

# THROUGH THE BIBLE

IN 12-WEEKS

OT

9/4 LAW (GEN-DEUT)

9/11 HISTORY (JOSH-EST)

9/18 POETRY (JOB-SONG)

9/25 PROPHECY (ISA-MAL)

10/2 OT NARRATIVE

10/9 OT RECAP

NT

10/16 GOSPELS (MATT-ACTS)

10/23 PAULINE (ROM-PHM)

10/30 CATHOLIC (HEB-JUDE)

11/6 APOCALYPTIC (DAN, REV)

11/13 NT NARRATIVE

11/20 NT RECAP



OT

POETRY

JOB-SONG



# JOB



- **1–2 Prologue**
  - 1a Job was righteous
  - 1b–2 God lets Satan attack Job
- **3–25 Three friends**
  - 4–25 Job's friends say God is punishing his sin
  - 3–25 Job wishes for death and claims innocence
- **26–31 Job's response**
  - 26–28 Job maintains his innocence
  - 29–31 Job reminisces about his former life



# JOB



- **32–37 A younger friend**
  - 32–34 Elihu criticizes friends' reasoning
  - 35–37 Elihu argues suffering is a warning
- **38–41 God's response**
  - 38–39 God shows Job's limited understanding
  - 40–41 God emphasizes His control over creation
- **42 Epilogue**
  - 42a Job and friends repent
  - 42b God gives Job twice what he lost



# JOB



**Intro:** Job is a side story from Israel's history, a poetic discussion on why God allows suffering.

**Lesson:** We don't always know why God lets bad things happen because our perspective is limited. But we do know that God is good, just, all-powerful, and always in control.



# PSALMS



## Authors:

- **73 of David:** 3–9, 11–32, 34–41, 51–65, 68–70, 86, 101, 103, 108–110, 122, 124, 131, 133, 138–145
- **12 of Asaph** (David's chief musician): 50, 73–83
- **11 of Sons of Korah** (temple musicians): 42–49, 84, 85, 87, 88
- **2 of Solomon:** 72, 127
- **1 of Moses:** 90
- **1 of Ethan** (a wise man during Solomon): 89
- **48 of Anonymous:** 1, 2, 10, 33, 43, 66, 67, 71, 91–100, 102, 104–107, 111–121, 123, 125, 126, 128–130, 132, 134–137, 146–150



# PSALMS



- **Book 1 (1–41)**

- 1–2 the righteous is blessed
- 3–9 crying out to God for help
- 10–32 lament the success of the wicked
- 33–41 praise God for His creation

- **Book 2 (42–72)**

- 42–50 longing for God in spiritual dryness
- 51–65 repentance after Bathsheba
- 66–72 praise God for His mighty works



# PSALMS



- **Book 3 (73–89)**
  - 73–83 prosperity of the wicked
  - 84–89 longing for God's presence
- **Book 4 (90–106)**
  - 90–100 life is short, God is eternal
  - 101–106 live with integrity and avoid evil
- **Book 5 (107–145)**
  - 107–110 thanks to God for deliverance
  - 111–121 praising God's care and mighty works
  - 122–133 prayer of joy and for peace
  - 134–145 bless the Lord in the temple
  - 146–150 trust in God, Hallelujah!



# PSALMS



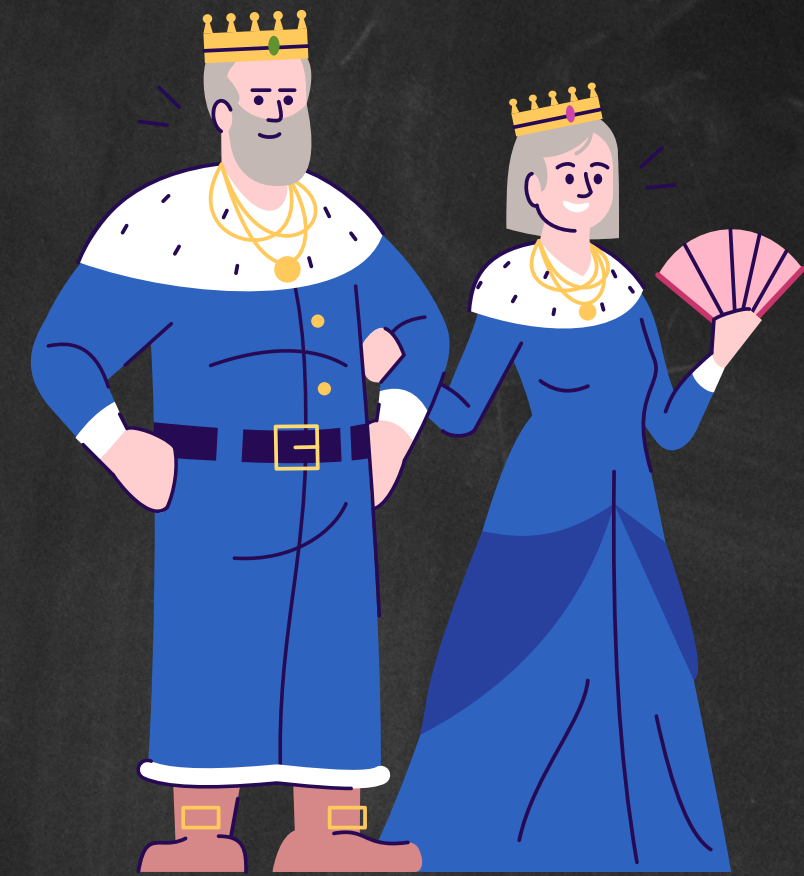
**Intro:** Hebrew poems/prayers/songs, expressing lament and praise, the emotions of living with faith and hope.

