Old Testament 101-12: Poetry of the Old Testament   **March 25, 2015**

Location: Job – Song of Solomon

Overview: The books of Job through Song of Solomon are generically called "poetry", although they are also history and prophecy. The Book of Psalms is the most quoted book in the New Testament.

Foreshadow focus: The foreshadows of the poetry books may be simplified to portions of the Psalms that foreshadowed the worship of the church (the Psalms of Ascent, Psalms 120-134). The Song of Solomon is considered by some an allusion to Christ and the church).

Things you need to know:

1. Job (a real person per Ezekiel 14:14, James 5:11)
 a. The teachings of suffering:
  (1) Not (necessarily) caused by right or wrong actions
  (2) We cannot know the mind of God in all things
2. Psalms (originally there were five books of Psalms)
 a. Authors:
  (1) The largest portion were written by David or men he appointed (1 Chr. 15:19)
   (a) Sons of Korah (Psalms 42-49; 84-85; 87-88)
   (b) Sons of Asaph (Psalms 50; 73-83)
   (c) Ethan the Ezrahite (Psalm 89) (with his brother Heman)
  (2) Solomon (Psalms 72 and 127)
  (3) Moses (Psalm 90)
  (4) Unknown authors (50 psalms)
 b. Types
  (1) Laments (ex. Ps 22)
  (2) Thanksgiving (ex. Ps. 11)
  (3) Liturgical (worship) (ex. Ps. 2)
  (4) Wisdom (ex. Ps. 1)
  (5) Hymns (ex. Ps. 33)
3. Proverbs
 a. Chapters 1-9 are father (Solomon) to son advice
 b. Chapters 10-31 are general advice
 c. Authors – Solomon, until the last 2 chapters
  (a) Agur, identity unknown
  (b) King Lemuel's mother
4. Ecclesiastes
 a. Meaning "Preacher", the author (1:1) is presumed to be Solomon
 b. A book on the meaning of life
5. Song of Solomon
 a. A single love poem written by Solomon
 b. A frank representation of the intimacy of a husband and wife

Important Passages to Know:

Describe Jesus' death	Meaning of Life	A Virtuous Woman	A Man of Integrity
Psalm 22	*Ecclesiastes 12:13*	*Proverbs 31*	*Job 31*

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