

Bible Authors
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The complete list of Bible books (and individual Psalms) whose authorship is confirmed by Scripture itself and/or Ellen G. White.

- Gen.: Moses wrote in Midian (ST 2/19/1880, in 3BC 1140) around 2,500 years after Adam created (GC v).
- Ex.: Moses wrote (GC 434) around 2,500 years after Adam created (Ex. 24:4, 7; 34:27; cf. GC v).
- Lev.: Moses wrote (Rom. 10:5; PP 364–5) around 2,500 years after Adam created (GC v).
- Num.: Moses wrote (GC 434) around 2,500 years after Adam created (GC v).
- Deut.: Moses wrote (Deut. 31:9; cf. AA 222) around 2,500 years after Adam created (GC v) and over 1,400 years before Christ spoke Mt. 4:4 (DA 121).
- Judg.: Unnamed “sacred historian” wrote (ST 8/4/1881).
- Ezra: Ezra wrote (PK 617).
- Neh.: Nehemiah wrote (Neh. 1:1; cf. ST 11/30/1876; BEcho 6/4/1894; PK 667).
- Job: Moses wrote in Midian (ST 2/19/1880, in 3BC 1140) around 2,500 years after Adam created (GC v).
- Ps. 1: David wrote (4T 526, 534).
- Ps. 2: David wrote (Acts 4:25–6; cf. DA 778).
- Ps. 3: David wrote (Ed 164–5).
- Ps. 8: David wrote (RH 11/13/1894).
- Ps. 9: David wrote (PK 429; RH 11/13/1894).
- Ps. 16: David wrote (2 Sam. 23:1; Acts 2:25; cf. RH 5/9/1899, in 3BC 1155; AA 227).
- Ps. 17: David wrote (NL No. 11, p. 2, in 3BC 1143; 5T 397).
- Ps. 18: David wrote (ST 4/8/1897, in 1SM 299; cf. 2 Sam 22 [confirmed in 4aSG 93]).
- Ps. 19: David wrote (4T 15).
- Ps. 20: David wrote (PP 716).
- Ps. 23: David wrote (PP 413).
- Ps. 25: David wrote (5T 630).
- Ps. 27: David wrote while a fugitive (Ed 164).
- Ps. 32: David wrote in repentance over sin with Bathsheba and before divine sentence offered by Nathan (Rom. 4:6; PP 724).
- Ps. 33: David wrote (PP 716).
- Ps. 34: David wrote (RH 11/13/1894).
- Ps. 36: David wrote (PP 413).
- Ps. 37: David wrote (2T 448).

Ps. 38: David wrote (4T 535).
Ps. 39: David wrote (2T 504).
Ps. 40: David wrote (Lt 69, 2/7/1897, in 8MR 447).
Ps. 42: David wrote while a fugitive (Ed 164).
Ps. 44: David wrote (PP 716).
Ps. 45: David wrote (MB 49).
Ps. 46: David wrote (PK 203).
Ps. 47: David wrote (RH 1/1/1914).
Ps. 48: David wrote (PK 203).
Ps. 50: David wrote (DA 434).
Ps. 51: David wrote in repentance over sin with Bathsheba and before divine sentence offered by Nathan (5T 639; PP 724).
Ps. 52: David wrote (SpM, p. 229 [6/26/1902]).
Ps. 55: David wrote (Lt 79, 5/23/1902, in 17LtMs, Lt 79, 1902).
Ps. 56: David wrote (PP 692).
Ps. 57: David wrote in the cave of Adullam (PP 658).
Ps. 61: David wrote (PP 413).
Ps. 62: David wrote (PP 413).
Ps. 63: David wrote while a fugitive (Ed 164).
Ps. 66: David wrote (4T 533).
Ps. 69: David wrote (Acts 1:16–7, 20a; Rom. 1:9).
Ps. 71: David wrote (1T 423).
Ps. 72: David wrote this prophecy for Solomon (RH 8/12/1905).
Ps. 73: David wrote (PP 413).
Ps. 77: David wrote (Ms 4, 2/4/1896, in 3BC 1149).
Ps. 78: David wrote (YI 5/6/1897) 1,000 years before Christ saw Temple (GC 23).
Ps. 84: David wrote (4T 534).
Ps. 88: David wrote (PK 341).
Ps. 89: David wrote (RH 11/13/1894).
Ps. 91: David wrote (Ms 1, 2/1/1890, in 2SAT 58).
Ps. 92: David wrote (ST 2/19/1880, in 3BC 1148).
Ps. 94: David wrote (PP 413).
Ps. 95: David wrote (Heb. 4:7).
Ps. 96: David wrote (RH 11/13/1894).
Ps. 101: David wrote (CT 119).

Ps. 102: David wrote since writing Ps. 33 (PP 716) & Ps. 77 (PP 287 + Ms 4, 1896, in 3BC 1149).

Ps. 103: David wrote (MB 114).

Ps. 105: David wrote (1 Chron. 16:7–36).

