

What God is Saying

	Need	Content	Method	Response
Volume I Promise	Charter, mission statement, declaration of purpose	Promises: a great nation, blessing, great name, be a blessing	Friendly and intimate: friend to friend	"I believe!" (Faith)
Volume II Law	The people of Israel needed the Law to know how to live, so that they could become a nation.	Behavior and relationship 1) Outer/inner 2) Toward God and men 3) +/- 4) Moral, ceremonial, and civil	Loud and scary: sovereign to subject.	"I will!" (Obedience)
Volume III Poetry	Record of people's experience; meant to help us internalize what we know about God	Record of thoughts and feelings of men of God as they face different experiences of life	Through those who are walking with God and are learning to apply His wisdom to their lives.	"I need/want that!" (desire and seek an ongoing personal experience of the Lord of glory)
Volume IV Prophets	Address the deep spiritual problems behind Israel's political troubles	Insight into: 1) God. 2) His people. 3) Judgment. 4) Hope.	Spoke through the prophets. He put His words in their mouths. "Thus saith the Lord..."	"I repent!"
Volume V Gospels	We needed God to speak to us personally and directly	Facts and doctrines. 1) Behavior and relationships (inner and outer; God and man; +/- 2) Explanations (re: God, man, sin, O.T.) 3) Promises	The Word (God) became flesh and dwelt among us, i.e. the incarnation	Respond to Him: follow Him, believe, obey, abide, etc.
Volume VI Acts	The driving need in Acts is to preach this message of Christ	1) God 2) Jesus Christ 3) Scope (to all nations) 4) Response (repent and believe) 5) Result: forgiveness and salvation 6) Appealed to OT 7) The Holy Spirit.	God's message is proclaimed by witnesses, who made and took any occasion to deliver their message	If I know Jesus and belong to Him, then I should witness
Volume VII Letters	Need for interpretation and application of the message believed	Explanation and instruction, enabling us to see Christ fully formed in us.	1) Personal experience 2) Reason and explanation 3) Case studies	Just as you received Christ, so walk in Him
Volume VIII Revelation	The fledgling church needed repentance, endurance, and comfort	Lamb; Biblical imagery; prophecy; conflict; Christ's victory & returning; saints; Satan and evil; the books and the Book; the heavenly Jerusalem	Revelation and vision to John the apostle	We should be prepared for His coming at any moment