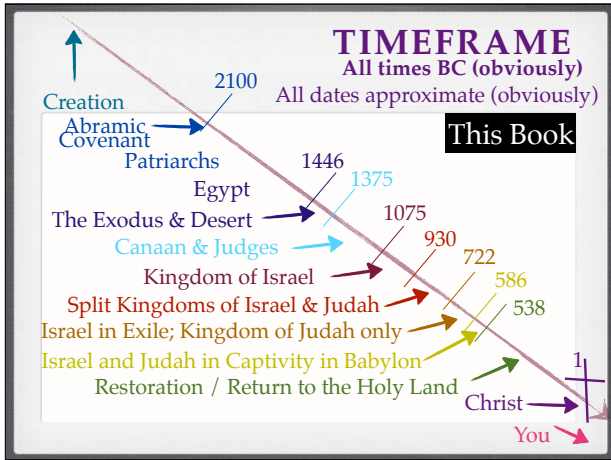
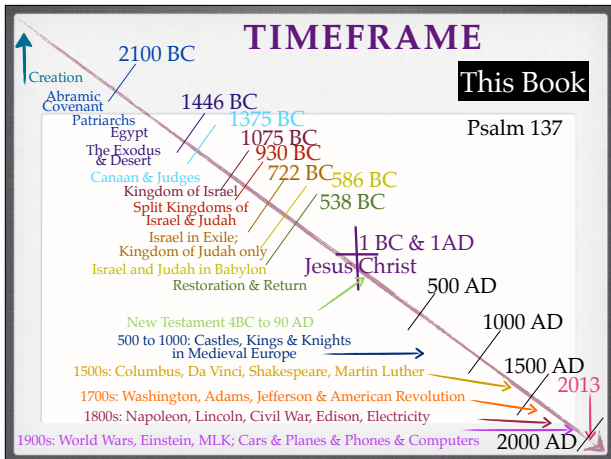


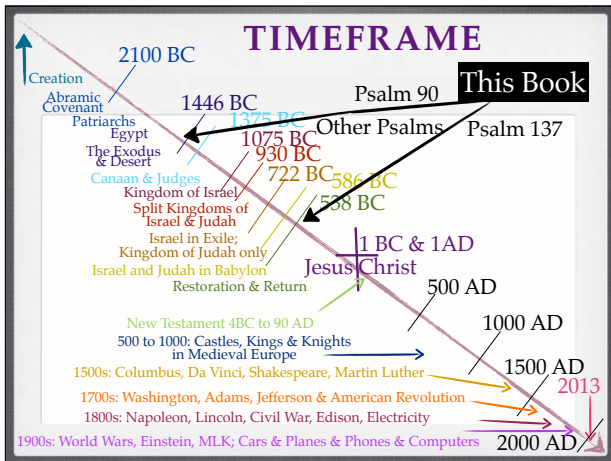
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TYPE OF BOOK

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

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AUTHOR

- Lots of different people
- Moses? Psalm 90
- Solomon? Psalms 72 and 127
- Family of Asaph 50, and 73 through 83
- Sons of Korah 42, 44 through 49, 84, 85, 87, 88
- Someone lamenting in Babylon 137
- About 50 unknown authors
- But, we usually think of David--he wrote about half?

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READERS & RECIPIENTS

- everyone

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STORYLINE

- There's no story.
- A Psalm is a poem or a song. This is a collection of 150 psalms written by different authors over a period of 900? years.

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Major OT Themes found in this Book:

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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
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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

THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION

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- "A description of our human response to God." CBH 99
- Law: "Persecutors assail God's People; suffering brought by personal failures; waiting for God's deliverance; exile in Babylon" LSB 839
- Gospel: "The Lord's saving righteousness and steadfast love; the Lord provides for and protects His people; prophecies of the Messiah, Jesus; God's gift of life through the Word" LSB 839

SECULAR CONTRIBUTION

13

- Lots of Music
- "Secular: It doesn't add to our understanding of God; it's a response to our understanding of God." -- Mr. Martin

KEY VERSES

14

- Psalm 23: 1-6

REQUIRED READING

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- Psalms 1, 8, 22, 23, 24, 72, 100, 121
- Find a favorite

WHEN TO TURN HERE

- Any time--you'll find every emotion in the psalms--comfort, despair, loneliness, sadness, grief, excitement--the whole range of life from the glory of heaven to walking through dark valleys of evil.

