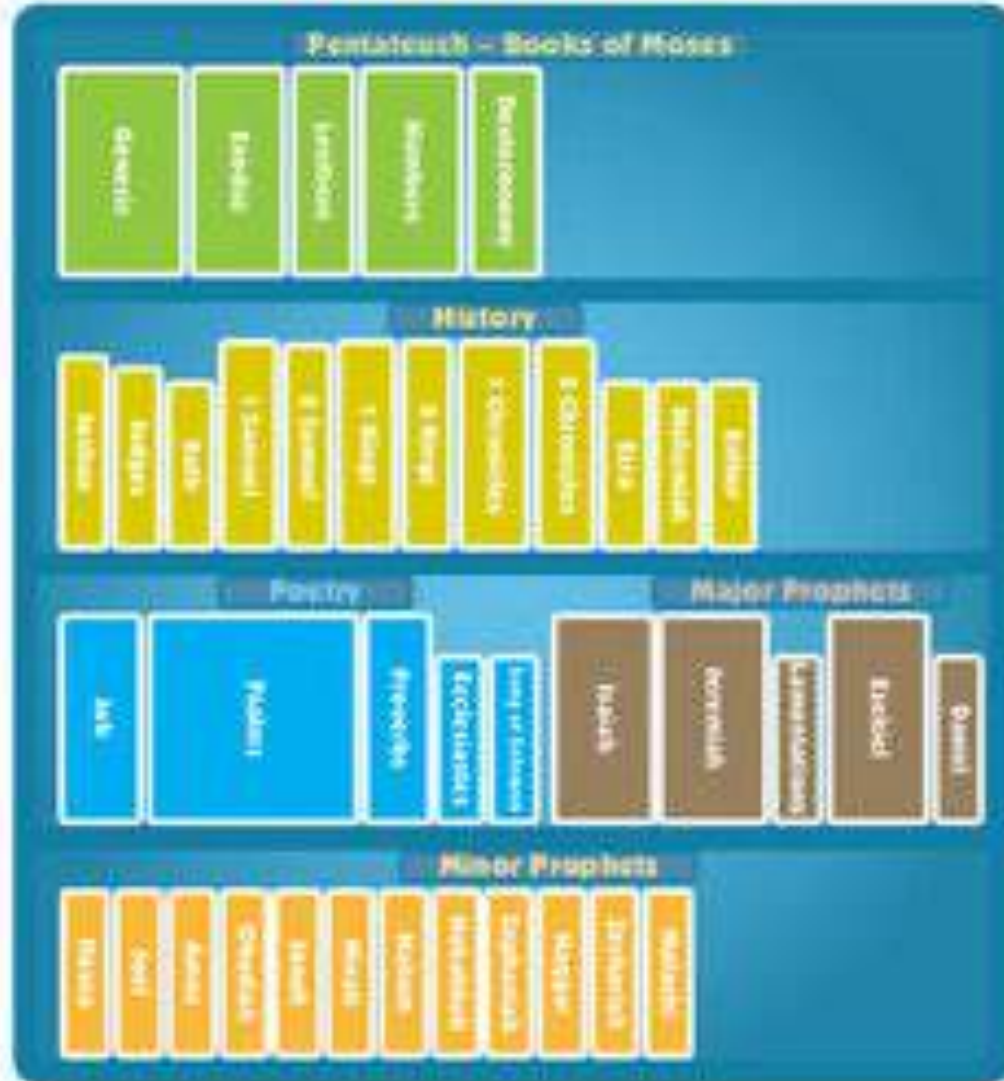


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POWERFUL PEOPLE

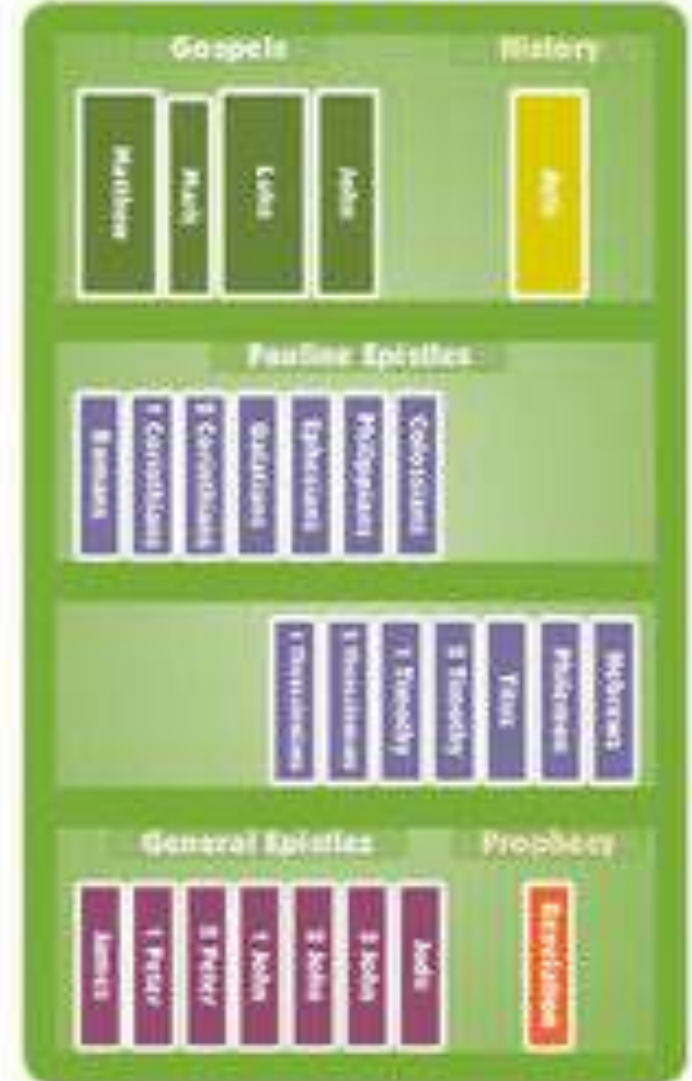
Books of the Bible

Old Testament



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New Testament



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**God Has Used
Many Ordinary
People in
Powerful Ways**





