OT Wisdom Literature (OT6)

The Song of Songs
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Apr 3  – Introduction to Wisdom Literature
Apr 10 – The Book of Job
Apr 17 – No Class (Holy Week)
Apr 24 – The Book of Psalms, Part 1
May 1  – No Class
May 8  – No Class
May 15 – The Book of Psalms, Part 2
May 22 – The Book of Proverbs
May 29 – The Book of Ecclesiastes
June 5 – The Song of Songs; Final Exam
The Structure of the Old Testament

Number of books in the Old Testament:

Number of books in the New Testament:

Number of books in the Bible:
The Book of Song of Songs

- **Author:** traditionally Solomon
- **Date:** c. 970 BC - 931 BC
- **Theme:** Human love relationship, especially as a symbol for divine love.
- **Purpose:** Affirmation of human love for its own sake, *and* as a reflection of God’s love.
- **Outline:**
  - Courtship: falling in love (1-3:5)
  - Wedding: united in love (3:6-5:1)
  - Problem: struggling in love (5:2-7:10)
  - Progress: growing in love (7:11- 8:14)
I belong to my lover, and his desire is for me.  

Song of Songs 7:10

Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned.  

Song of Songs 8:7
The Song of Songs

I. Introduction (1:1-6)
II. Dialogue between the lovers (1:7-2:7)
III. The woman recalls a visit from her lover (2:8-17)
IV. The woman address the daughters of Jerusalem (3:1-5)
V. Sighting a royal wedding procession (3:6-11)
VI. The man describes his lover’s beauty (4:1-5:1)
VII. The woman addresses the daughters of Jerusalem (5:2-6:4)
VIII. The man describes his lover, who visits him (6:5-12)
IX. Observers describe the woman’s beauty (6:13-8:4)
X. Epilogue (8:5-14)