Ps. 109: David wrote (Acts 1:16–7, 20b).

Ps. 110: David wrote (Mt. 22:43; Mk. 12:36; Lk. 20:42; Acts 2:34).

Ps. 112: David wrote (RH 11/13/1894).

Ps. 115: David wrote (2 Sam. 23:1; cf. RH 11/8/1887).

Ps. 116: David wrote (RH 5/7/1908, in AG 325).

Ps. 119: David wrote (4T 534) 3,000 years before A.D. 1899 (Lt 43, 1899 [PH079], in RC 273).

Ps. 120: David wrote in wilderness of Paran, being occasioned by Samuel's death and Saul's persecution (PP 664).

Ps. 121: David wrote in wilderness of Paran, being occasioned by Samuel's death and Saul's persecution (PP 664).

Ps. 139: David wrote (2T 536).

Ps. 141: David wrote (PP 667).

Ps. 144: David wrote (RH 10/24/1907, in FE 513–4).

Ps. 146: David wrote (GC 545–6).

Ps. 147: David wrote (SpTEd 4/22/1895, p. 226, in FE 371).

Ps. 148: David wrote (SpTEd 4/22/1895, p. 226, in FE 371).

Ps. 149: David wrote (SpTEd 4/22/1895, p. 226, in FE 371).

Ps. 150: David wrote (SpTEd 4/22/1895, p. 226, in FE 371).

Note on the Psalms: Ellen G. White does not confirm other possible authors mentioned in superscriptions to many Psalms, including some attributed to David, but does confirm that he *sang* and/or *played, said, or prayed* Psalms 11, 80, 104, 133, 142 & 145.

Prov.: Solomon wrote (Prov. 1:1; 10:1; 25:1; cf. 7T 218) in his strong manhood before his apostasy (PK 57–8), 3,000 years before A.D. 1913 (CT 127, referring to Prov. 3:1–4).

Eccles.: Solomon wrote in old age (HR 6/1878, in 3BC 1164).

Song: Solomon wrote (Song 1:1; cf. MB 49).

Isa.: Isaiah wrote (RH 12/22/1896).

Jer.: Jeremiah wrote (Jer. 1:1; cf. RH 5/4/1897).

Lam.: Jeremiah wrote (PK 461–3).

Ezek.: Ezekiel wrote (Ezek. 2:3; cf. RH 2/25/1896).

Dan.: Daniel wrote (Dan. 8:1; 9:2; 12:8; cf. RH 2/4/1902).

Hos.: Hosea wrote (Hos. 1:1; cf. BEcho 3/15/1890; ST 7/13/1882).

Joel: Joel wrote (Joel 1:1; cf. GC ix), recording Joel 2:31 2,500 years before “The Dark Day” of A.D. 5/19/1780 (GC 308).

Amos: Amos wrote (Amos 1:1; cf. RH 2/15/1914).

Obad.: Obadiah wrote (PK 108)

Mic.: Micah wrote (Mic. 1:1; cf. RH 9/16/1909).

Nahum: Nahum wrote (Nahum 1:1; cf. RH 12/4/1913).

Hab.: Habakkuk wrote (Hab. 1:1; cf. GC 521).

Zeph.: Zephaniah wrote during Josiah's reign (Zeph. 1:1; cf. RH 9/16/1909).

Hag.: Haggai wrote (Hag. 1:1; cf. RH 2/4/1902).

Zech.: Zechariah wrote (Zech. 1:1; cf. RH 4/20/1897) 2 months after Haggai's last recorded message delivered (RH 12/26/1907).

Mal.: Malachi wrote (Mal. 1:1; cf. RH 7/14/1896).

Mt.: Matthew wrote (Lt 53, 1900, in 1SM 21).

Mk.: Mark wrote (Lt 53, 1900, in 1SM 21).

Lk.: Luke wrote (MH 140).

Jn.: John wrote 1,600 years after Moses wrote the Pentateuch (GC v), in Ephesus after returning from Patmos (1SG 9 [Roswell F. Cottrell's Introduction]).

Acts: Luke wrote (Ms 40, 1903, in 6BC 1051), a quarter of a century of the Christian age having passed (1SP 9 [James White's Introductory]).

Rom.: Paul wrote (Rom. 1:1) during 2nd visit to/sojourn at Corinth (AA 372–3), more than 1,800 years before A.D. 1887 (ST 5/26/1887 [RH 5/11/1911], in 6BC 1067).

1 Cor.: Paul wrote (1 Cor. 1:1; cf. AA 301) 3 years after leaving Corinth (LP 150–1) and years before writing Phil. (RH 3/30/1911); 28 years after the Day of Pentecost of Acts 2:1 (PP 23 [Uriah Smith's Introduction]), during latter part of stay at Ephesus (1 Cor. 16:8; cf. AA 298), having sent Titus to prepare the way (AA 301) during Third Missionary Journey (AA 323) and before writing 1 Tim. (AA 336).