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 - 2 Egyptian midwives who helped save Israelite baby boys

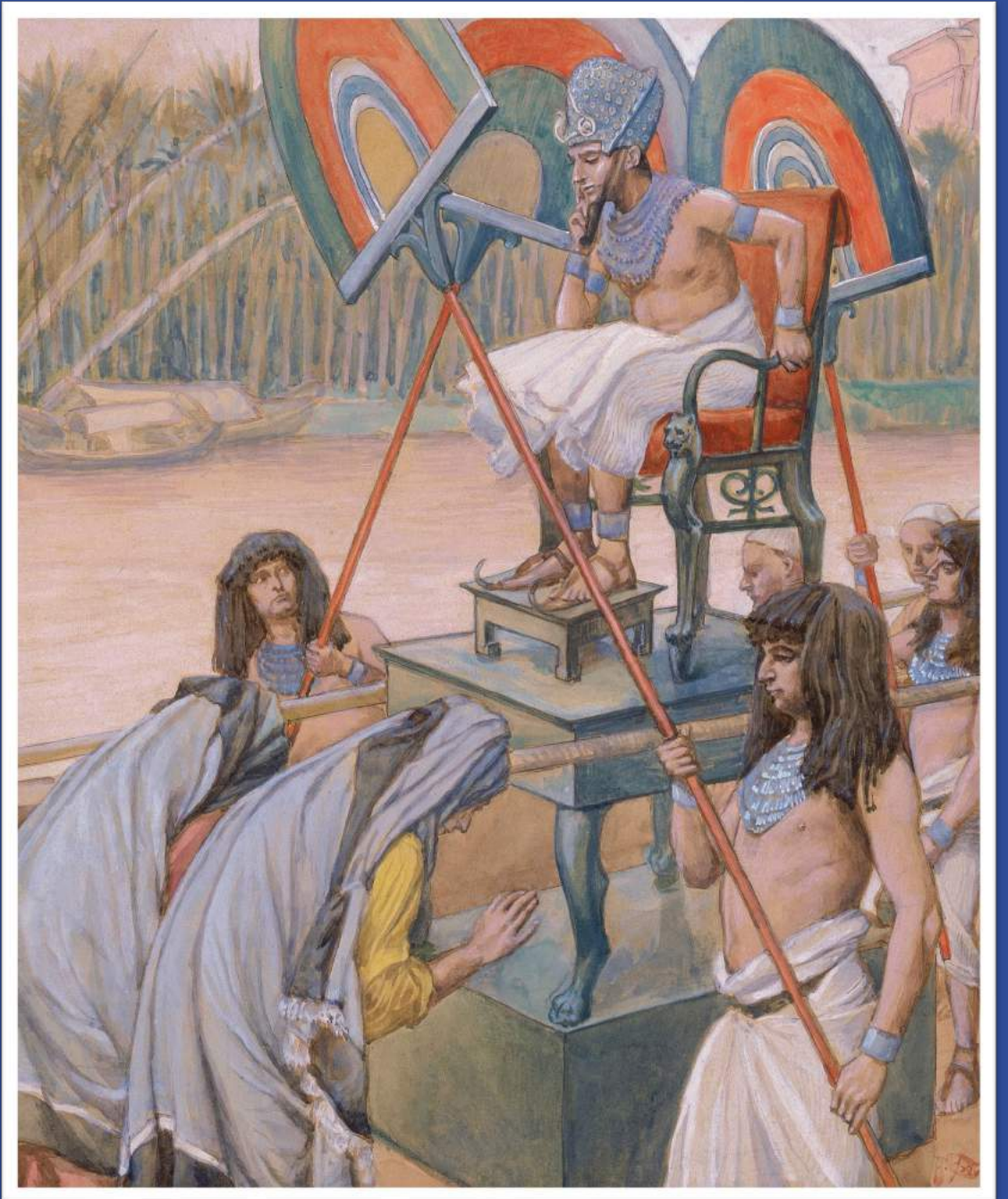
Exodus 1:16-17 (NLT) — “When you help the Hebrew women as they give birth, watch as they deliver. If the baby is a boy, kill him; if it is a girl, let her live. But because the midwives feared God, they refused to obey the king’s orders. They allowed the boys to live, too.”



