

The Book of Proverbs

1.

Author: Solomon

- Asked God and granted wisdom (1 Kings 4: 29-31)
 - According to 1 Kings 4:32: 3000 Proverbs, 1005 Songs
 - Around 800 proverbs found in this book
 - He sought out proverbs from others (Eccl. 12:9)
 - Proverbs in 25-29 assembled by scribes of King Hezekiah
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Time:

- Proverbs in Chapters 1-24 written by 931 B.C.
 - In his middle age years before his character declined
 - Proverbs written 25-31 written 230 years later
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3.

Key word: Wisdom

- "The ability to live life skillfully"
 - Provides detailed instructions for God's people to successfully deal with the practical affairs of everyday life
 - God, parents, children, neighbors and governments
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4.

Foundational Facts:

- Chapters 1-9 designed to create a felt need for wisdom
 - Proverbs as a whole is designed to prevent and to remedy ungodly lifestyles
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5.

Foundational Facts:

- Product of the School of Israel
- Not an historical book
- Collection of topical statements expressing a general truth or rule of conduct (Maxim)
- Statements are concise and forcefully expressive (Pithy)

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6.

Foundational Facts:

- Three groups communicated on behalf of God (Jeremiah 18:18; Ezekiel 7:26)
 - Priest - Law
 - Prophets - divine word and visions
 - Sages or Elders - practical application of Godly wisdom regarding specific problems and decisions

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7.

- Purpose of Proverbs (1:1-7)
- Proverbs to the Youth (1:8 - 9:18)
- Proverbs of Solomon (10:1 - 24:34)
- Proverbs of Solomon copied by Hezekiah's men (25:1 - 29:27)
- Words of Agur (30:1-33)
- Words of King Lemuel (31:1-31) (Hebrew Alphabet)

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FOCUS	PURPOSE OF PROVERBS	PROVERBS TO YOUTH	PROVERBS OF SOLOMON	PROVERBS OF SOLOMON (HEZEKIAH)	WORDS OF AGUR	WORDS OF LEMUEL
REFERENCE	1:1	1:8	10:1	25:1	30:1	31:1 - 31:31
DIVISION	PURPOSE AND THEME	FATHER'S EXHORTATIONS	FIRST COLLECTION OF SOLOMON	SECOND COLLECTION OF SOLOMON	NUMERICAL PROVERBS	VIRTUOUS WIFE
TOPIC	PROLOGUE COMMENDATION OF WISDOM	PRINCIPLES OF WISDOM COUNSEL OF WISDOM		EPILOGUE COMPARISONS OF WISDOM		
LOCATION	JUDAH					
TIME	c. 950 - 700 B.C.					