

## The Wisdom Books (the poetical books)

Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon -

Job has 42 chapters, 1 verses and 10,102 words

-Psalms has 150 chapters, 2,461 verses and 43,743 words

-Proverbs has 31 chapters, 915 verses and 15,043 words

-Ecclesiastes has 12 chapters, 222 verses and 5,584 words

-Song of Solomon has 8 chapters, 117 verses, and 2,661 words

## I. Job

-Mentioned in Ezekiel 14:14 with Noah and Daniel, and in James 5:11

-The book of Job sets forth five views of suffering

1. The hatred of Satan is behind it ch. 1-2

2. It is a puzzle to the sufferer ch. 3

3. Sin must be punished ch.4-31

4. Suffering purifies ch. 32-37

5. It is allowed by God who rewards the faithful ch. 38-42

-The author is believed to be Elihu (32:16 first person)

-The key word is l, used 333 times

-What we learn about Satan in Job 1 ,2

-He has access to God before the throne

-He is aware of those being true to God and desires to destroy them

-He cannot act against men without divine permission

-He is aware that God protects his own

-He can't go beyond the bounds set by God

-He can control armies

-He can control the weather

-He can afflict the body

-He can kill

-How Satan sought to destroy Job

-Financially

-Take away his comfort

-Isolate him (camels)

-Disturb him domestically

-Attacked his family- injure him emotionally

-Attacked his health

### A. The Introduction Ch. 1-2

1. Job was a perfect and upright man

a. He wasn't exempt from trials

2. Oxen and donkey are stolen

3. Sheep burned with fire

4. Camels were stolen

5. His servants killed

6. His sons and daughters die in a mighty wind

7. Job is struck with boils

### B. The Dialogue ch. 3-41

Job's three friends were all descendants of Esau

1. Eliphaz a. Lived in Teman

b. Based his beliefs on a dream or vision he had one night 4:12-16

c. Responds to Job three times- ch. 4-5, 15, 22

## 2. Bildad

- a. Lived in Shuah
- b. Based his beliefs on tradition and around a few wise sayings of the ancients
- c. Responds to Job three times- ch.8, 18,25

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## 3. Zophar

- a. Lived in Naaman
- b. Was haughty and dogmatic
- c. Responds to Job twice- ch. 11 ,204. Elihu
  - a. Held forth that God makes no mistakes and chastens even the righteous for their good
  - b. Responds to Job one time- ch. 32-37 5. Job
    - a. Responded nine times- ch. 3,6-7, 9-10, 12-14, 16-17, 19, 21, 23-24, 26-31

## 6. The Lord responded once in ch. 38-41

- a. He asks Job 184 questions- Job can answer none of these
- b. After the first series of questions, Job is brought to silence
- c. After the second round, Job is brought to repentance
- d. The questions are in groups
  - first reveal the eternal nature of God 38:4
  - second have to do with God's authority 38:11
  - thirdly, whether or not God is sufficient 38:22-33
  - fourth, questions regarding God's provision for all his creatures 39-41
  - All one has to do to earn salvation? 40:10-14

## 7. There were three area that Job's friends failed in

- a. They did not enter into Job's sorrow and show him sympathy
- b. They did not allow that God was bigger than their limited view of him
- c. They were too proud to listen to Job that he might be right

## C. The Conclusion ch. 42

1. God restores to Job all that Satan takes from him (twofold)
2. Job is vindicated by God before his three friends
3. Job prays for his friends
4. He health is restored
5. He is comforted by his brothers and sisters
6. He is given an additional 140 years
7. He is given 10 more children
8. He lives to see great grandchildren

## II. Psalms

-Is a collection of 150 songs or lyrics, many of which were set to music for use in worship of God at the Tabernacle or Temple

### A. Psalms has five sections matching the five books of Moses

1. 1-41- compares to Genesis, the key word is man, and the key thought is God's counsels concerning man

