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Books of Poetry

Wisdom & Worship

The next set of Books in the Holy Bible is the Books of Poetry. There are 5 Books that make up this section. These Books are placed between the Books of History and the Books of Prophecy. They record wisdom and worship described by God thru some godly leaders. The first book of this set is the Book of **Job**. His life took place much earlier in the timeline somewhere between 2000-1000 B.C. The time of Job's life is not of consequence.

The next book, the book of **Psalms**, was authored mostly by King David. It is a book of prayer and praise. The remaining three books (**Proverbs**, **Ecclesiastes**, and **Song of Songs**) were written by King Solomon during the United Kingdom Period.

- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Songs

How to remember this section:

The books of wisdom & poetry are the "**Job**" of the two kings, King David & King Solomon. David wrote **Psalms.** Solomon wrote the other three books (**Proverbs**, **Ecclesiastes**, and the **Song of Songs**). Another name for the Song of Songs is Songs of Solomon. Worship caused produces <u>Fear</u> of the Lord which is the beginning of <u>Wisdom</u> which gives the tools to <u>Overcome</u> and to <u>Love</u> with God's blessing.

- **Job** the Sovereignty of God is on full display in the life of Job and in the book of Job. This book gives us cause for worship to the Almighty God. (**Worship**) is the key word for this book.
- Psalms comprised mostly by King David. This book adds to the book of Job in that the caused worship due Him develops the fear of the Lord. Often sung with accompaniment as praises and prayers to the Lord. Contains many prophetic statements about the Messiah. (Fear) is the key word for this book.
- Proverbs written by King Solomon continuing the thought laid out by the previous Books of Poetry. With the fear of the Lord now realized, the beginning of wisdom becomes the fruit. The wisdom gained in this book is inspired by God, Himself; thru the hand of King Solomon widely considered the wisest man to have ever lived. (Wisdom) is the key word for this book.

- Ecclesiastes One of the last two books used to finish the thoughts gained from the Book of Proverbs. This book feeds the idea that wisdom gained from the Lord will help you overcome life's emptiness. (Overcome) is the key word for this book.
- Song of Songs otherwise known as the Song of Solomon. This book puts the finishing touches on the wisdom gained from God' Word. With a godly marriage one can enjoy love and intimacy with God's blessing. (Love) is the key word for this book.

This is the fifth section of books in the Holy Bible. It is the bridge between the historical books and the books of prophecy. There are 5 books in this group totaling 22 books to this point in relation to the flow and order of the Word of God: (remember: Worship brings about Fear, which is the beginning of Wisdom, which produces the ability to Overcome & to Love with blessing.

 	 	 		
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Now you know the first 22 books of the Holy Bible, how they are broken down, and what they are about.

Below are 5 Bible verses from the Books of Poetry. Match the correct Bible verse to the corresponding Book. The idea is to become familiar with where topics and names are found in the Word of God.

1. "How beautiful you are, my darling! Oh, how beautiful! Your eyes are doves."

Job 1:12

2. "The Lord said to Satan, 'Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.' Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord."

Psalm 23:4

3. "So I turned my mind to understand, to investigate and to search out wisdom and the scheme of things and to understand the stupidity of wickedness and the madness of folly."

Proverbs 16:9

Ecclesiastes 7:25

4. "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

Song of Songs 1:15

5. "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps."

Below are 5 Bible verses from the Books of Poetry. Correctly identify the Bible verse with the corresponding book. The idea is to become familiar with where topics and names are found in the Word of God.

"Look at the behemoth, which I ma feeds on grass like an ox. What st power in the muscles of his belly!	rength he has in his loins, what
1. Which book of the Books of Poet	ry?
"He who conceals his sins does no and renounces them finds mercy."	•
2. Which book of the Books of Poet	try?
"He divided the sea and led them to firm like a wall."	through; he made the water stand
3. Which book of the Books of Poet	try?
"Like a lily among thorns is my dar	
4. Which book of the Books of Poet	try?
	d a season for every activity under ne to die, a time to plant and a time
5. Which book of the Books of Poet	try?
Job 40:15	Proverbs 28:13

Song of Songs 2:2

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Psalm 78:13

After identifying the previous Bible verses, take the time to find a Bible verse on your own that really identifies with that particular book. Just the act of searching and writing it down gives you a better sense and greater familiarity with the Word of God. You are actively participating in studying the Holy Bible.

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Notes

Describe a topic in this section to remember.

(**Example:** Wisdom that comes from the Word of God has consequences, benefiting if heeded, disaster if rebuked. <u>Proverbs 1-4</u>)