Shiphrah & Puah Saved Many Hebrew Baby Boys

Exodus 1:18–19 (NLT) — “So the king of Egypt called for the midwives. ‘Why have you done this?’ he demanded. ‘Why have you allowed the boys to live?’ **19** ‘The Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women,’ the midwives replied. ‘They are more vigorous and have their babies so quickly that we cannot get there in time.’”

**Shiphrah & Puah
Were Not Afraid
to Do What Was
Right**



Ephesians 3:20–21 (NLT) — “Now all glory to God, who is able, **through his mighty power at work within us**, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. **21** Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20–21 (NKJV) — “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, **according to the power that works in us**, **21** to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”



GOD IS ABLE

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“There is an inexhaustible fullness of grace and mercy in God, which the prayers of all the saints can never draw dry.

Whatever we may ask, or think to ask, still God is still able to do more, abundantly more, exceedingly abundantly more. Open your mouth ever so wide, still he has the wherewithal to fill it.”

- Matthew Henry



**POWERFUL
PEOPLE**

What Are Your EXPECTATIONS?

Matthew 19:26 (NKJV) — “But Jesus looked at them and said to them, ‘With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’”

WHEN WE PRAY
ACCORDING TO GOD'S
WILL ALL THINGS ARE
POSSIBLE



Matthew 18:19 (NLT) — “I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you.

John 14:13 (NLT) — “You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.”

John 15:7 (NLT) — “But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!”

John 15:16 (NLT) — “You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.”

James 1:5–6 (NLT) — “If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. **6** But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind.”

James 1:17 (NLT) — “Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.”

1 John 3:22 (NLT) — “And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him.”

God moves
WHEN WE PRAY IN FAITH.





One Thing God
Teaches Us Through
Prayer is
PATIENCE

Joseph M. Scriven



**What a Friend we have in
Jesus, All our sins and
griefs to bear! What a
privilege to carry
Everything to God in
prayer!**

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**O what peace we often
forfeit, O what needless
pain we bear, All because
we do not carry,
Everything to God in
prayer!**

How **BIG** is Your

Expectation

of God?

**Don't Let Your EXPECTATIONS
Limit Your PRAYERS...**

**Don't Limit What God CAN and
WILL Do!**

Matthew 17:20 (NLT) — “‘You don’t have enough faith,’ Jesus told them. ‘I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.’”



**The Bible Tells of Many People Who Asked God
to Make the Impossible Possible...**



**POWERFUL
PEOPLE**

We Must ALWAYS Make Time to Pray

Romans 12:12 (NLT) — “Rejoice in our confident hope.
Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.”



In Good Times and Bad We Are to:

- Speak to God
- Draw Close to Him
- Grow in Our Relationship with Him
- Have a Confident and Expectant Hope in Him



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How is Your RELATIONSHIP with God?



**Did You Wake Up
this Morning with
an Expectant
Heart?**



God Expects You to:

- Trust Him
- Follow Him
- Love Him
- Serve Him
- Speak to Him in Prayer
- Learn More About Him
- Think About Things of God



God Expects You to:

- Tell Others About Him
- Give Him First Place in Life



God Expects You to:

- Tell Others About Him
- Give Him First Place in Life

We Will NEVER Meet God's
Expectations of Us in Our Own
Strength



**POWERFUL
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YOU Are Today's Powerful Person!

Acts 1:8 (NLT) — “But **you will receive power** when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And **you will be my witnesses**, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Mark 16:17–18 (NLT) — “These miraculous signs will accompany **those who believe**: They will **cast out demons** in my name, and they will **speak in new languages**. **18** They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won’t hurt them. **They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed.**”

**YOU Are the Powerful
People of this
Message!**



**POWERFUL
PEOPLE**