a. 1:1, 8:4, 25:12, 37:23, 37:37, 40:4,

2. 42-72- compares to Exodus, the key word is deliverance, and the key thought is Israel. It begins with Israel's cry for deliverance and ends with Israel's king reigning over the redeemed nation
  - a. 50:15, 54:7, 56:13, 59:1, 69:14, 71:2, 72:12,
3. 73-89- compares to Leviticus and has the sanctuary for the key thought
  - a. 73:17, 74:7, 77:13, 78:69,
4. 90-106- compares to Numbers; it begins with a Psalm written by Moses and ends with one that recounts Israel's rebellions in the wilderness
  - a. chapters 90 and 106
5. 107-150- compares with Deuteronomy, in that they center around God's word
  - a. chapter 119
  - b. There are 8 things which should be done with the Bible
    - love it v.97,159
    - Prize it v.128,172
    - study it v.7,12,
    - memorize it v. 11
    - meditate on it v.15,23,48,78,97,99,148
    - trust it v.42
    - obey it v. 1-8
    - declare it v. 13-26
  - c. There are 8 things the Bible does
    - blesses v. 1,2
    - Gives light v.25,37,40,50,88,93
    - Gives strength v.28
    - Gives liberty v.45
    - Imparts wisdom v.66,97-104
    - Creates true friends v.63
    - Gives comfort v.76,92,50-82
    - Gives directions v. 133

B. 100 of the 150 Psalms have the author' name

1. David wrote 73
  - a. The shepherd- 3,19,23,29,144
  - b. The sinner- 32,38,51
  - c. Suffering-3,4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,17,22,25,26,27,28,31,34,35,39,40,41,53,54,55,56,57,58,59,61,62,63,64,69,70,86,109,140,141,142,143
  - d. As Satisfied- 131,133,138,139,145
2. Asaph wrote 12
  - a. 50,73,74,75,76,77,78,79,80,81,82,83
3. The sons of Korah wrote 10
  - a. 42,44,45,46,47,48,48,84,85,87,
4. Solomon wrote 1
  - a. 127
5. Moses wrote 1
  - a. 90,
6. At least 10 of the song of degrees are attributed to Hezekiah.
  - a. 120,121,123,125,126,128,129,130,132,134

C. By Subject

1. Devotional Psalms

12-14,16-19,22-24,27,30,31,33-35,37,40,42,43,46,50,55,56,61-63,66,68,69,71,73,75,76,77  
84,85,88,90,91,94,95,100,103,106,107,111,115,116,118,119,122,123,126,133,136,138,  
142,144,147,148,149,150

a. 4,9, 12-14,

80,81

141 ,142,

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2. Penitential Psalms

a. 6,32,38,51,102,130,143

3. Imprecatory Psalms (to pray against or evil on someone)

a. 35,55,58,59,69,83,109,137,140

b. Many times David prayed for judgment on his enemies

4. Psalms of Degrees

a. 120-134

5. Hallelujah Psalms

a. 113-118

b. Sung on the night of the passover

6. Historical Psalms

a. 78,105,106

b. The sins of Israel

-Refused to walk in God's law

-They forgot his works

-They spoke against him

-They didn't trust his salvation

-They lied to him

-They grieved him

-They limited him

-They committed idolatry

-They envied Moses

-They despised the promised land

-They murmured in their tents

-They ate the sacrifices of the dead

-They mingled among the heathen

-They sacrificed their sons and daughters to devils

-They shed innocent blood

c. The grace of God

-He remembered his covenant when they cried unto him

-He divided the sea

-He led them by a cloud by day

-He led them with fire at night

-He provided water out of a rock

-He gave them manna

-He was full of compassion and forgave their iniquities

-He wrought signs for them in Egypt

-He brought them to the promised land

-He cast out the heathen before them

-He chose David to lead them

-He allowed no man to hurt them

-He fed them

- He reproved kings for their sake
- He elevated them through Joseph
- He gave them the riches of Egypt
- He kept them all strong
- He continually forgave them
- He continually heard their cry

7. Acrostic Psalms

- a. 9,10,25,34,37,111,112,119,145
- b. Each line of these Psalms begins with a successive letter of the 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet
- c. Psalms 119 has 22 stanzas, they each begin with one 22 hebrew letters

8. Messianic Psalms

- a. 2, 8, 6,22,23,24,31,34,40,41,45,55,68,69,72,89,102,109,110,118,  
The prophecies
- b. His obedience 40:6-10
- c. His Zeal 69:9
- d. His rejection 118:22
- e. His betrayal 41 :9
- f. His Sufferings 22:1,6,7,8,16,18
- g. His false witnesses 109:2-3,
- h. His prayers for his enemies 109:4
- i. His resurrection 16:10
- j. His ascension 68:18
- k. His triumphal entry 24:7
- l. His high priestly work 110:4
- m. His marriage 45:2,6,8,13,15
- n. His destruction of the heathen 110:1
- o. His millennial reign 89:27