

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



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GENESIS
EXODUS
LEVITICUS
NUMBERS
DEUTERONOMY

JOB
PSALMS
PROVERBS
ECCLESIASTES
SONG OF SOLOMON

ISAIAH
JEREMIAH
LAMENTATIONS
EZEKIEL
DANIEL

JOSHUA
JUDGES
RUTH
1 SAMUEL
2 SAMUEL
1 KINGS
2 KINGS
1 CHRONICLES
2 CHRONICLES
EZRA
NEHEMIAH
ESTHER

Number of books
in the
Old Testament:

Number of books
in the
New Testament:

Number of books
in the Bible:

HOSEA
JOEL
AMOS
OBADIAH
JONAH
MICAH
NAHUM
HABAKKUK
ZEPHANIAH
HAGGAI
ZECHARIAH
MALACHI

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)

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

- 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)



