

READING THE BIBLE BY AUTHOR

? **Who was the author?** Was he a prophet, priest, king, apostle or other? Where was he from? Who was his family? Why would God have chosen him to write these books?

•• **Look at:** the author's style and tone. Does he use poetry, images, commands, detailed facts? Is the author's tone joyful, sorrowful, fearful? What is his relationship with God/Jesus? How does he describe God or Jesus? What terms and descriptions does he use? What is God trying to communicate in this book through this author? What is the purpose of the book?

! **Look for:** common themes, methods of greeting, repeated words, repeated events.

Moses

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy
- Job

Joshua

- Joshua

Samuel

- Judges, possibly Ruth

Solomon

Proverbs

Ecclesiastes

Song of Solomon

Ezra

- I and II Chronicles
- Ezra

David

- Psalms

Jeremiah

- Jeremiah
- Lamentations

The Apostle John

- Gospel of John
- I, II, III John
- Revelation

Luke

- Gospel of Luke
- Acts

Paul's letters to churches:

- Romans
- I and II Thessalonians
- I and II Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians

Paul's letters to individuals:

- I and II Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon

The rest of the books were each written by a different author. Some are anonymous.