



Poetry & Prophecy

3 things to remember

1. About Songs

The books of Psalms and Song of Solomon are songs. Many of the songs have sections of two lines at a time. Look for how the second line helps us understand the first line better.

2. About Wisdom Books

Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes are wisdom books. These books give general truth about the way life works, not promises or guarantees for every situation. They were written to teach godly wisdom. Proverbs teaches that wisdom begins with fearing God. When Jesus came, He showed wisdom at its fullest.

3. About Prophecy

The last 17 books of the Old Testament are prophecy. They use vivid metaphors to show who God is and what will happen in judgment if people do not repent. In the 21st century A.D., many of the prophecies have already been partially fulfilled by Jesus's first coming and will be fulfilled fully when Jesus comes again at the end of this age. As you read, try to identify what has happened already and what has not happened yet.