redeemer; I will spread my covering over you. | Hands over head like a shelter. |
| 1 & 2 SAMUEL | Samuel, God's final judge, anoints Israel's first two kings, Saul & David | I want to be your King, but I will give you what you ask. | Hands moving down over head and shoulders like the anointing oil |
| 1 & 2 KINGS | Begins with a united kingdom under Solomon, and ends with two nations (Israel & Judah) in a divided kingdom | If you are with Me, I am with you. | Gesture like a crown on top of your head |
| 1 & 2 CHRONICLES | Summarizing 1 & 2 Samuel and 1 & 2 Kings as it refers to Judah | The battle is Mine. | Gesture like you are writing on a paper |
| EZRA | The return from Exile in Babylon, until the Temple is rebuilt. | Even now there is hope. | Scoop hands out and then back to you, as in "come back." |

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| NEHEMIAH | The final phase of the return from Exile, and the rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. | I prepare you and go before you. | One fist on top of another, as though building |
| ESTHER | A woman uses her elevated position to save her people from destruction. | This is the moment for which you were made. | Put your hand before you as though allowing one to kiss the ring |
| JOB | A story about human suffering, told through the account of a faithful man who loses everything | Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? | Hands over face, as though crying |
| PSALMS | Songs that portray every possible movement of man's spirit | I know your innermost thoughts. | Hands up to the sky as though worshipping. |
| PROVERBS | A collection of wisdom for life | For long life and blessing, keep My instruction. | Index fingers pointed at your brain. |
| ECCLESIASTES | An investigation into the purpose of humankind | Your spirit will return to Me who gave it; fear Me. | Shrug your shoulders with arms at sides |
| SONGS OF SOLOMON | A love song between lovers, showcasing God's love for us | My banner over you is love. | Cross arms at chest in the sign of love |
| ISAIAH | A message of judgment and restoration | Return to Me, for I have redeemed you. | Gesture as though holding an infant out beside you, the Redeemer, born to us. |
| JEREMIAH | A message warning Judah of their upcoming exile into Babylon, and urging repentance. | I will make a new covenant with you, on your hearts. | Cross arms at the wrists in front of you, as if bound by chains. |
| LAMENTATIONS | <i>During</i> the Exile, a book about pain and suffering but also hope. | I have done what I said I would do. | Fists turn under eyes as if crying |
| EZEKIEL | <i>During</i> the Exile, prophesies about Israel's doom, the destruction of pagan nations, & the restoration of Israel | I will give you a new spirit | Hands on either side of body shaking and trembling as in fear (since Ezekiel walked with a tremble to imitate Israel at God's judgment) |
| DANIEL | <i>During</i> the Exile, a story of captivity in Babylon and divine visions of the future, promising God's sovereignty even during the times of the Gentiles (captivity to Jesus) | My dominion is an everlasting dominion, and my kingdom from generation to generation. | Hands cupped over eyes shielding them, as if seeing a vision |

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| HOSEA | A scorned husband to an unfaithful wife, this prophet gave God's message to His people of their unfaithfulness to their covenant | Why do you cheat on Me? I love you. | Point to ring finger |
| JOEL | Describing a terrible locust plague and begging for confession and repentance | Tear your hearts, not just your clothes. | Swat at the air as if attacked by flying insects |
| AMOS | A message to Israel about their empty and superficial religiosity, while they abandon the poor and needy | Seek Me and live | Gesture to the ground beside you, as if to the poor and needy |
| OBADIAH | "O bad idea!" - a message to Edom to not stand against God's people | As you have done, it will be done to you | Wag your index finger as if saying "no" |
| JONAH | The story of God sending Jonah to Assyria, the enemy nation, to warn them and turn them to God | I love even them, even you. | Snap cupped hands together as if the mouth of a fish (swallowing Jonah) |
| MICAH | A message about the greatness of God, the advocate and judge, and His incomparable holiness, power & love, His judgment and also grace. | What have I done to you, or how have I wearied you? Testify against Me. | Bang a gavel with your right hand. |
| NAHUM | A portrayal of God overwhelming Assyria to bring relief to His people. | I am a jealous and avenging God. | Clasp two hands together over your heart, as if comforted. |
| HABAKKUK | A message to God from Habakkuk, struggling with God's plans and justice which don't always look fair or like we'd plan it. | The righteous one will live by his faith. | Raise arms from fully extended down, as if doing a bicep curl, or strength training (faith and trust training) |
| ZEPHANIAH | A message that God's judgment is coming, and the urgency of needing to live in righteousness | I am with you, mighty to save. | Point outward as if warning of an impending doom |
| HAGGAI | <i>After</i> the exile, a challenge to examine lives and set new priorities pleasing to God, including finishing the temple. | The final glory of this house will be greater than the first. | With the side of your flat hand, chop the palm of your open other hand, as if saying "finish" |

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| ZECHARIAH | <i>After</i> the exile, an announcement of a new day for God's people, a call to rebuild and repair the relationship with the Lord. Battles foretold. | A day of the Lord is coming. | Shoot two hand pistols as if in battle |
| MALACHI | <i>After</i> the exile, a prophetic message about Judah's sins, need for sincere worship, and hope for a day of salvation for those who fear Him. | I remember you. Remember Me. | Make a heart on your chest with your two hands. |

*** The last three major prophets were DURING the exile. The last three minor prophets were AFTER the exile. All the rest were BEFORE the exile.