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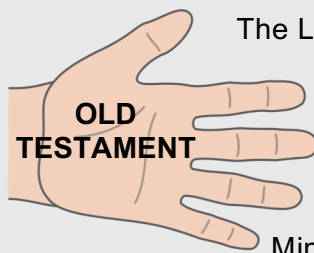
BREAKDOWN

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SECTIONS



The Law

History

Poetry

Major Prophets

Minor Prophets

O.T. Poetry

Job **Psalms** **Proverbs** **Ecclesiastes** **Song of Solomon**

“However powerful and learned he may be, the Bible always sets man face to face with God, reminding him thus of his frailty and his weakness.”

~ Paul Tournier

Job

Main theme: Ancient story of one godly man’s struggle.

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ Earliest book; Pre-Abrahamic
- ❖ Poetic because of oral tradition
- ❖ God should be loved and trusted in spite of our circumstances.

Job 1:21

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”

Psalms

Main theme: A written collection of poems and songs to and about God.

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ Explores the personal nature of our relationship with God
- ❖ About half attributed to David (by, for, or about)
- ❖ Made up of 5 books (collections) from time of David to Ezra
- ❖ Longest book in the Bible (by chapters & words)
- ❖ Longest and shortest chapters in Bible (119 & 117)

Psalms 150:6

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Proverbs

Main theme: Memorable and practical sayings about life.

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ Mostly compiled by Solomon (Ch. 25-31 200 yrs later/ Hezekiah)
- ❖ General principles on wise and productive life choices.

Proverbs 26:4-5

Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest you be like him yourself.

Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes.

Ecclesiastes

Main themes: The meaninglessness of life apart from God.

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ Solomon’s search for a life of significance through wealth, sex, hard work, education, and fun.

Ecclesiastes 1:2-5

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun?

A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises.

Song of Solomon

Main themes: Marriage, love, and intimacy are joyous aspects of life.

Interesting Facts and Lessons:

- ❖ Three “voices”: The Lover, The Beloved, Friends
- ❖ In the N.T. husbands and wives display Jesus and the church.

(Ephesians 5:22-33)

THE LAW TIMELINE

CREATION >> ABRAHAM >> JOSEPH-EGYPT >> MOSES-EXODUS >> WANDERINGS

↑ Job

HISTORY TIMELINE

JOSHUA-CANAAN >> 12 TRIBES >> KING DAVID >> SPLIT >> CAPTIVITY >> RETURN

↑ Psalms ~~~~~>

Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon↑