

The Bible for Jesse

(Old Testament Chart 2)

WISDOM (poetic) b o o k s

	<u>Author</u>	<u>Date</u>
JOB	uncertain	uncertain

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PSALMS	various, ½ by King David	various
PROVERBS	King Solomon + others	950-700 BC
ECCLESIASTES	King Solomon	935 BC
SONG OF SOLOMON	King Solomon	965 BC



NOTES:

Some scholars believe **JOB** to be the oldest book in the Bible. Its wisdom is wonderful, and it testifies to the existence of Satan. It is a long book with a positive ending.

PSALMS is one of the most loved books of the Bible, about half of them written by King David. In many Psalms there is a prophetic symbolism, which pre-figures the Messiah, Jesus Christ. It is also a book often quoted in the New Testament. There are 150 Psalms in the canon of Scripture, though there are others not so.

Proverbs is also a much-loved book. But it is a unique kind of literature. You will see why when you read it

Ecclesiastes and **Song of Solomon** (called “Canticle of Canticle” in older translations), were written by King Solomon, called by many “the wisest man that ever lived.”

Ecclesiastes is deep wisdom, but sometimes dark and cynical. Although wise, Solomon also drifted spiritually later in life and this book evidences that drift.

Song of Solomon is a love song. Some interpreters see Christ and the Church, pre-figured in this book.