

A SURVEY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT:

Proverbs

“How to Live Wisely”

Title: Proverbs

- Called “The Proverbs _____” in the Septuagint and the Hebrew Bible.
- Proverb: A short, pithy statement stating a general truth or piece of advice.
- Subtitle: “How to live wisely”

Summary: The book of Proverbs provides divine wisdom for living all aspects of life.

Author:

- Solomon
 - Wrote 1:1 – 22:16
 - Compiled the “sayings of the wise” 22:17-24:34
 - Composed chapters 25-29
- Agur
 - Chapter 30
- _____
 - Chapter 31
- The book of Proverbs was compiled into its modern form later.
- King _____ sponsored at least part of the compilation work (Pro 25:1).
- Either King Hezekiah or a subsequent leader (Ezra?) might have completed the project later.
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Key People and Background: _____

- God gave him divine wisdom, making him the wisest man who ever lived.
- He was one of the most prosperous men the world has ever seen.
 - 1 Kings 3:1-14

- Even with great wisdom, he still followed his wives into rebellion against God.
 - 1 Kings 11:1-8

Date:

- Solomon’s writings were written between _____ BC.
- He probably wrote them before forsaking God at the end of his reign.

A Key Theme in Proverbs:

- The strange woman is one who...
 - Actively seeks the man (7:11-12)
 - Is dressed provocatively (7:10)
 - Is unfaithful to her marriage (7:19-20)
 - Is free with physical intimacy (7:13)
- Pursuing her will result in...
 - The loss of material goods (5:10)
 - The consumption of your flesh (5:11)
- The destruction of one's soul (6:32)

Key Word:

- _____: the facts of life.
- _____: applying knowledge to real-life scenarios.
- Knowledge is almost worthless if it is not applied to life.
- When someone bases his life on truth, he is demonstrating wisdom.

Key Doctrines:

- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.
 - The knowledge we need is the _____ of God (Is 6:1-4).
 - He is King
 - He is Holy
 - When we truly know who God is, we will have the fear of the LORD (Is 6:5).
 - The fear of the LORD is a _____ fear that should motivate us to righteous living (Matt 10:28).
 - Matthew 10:28

Living _____ is living wisely.

Christ in Proverbs:

- The Holy Spirit, the Comforter sent from God is our source of wisdom.
- John 16:13-14

- James 1:5-8

Application: Remember: God promises to give wisdom if we ask Him for it!