

BREAKING BREAD

Lesson 08:

Old Testament Survey pt 3

“The Wisdom Books”

“Wisdom *is* the principal thing;
therefore get wisdom: and with all thy
getting get understanding...
For wisdom *is* better than rubies; and
all the things that may be desired are
not to be compared to it.”

- King Solomon (Proverbs 4:7 & 8:11)

Section III. The Books of Wisdom

5 Books of Wisdom (Job through Song of Solomon)

Quick Overview:

- Job & Song of Solomon contain historical stories, but most of the content in these books is instructional.
- They teach the child of God patience and how to: pray, seek God, live righteously, walk in faith, have a blessed marriage, raise godly children, treat others, work hard, be industrious, and how to know and stay close to God.
- They guide the child of God to know wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, discretion, prudence, judgment, justice, equity, and the fear of the LORD.

Survey of the Wisdom Books:

18. Job

1700 BC???

A story of the dealings of God with Satan, of great loss, judgmental friends, the struggle to understand suffering, and how God works all things for good for the righteous who love him in the end.

- *Key People: God, Satan, Job, Eliphaz, Bildad, Zophar, Elihu.*

19. Psalms

1054 BC – 1015 BC

A great book of prayer-songs written by men who loved God with all their hearts and leaned on him through life; filled with Messianic prophecies!

- *Key Themes: God's: words, statutes, law, truth, mercy, glory, kingdom, commandments, creation, provision, salvation, justice, praise, etc...*

20. Proverbs

1014 BC – 994 BC

Solomon's wisdom from God on how to grow from a child into a strong man of God; the greatest book for practical life on earth.

- *Key People: simple, fool, scorner, unfaithful, wicked, unrighteous, slothful, sluggard, unjust, poor, rich, wise, pure, faithful, righteous, diligent, just.*

Survey of the Wisdom Books:

21. Ecclesiastes

975 BC

Solomon, the preacher, at the end of his life after experiencing and accomplishing everything any person could ever dream of on what really matters in life and what life “under the sun” is really all about.

- *Key Themes: Vanity, Wisdom, Folly, Success, Poverty, Labour, Laughter, Sorrow, Godly Simplicity, Government, the Fear of God.*

22. Song of Solomon

1014 BC

A love story/song between the young king Solomon and his beautiful bride throughout their courtship and early marriage; an awesome picture of Christ and the church.

- *Key People: Solomon (my beloved), the Shulamite (my love), the daughters of Jerusalem, the watchmen, the valiant men of Israel.*