

# PROVERBS

Book of Wisdom



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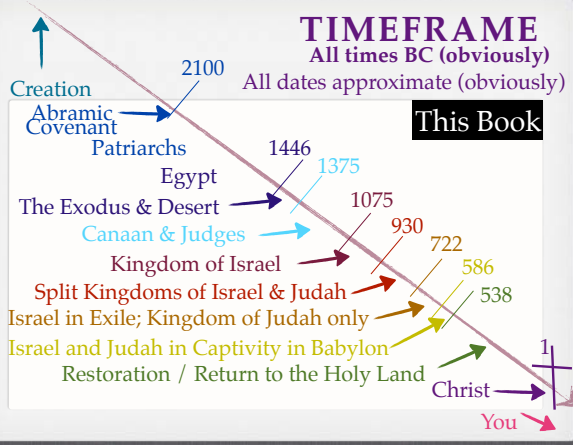
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## TIMEFRAME

All times BC (obviously)  
All dates approximate (obviously)



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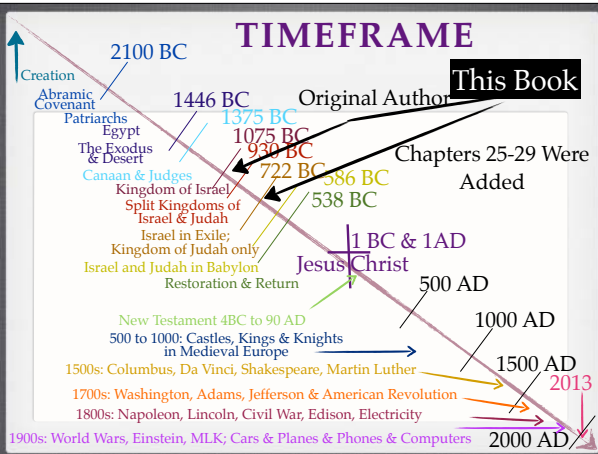
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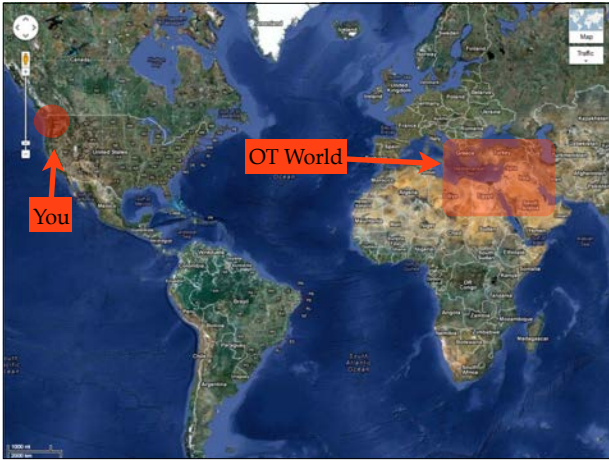
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### TYPE OF BOOK

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch
- History
- Poetry & Wisdom ✓
- Major (Long-book) Prophets
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets

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## AUTHOR

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- Most of the book...is closely linked to Solomon. 10:1, 25:1 (CSSB 942)
- “Most scholars believe Solomon wrote the basic core of Proverbs but added some writings from other sources, giving proper credits to their writers.” (CBH 104ff)
- Solomon

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## READERS & RECIPIENTS

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- everyone?

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## STORYLINE

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- There's no story
- It's a collection of wise sayings: Instructions, disciplines, sayings
- “Practical righteousness [with] God in every area of life” CBH 104

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## Major OT Themes found in this Book: 10

1. God is Love
2. God Creates
3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God's Obedient Servants
4. Israel (we) are Sinful
5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
7. Israel (we) are God's Chosen Examples
8. God Speaks through His Prophets
9. God is Always with His People
10. God is Just and Merciful
11. God Keeps His Promises
12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Christ
13. Israel (we) are JoGoFd
14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God

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## THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION

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- True wisdom is centered in respect and reverence for God. (CBH 105)
- Fools condemn themselves to destruction; instruction defeats this (LSB 995)
- Christ, who is God's wisdom, delivers us from self-destruction and brings forth righteousness (LSB 995)

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## SECULAR CONTRIBUTION

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## KEY VERSE

- 1: 5-7
- Copy it.

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## REQUIRED READING

- Chapters 1, 9, 22, 31

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## WHEN TO TURN HERE

- Times of trouble; times of wondering about life, about God, about direction

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## LUTHER SAYS:

- Proverbs “may properly be called a book of good works, for in it [Solomon] teaches how to lead a good life before God and the world.
- “He pays special attention to the young people...”
- LSB 996

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## MR. MARTIN SAYS: FIVE TYPES OF PROVERBS

- Simile: “Like a gold ring in a pig’s snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion” (11:22) CSSB 943
- Metaphor: “The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life” (13:14) CSSB 943
- Dichotomy: “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger” (15:1)
- Superlative: 28:6 “Better a poor man whose walk is blameless than a rich man whose ways are perverse”
- Synonymous Parallelism: “For through me your days will be many, and years will be added to your life” 9:11

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## LIFE LESSONS FROM PROVERBS

- “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge...” Proverbs 1:7
- What fear of God are we supposed to have? What is “healthy fear” of authority--your parents, teachers, and God?

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## ACTIVITIES

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- Read all of Chapter 9 of Proverbs. Choose five Proverbs that you like and write them down. Then, create five Proverbs of your own, and write them down. Make sure that your Proverbs are original, creative, and Christian-like.

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