

Old Testament Poetry

Job - for the sufferer

- Heavenly perspective
- A rich righteous man who lost everything
- Discussions with his three friends Eliphaz, Bildad, Sophar
- Elihu joins the discussion
- God speaks
- Job's restoration

Psalms - songs for the saints

- 73 by David - most written around his time (except Ps 137)
- 5 books 1, 41, 73, 90, 107
- 120-134 Songs of Ascent
- 111-113, 116-118, 135, 136, 146-150 Hallelujah Psalms
- Types of Psalm
 - The greatness of God
 - Communal Lament
 - Royal Psalms
 - Individual Lament
 - Individual song of thanksgiving
- 5, 19, 20, 34, 42, 44, 45, 74, 100, 116

Song of Songs - for the young lover

- One of 1005 songs by Solomon
- Plot not clear but two main characters Sholomoh (m) and Shulamith (f) also Daughters of Jerusalem and brothers of Shulamith mentioned.
- A book about human love but often applied to Christ and the church

Proverbs - wisdom for living

- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom
- Many short statements about wisdom and folly in many areas of life

Ecclesiastes - a cynical view of life

- A book of questions and doubt written from personal experience
- What is life all about? Is it meaningless?
- The luxuries of this life cannot give us meaning
- A time for every season under heaven
- Remember your creator in the days of your youth