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LUTHER SAYS:

- Luther says, The Psalms are the best book of the Bible "if for no other reason than this: it promises Christ's death and resurrection so clearly--and pictures his kingdom and the condition and nature of all Christendom--that it might well be called a little Bible." LSB 839.
- "Bibleception"--JBlack

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MR. MARTIN SAYS:

- Some key phrases in Psalms:
- Righteousness, steadfast love, bless/blessed, call, for your name's sake, meditate, new song, presence, rock, salvation, seek, selah, way / ways, Zion
- selah = musical interlude of some sort?
- Zion = the temple mount; fortress on a hill; Israel

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MR. MARTIN SAYS:

- We classify the psalms into three major categories
- 1. Orientation--These psalms reflect a confident belief that the world is well-ordered, reliable, and life-giving to the person of faith
- (Example Psalms: 1, 8, 119)
- <http://www.ascensioncatholic.net/TOPICS/bible/Psalms.html>

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MR. MARTIN SAYS:

- We classify the psalms into three major categories
- 2. Disorientation--These psalms reflect the brokenness of life when it is no longer orderly but savage. Spoken out of the depths, they are still bold acts of faith.
- (Example Psalms: 22, 73, 137)

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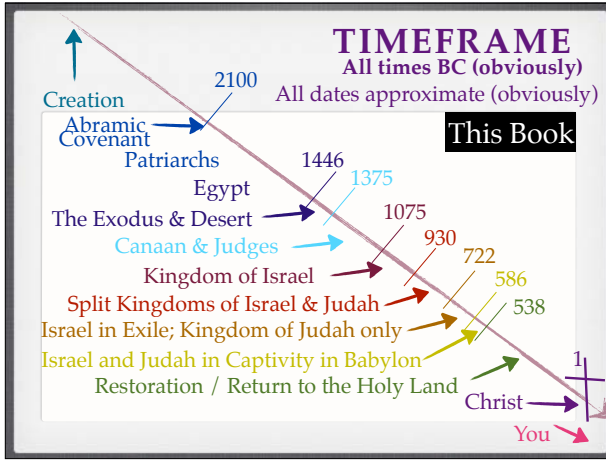
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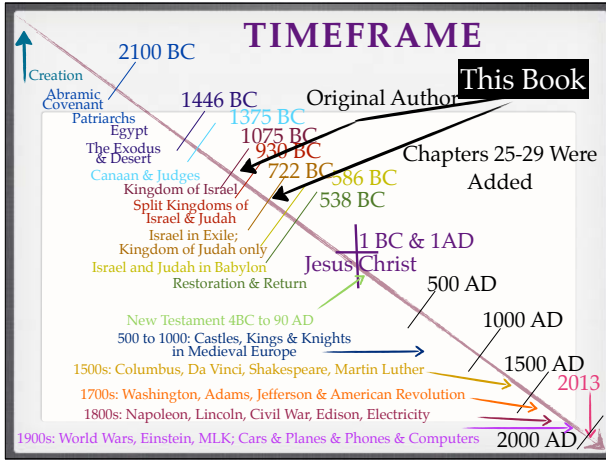
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- 3. New Orientation--The pit is not the end of life; There is more. New orientation Psalms reflect the surprise of New possibilities that are Experienced as pure gift from God. They are full of thanks. (William J. Parker, C.Ss.R)
- (Example Psalms: 23, 40, 100)

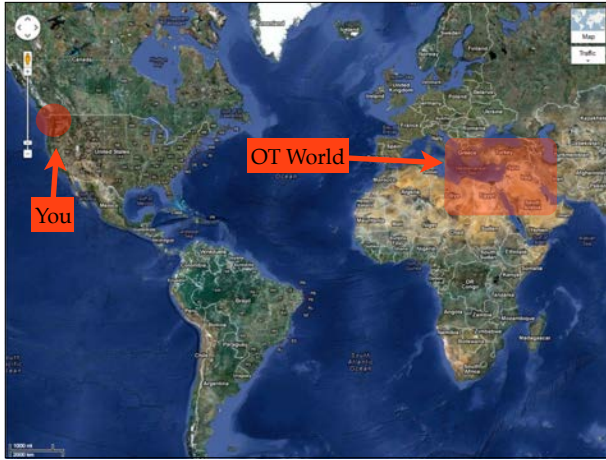
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AUTHOR

- 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

- everyone?

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STORYLINE

- 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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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)

SECULAR CONTRIBUTION

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KEY VERSE

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- 1: 5-7
- Copy it.
- "let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance—for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

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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

http://www.kingjames.org/bible-943-types-of-proverbs/

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LIFE LESSONS FROM PROVERBS

- "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge..." 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

- 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.
