### The Jewish Bible

#### Law of Moses
- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy

#### Prophets
- **Early**
  - Joshua
  - Judges/Ruth
  - Samuel
  - Kings
- **Later**
  - Isaiah
  - Jeremiah/Lamentations
  - Ezekiel
  - Minor Prophets

#### Writings
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Job
- Song of Solomon
- Ecclesiastes
- Esther
- Daniel
- Ezra/Nehemiah
- Chronicles

### The Christian Old Testament

#### Pentateuch
- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy

#### History
- Joshua
- Judges
- Ruth
- 1 & 2 Samuel
- 1 & 2 Kings
- 1 & 2 Chronicles
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Esther

#### Wisdom and Psalms
- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Solomon

#### Prophets
- **Major**
  - Isaiah
  - Jeremiah
  - Lamentations
  - Ezekiel
  - Daniel
- **Minor**
  - Hosea
  - Joel
  - Amos
  - Obadiah
  - Jonah
  - Micah
  - Nahum
  - Habakkuk
  - Zephaniah
  - Haggai
  - Zechariah
  - Malachi
Psalms and Wisdom Literature

1. Two styles poetry and prose

2. Two types of literature:
   Psalms – adoration of God
   Wisdom Literature – interpretation of life
   Selected Psalms
   Job
   Proverbs
   Ecclesiastes
   Song of Solomon

3. Distinct from other O.T. books – history ignored

4. Problematic
   Solomon – a role model of wisdom?
   Too optimistic
   Too pessimistic
   Enigmatic – puzzling

5. Timeless messages
   Job – the problem of suffering for the Godly.
   Proverbs – the contest between wisdom and folly
   Ecclesiastes – the futility of life
   Song of Solomon – the joy of communion with God

6. A Christian message
   Fear God and be wise
   Faith, hope and love
Proverbs

1. Author
   Solomon – wise men – Agur – Lemuel (mother)

2. Basic Structure
   Song of Wisdom – Proverbs 1-9
   Proverbs (Wisdom) – Proverbs 10-31

3. Seven Sections
   Collection 1 – Preamble and Prologue (1-9)
   Collection 4 – More Sayings of the Wise (24:23-34)
   Collection 5 – Proverbs of Solomon collected in Hezekiah’s days (25-29)
   Collection 6 – Words of Agur (30)
   Collection 7 – Words of King Lemuel and his mother (31)

4. Format
   A father addresses his son about the issues of life
   The mother’s role
   Lady wisdom v. the harlot

5. Message: Fear God and be wise
Preamble and Prologue
Proverbs 1-9

1. Preamble – purpose and presupposition
   Proverbs 1:1-7

2. Ten messages to his son
   Lesson 1 – Proverbs 1:8-19
   Lesson 2 – Proverbs 2:1-22
   Lesson 3 – Proverbs 3:1-10
   Lesson 4 – Proverbs 3:11-35
   Lesson 5 – Proverbs 4:1-9
   Lesson 6 – Proverbs 4:10-19
   Lesson 7 – Proverbs 4:20-27
   Lesson 8 – Proverbs 5:1-23
   Proverbs 6:1-19 (appendix to Lesson 8)
   Lesson 9 – Proverbs 6:20-35
   Lesson 10 – Proverbs 7:1-27

3. Two messages from Wisdom
   Message 1 – Proverbs 1:20-33 – Wisdom’s warning
   Message 2 – Proverbs 8:1-36 – Wisdom’s invitation

4. Rival invitations from Wisdom and Folly
   Proverbs 9:1-18
Preamble – Proverbs 1:1-7

1. Author – Solomon, son of David (Proverbs 1:1)
   Temporal wisdom v. Spiritual wisdom

2. Purpose (Proverbs 1:2-3)
   Wisdom – knowledge to discern rightly
   Instruction – process whereby wisdom is acquired
   Wisdom is moral – righteousness, justice, equity

3. Recipients (Proverbs 1:4-6)
   The simple
   Gullible, naive, unformed youth
   Lack knowledge and discretion
   The wise
   Already wise
   Needs more wisdom

4. The essential foundation (Proverbs 1:7)
   The fear of the LORD
   Fear of the LORD v. fear of God
   Fear = Trust (Proverbs 29:25)
   Knowledge/wisdom (Proverbs 9:10)
   Fools have no fear of God – despise wisdom
   (Psalm 36:1; Romans. 3:18)
   Wise have the fear of God – gain wisdom
First message to his son – Proverbs 1:8-19

1. Listen to your father and mother (Proverbs 1:8-9)
   Instruction and teaching
   An ornament of grace

2. A dangerous enticement (Proverbs 1:10-14)
   Murder
   Material prosperity
   Companionship

3. A father’s warning (Proverbs 1:15-19)
   Stay out of their way!
   A self-destructive way
Wisdom’s message – Proverbs 1:20-33

1. The call of Wisdom (Proverbs 1:20-21)
   Wisdom is the Word of God – the Truth
   A public call

2. Three categories of the wicked (Proverbs 1:22)
   Simple – gullible; unformed
   Fools – content with error
   Scoffers – hostile to the Truth

3. The content of the call of Wisdom (Proverbs 1:23)
   Repentance
   Regeneration

4. The consequences of rejection (Proverbs 1:24-32)
   Rejection by Wisdom
   No hope in calamity and terror
   No relief from distress and anguish
   The root cause
   Hated knowledge (of truth)
   No fear of the LORD
   The final result
   The fruit of their own way
   Death to the simple and the fools

5. The ornament of grace (Proverbs 1:33)
   To those who hear
   Security and peace

FEAR GOD AND BE WISE AND LIVE