2 Cor.: Paul wrote (2 Cor. 1:1; cf. AA 323–4) while at Philippi (LP 175) during Third Missionary Journey (AA 323).

Gal.: Paul wrote (Gal. 1:1) in the later years of his experience (AA 208), while tarrying at Corinth (AA 383–4).

Eph.: Paul wrote (Gal. 1:1) from his prison house at Rome (5T 730) in the closing days of his ministry (AA 176), in A.D. 64 (1SG 13 [Roswell F. Cottrell's Introduction]), 5 years after writing 1 Cor. (PP 24 [Uriah Smith's Introduction]).

Phil.: Paul wrote (Phil. 1:1) years after writing 1 Cor. (RH 3/30/1911), as his last message (ST 2/21/1900), from Rome (AA 463–4), at his prison house (MB 33) near Nero's (AA 463) palace (YI 11/22/1900), and borne by Epaphroditus (Phil. 2:25; cf. AA 479), as Paul in fetters (ST 2/10/1909), imprisoned for 2 years (AA 462).

Col.: Paul wrote (Col. 1:1; cf. DA 633) while a prisoner in Rome (AA 471) 30 years after the Day of Pentecost (ST 8/19/1897) having been shipwrecked (AA 440), and before the fall of Jerusalem (DA 633) in A.D. 70 (GC 33–5; 412).

1 Thess.: Paul wrote (1 Thess. 1:1) during his 1st 18-month sojourn (Acts 18:11) in Corinth (AA 255, 270).

- 2 Thess.: Paul wrote (2 Thess. 1:1) in A.D. 54 (1SG 13 [Roswell F. Cottrell's Introduction]), during his 1st 18-month sojourn (Acts 18:11) in Corinth (AA 255, 264, 270).
- 1 Tim.: Paul wrote (1 Tim. 1:1; cf. AA 175) at a later time than his writing of 1 Cor. (AA 336).
- 2 Tim.: While in prison, Paul dictated to Luke, who wrote (2 Tim. 1:1; cf. 4T 352–3), after Paul's 2nd trial, shortly before his death (AA 498–9) at Nero's hands nearly 20 centuries before A.D. 1883 (LP 334), this being Paul's last letter (1SG 9 [Roswell F. Cottrell's Introduction]).
- Tit.: Paul wrote (Tit. 1:1; cf. AA 368–9) before his final imprisonment (Tit. 3:12; cf. AA 456).
- Philem.: Paul wrote (Philem. 1:1) at Rome during his 1st imprisonment, Tychicus and Onesimus bearing the letter (AA 456–7).
- Heb.: Paul wrote (HS 145; GC 347). **Note:** This effectively does away with the persistent “the author of Hebrews” cop-outs.
- Jas.: Apostle James wrote (Jas. 1:1; cf. ST 5/19/1898, in 7BC 936). **Note:** Speculation about *which* apostle James abounds; EGW never makes it absolutely clear.
- 1 Pet.: Peter wrote (1 Pet. 1:1; cf. DA 817) in the later years of his ministry and when aged (AA 517), a few years before the church was to undergo a period of terrible persecution (AA 528).
- 2 Pet.: The aged Peter wrote (2 Pet. 1:1; cf. AA 536–7) in his prison cell at Rome (AA 537) shortly before his martyrdom.
- 1 Jn.: John wrote (Ms 29, 1911, in 7BC 947) at Patmos (RH 3/1/1881, in SL 71–5; AA 571) when he was nearly 100 years old (Ms 33, 1890, in 2SM 23), years after Christ's resurrection (ST 12/5/1895).
- 2 Jn.: John wrote (AA 548) in his old age (YI 3/29/1900).
- 3 Jn.: John wrote (AA 548) in his old age (YI 3/29/1900).
- Jude: Apostle Jude wrote (Jude 1:1; cf. 3T 270). **Note:** He is commonly identified as Judas, or Juda, one of Jesus' brothers.
- Rev.: John wrote (Rev. 1:1; cf. AA 588) when aged, on the Isle of Patmos (Rev. 1:9; cf. Ms 150, 1899, in 7BC 954; RH 3/1/1881, in SL 74–5), half a century after Christ's ascension (Ms 99, 1902, in 7BC 955 [cf. more than half a century, AA 568]) and more than half a century after the organization of the Christian church (AA 568), also 30 years after Paul wrote 2 Tim. (1SG 9 [Roswell F. Cottrell's Introduction]).

The careful reader will note that only 10 books are omitted, which is due to uncertain authorship. All of these books are found in the Old Testament. They are: Joshua, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles, Esther, and Jonah. In assigning authorship, we resist the temptation to call upon Jewish tradition or the assumptions of Biblical scholars.

Special Note: Roswell F. Cottrell, James White, and Uriah Smith are only mentioned here because the introductory materials they contributed to certain of Ellen White's books were done during her lifetime and with her direct or implied sanction. Even so, their statements obviously do not carry the same weight as commentary by any of God's inspired penmen, whether in Bible times or in modern times. Nevertheless, these contributions add intriguing insights.