

Bible Basics - Chapter 11

Old Testament Basics - 3

Introductions of the 5 Poetry/Wisdom Books of the Old Testament-

Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song Of Solomon

Job

Author- Unknown historian

Recipients- The Israelites

Date- Unknown

Theme- God's just dealings with a righteous man's sufferings

Content- Job's misery brought on by Satan, Job's friends, God's dealings with Job

Psalms

Author- David, Asaph, the sons of Korah, Solomon, Heman, Ethan, Moses and unknown authors

Recipients- The Israelites

Dated- Around 1440 B.C. to 540 B.C.

Themes- Praises, prayers, wisdom, confessions

Content- Arranged in 5 sections/books- Book 1- Psalms 1-41, Book 2- Psalms 42-72, Book 3- Psalms 73-89, Book 4- Psalms 90-106, Book 5- Psalms 107-150

Royal Psalms proclaiming God as king, Penitential Psalms confessing sin, Psalms of Zion regarding Jerusalem, Wisdom Psalms, Psalms of praise, Psalms that are prayers.

Proverbs

Author- Solomon, Agur, Lemuel, Other wise men

Recipients- The Israelites

Dated- 970 B.C. to 930 B.C.

Themes- Wisdom, Folly, Righteousness, Wickedness

Content- Importance of living wisely, Divine wisdom, Judgment on the foolish and wicked, Blessings for the righteous.

Ecclesiastes

Author- Solomon

Recipients- The Israelites

Dated- Around 930 B.C.

Theme- Life without God is meaningless

Content- Meaninglessness of materialism & human efforts without God, Old age and death, living with eternity in perspective.

Song of Songs

Author- Unknown/Solomon

Recipients- The Israelites

Dated- Around 930 B.C.

Theme- Emotional and intimate physical love story of a man and a woman, God's love for Israel, Christ's love for the church.

Content- Reflections during courtship days and on wedding day.