**Lesson:** Paise the Lord through the good times and the bad. Trust in Him to provide and protect. Have hope in His faithfulness to fulfill His promises. God brings justice to the wicked, but forgives those who repent.



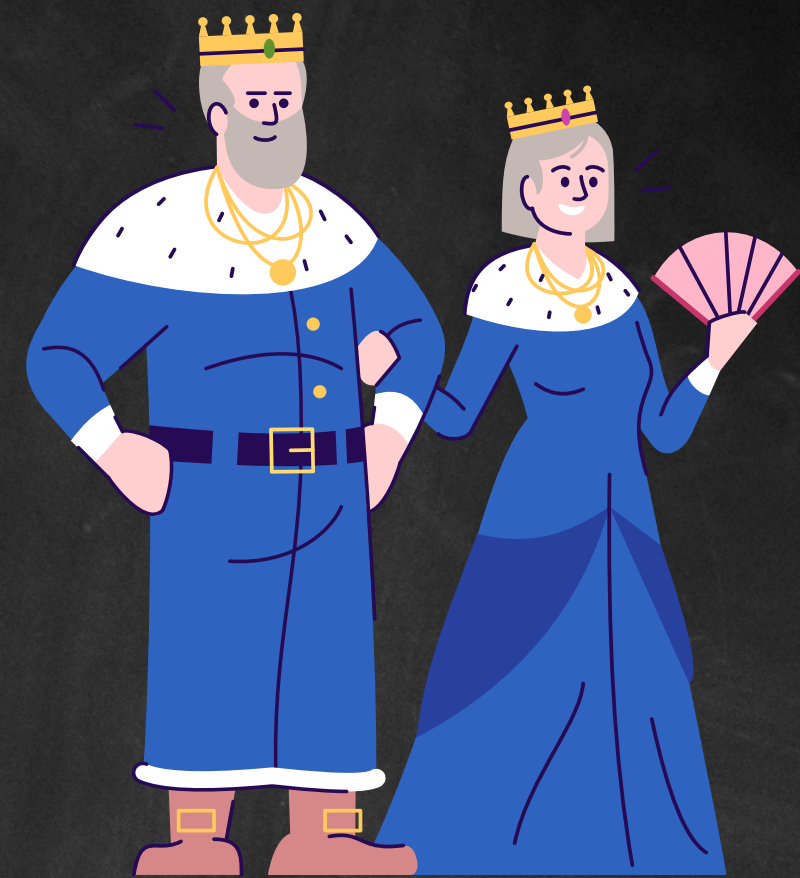
# PROVERBS

- **1–9 Wisdom concepts**
  - 1–3 God's wisdom is guidance for life
  - 4–6 follow the 'path' of wisdom to grow
  - 7–9 sexual immorality hurts everyone
- **10–29 Wisdom sayings**
  - 10–14 righteous vs. wicked lives
  - 15–21 wise humble words are powerful
  - 22–24 character over riches
  - 25–29 humility builds relationships
- **30–31 Wisdom examples**
  - 30 Avoid pride and greed by trusting God
  - 31 how to be a valiant king or queen





# PROVERBS



**Intro:** Wisdom is applied knowledge, proverbs are wisdom sayings, generally true but not promises, living it out.

**Lesson:** Those who fear of the Lord understand and follow His guidance. Those who follow His guidance generally prosper. Those who follow their own wisdom generally suffer and waste God's blessings.



# ECCLESIASTES

- **1–2 Problem:** Life is fleeting
  - **3 Answer:** There's a time for everything
- **4 Problem:** Life isn't just
  - **5 Answer:** God is just
- **6 Problem:** Desires don't satisfy
  - **7 Answer:** Wisdom offers some protection
- **8 Problem:** Life is unpredictable
  - **9 Answer:** Enjoy the life you have
- **10 Problem:** Everyone is subject to chance
  - **11 Answer:** Act bold and wisely





# ECCLESIASTES



**Intro:** How to deal with a world that is temporary and fleeting, with no guarantees (even with wisdom).

**12 Conclusion:** Find true meaning by fearing God and keeping His commandments. Remember and follow God from your youth through your old age. God's future judgement will make everything right.



# SONG OF SOLOMON



- 1 The couple expresses their love
  - 2 The couple praises each other's beauty
- 3 The bride searches for her beloved
  - 4 The groom praises the bride's beauty
- 5 The bride dreams of her beloved
  - 6–7 The groom praises the bride's beauty
- 8 The bride reflects on love



# SONG OF SOLOMON

**Intro:** A love song that uses God's wisdom to explore Biblical desire between engaged/newlywed husband & wife.



**Lesson:** Romantic love is a powerful gift from God where a man and woman can be fully vulnerable, fully known, completely safe, and completely cared for as God intended us to be toward each other in creation.



# LAMENTATIONS



- 1 Corporate grief
  - 2 The fall of Jerusalem
    - 3 Suffering with hope
  - 4 The siege of Jerusalem
- 5 Corporate prayer



# LAMENTATIONS



**Intro:** Traditionally considered to be Jeremiah's poetic mourning of Babylon conquering Jerusalem.

**Lesson:** We're encouraged to process our suffering and grief in prayer with the Lord. We recall what happened, express our emotions, seek to understand, and look to God to redeem it.



# POETIC BOOKS:



- **Job:** Why bad things happen
- **Psalms:** Praise in the good and bad
- **Proverbs:** Wisdom for life
- **Ecclesiastes:** Everything is fleeting
- **Song of Solomon:** Love is powerful
- **Lamentations:** How to process suffering