OT Wisdom Literature (OT6)

The Song of Songs

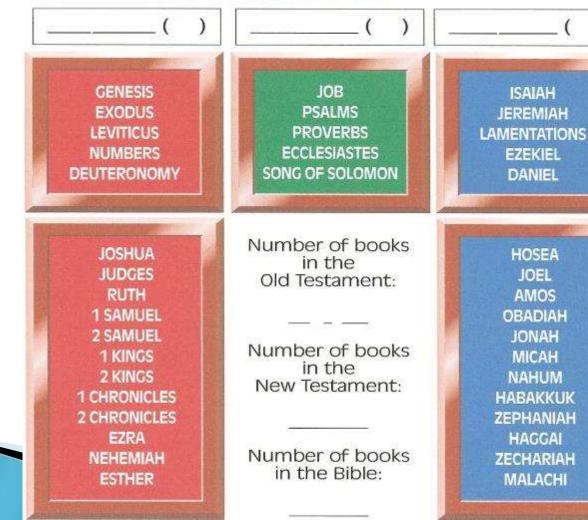
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- Apr 3 Introduction to Wisdom Literature
- Apr 10 The Book of Job
- Apr 17 *No Class* (Holy Week)
- Apr 24 The Book of Psalms, Part 1
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- May 8 No Class
- May 15 The Book of Psalms, Part 2
- May 22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

THE STRUCTURE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT



The Book of Song of Songs

<u>Author</u>: traditionally Solomon

Date: с. 970 вс - 931 вс

<u>Theme</u>: 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)

The Song of Songs Key Verses

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

- Introduction (1:1-6)
- Dialogue between the lovers (1:7-2:7)
- 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)
- The man describes his lover, who visits him (6:5-12)
- Observers describe the woman's beauty (6:13-8:4)
- x. Epilogue (8:5-14)



