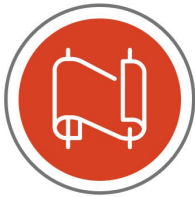


PROVERBS

AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #20



AUTHOR: SOLOMON
*two others are mentioned



WRITTEN: 970-675 BC

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Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

BOOK HIGHLIGHT: Proverbs is called the “book of wisdom” and is a source to be utilized by all Christians for wisdom and guidance in multiple areas of life.

KEY VERSES:

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
Proverbs 3:5

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.
Proverbs 4:7

Important Points about the Book:

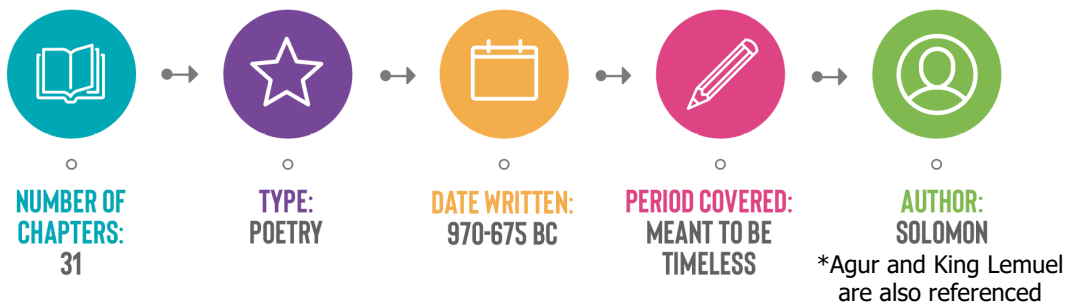
- Proverbs is known for its short instructions for living an effective life on earth. It contains no stories, theology or doctrine as most other books do. It simply gives wisdom for all to use and take heed to.
- Two strong principles emphasized in Proverbs include listening to those who have been around longer than us, such as parents, teachers and older people in general. The other principle is having humility.
- For those who “lack wisdom” (James 1:5), Proverbs is a book to be read and meditated on much.

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Proverbs is a collection of short statements of truth and wisdom. These epigrams present a righteous philosophy of practical living. An honest comparison between truth and error aids in developing proper discretion and common sense. The words "like" and "as" open the door of truth more than the wisdom of the world. Using these two words exemplifies how God uses the PHYSICAL to illustrate the SPIRITUAL.

The purpose of the Proverbs are to know the truth ([knowledge](#)), to know how to live the truth ([wisdom](#)), and to know why you live the truth ([understanding](#)). These three things are hindered by the subtle devices of Satan. Because of that, good judgment and sound discretion should guide one's life and works.



BREAKDOWNS

Proverbs 1	Fear of the Lord, Meaning and Value
Proverbs 2	Fear and Wisdom Combined
Proverbs 3	Trust Is Wisdom
Proverbs 4	Choose Wisdom, Not Wickedness
Proverbs 5-7	Sexual Temptations
Proverbs 8	Prophetic Passage on Christ
Proverbs 9	Choose the Right Banquet
Proverbs 10-21	Solomon's Two-Line Proverbs
Proverbs 22:1-16	Two-Line Proverbs Concluding
Proverbs 22:17-29	Six Sayings, Various Wisdom
Proverbs 23	13 Sayings, Various Wisdom
Proverbs 24:1-22	10 Sayings, Various Wisdom
Proverbs 24:23-34	Integrity and Hard Work
Proverbs 25	Solomon's Wisdom
Proverbs 26	Much to Say About the Fool
Proverbs 27-29	2-10 Lines of Wisdom
Proverbs 30	The Sayings of Agur
Proverbs 31:1-9	The Sayings of King Lemuel
Proverbs 31:10-31	Traits of a Virtuous Woman

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT PROVERBS:

- 31 chapters
- 915 verses
- 15,038 words
- According to I Kings 4:32, Solomon spoke 3,000 proverbs and 1,005 songs. Only about 800 of these are recorded in the book of Proverbs (leaving about 2,200 not recorded).
- Two people are mentioned in Proverbs that are not mentioned anywhere else in scripture. Only their names are mentioned - nothing about them, who they are, where they lived, etc. is known.
 - ⇒ Agur—Proverbs 30:1
 - ⇒ King Lemuel—Proverbs 31:1 & 4
- Solomon's great wisdom was well known in his day—I Kings 10:24
- Probably the most well-known story of Solomon's wisdom is the account of the two mothers arguing over which one's child had died—I Kings 3:16-28
- Proverbs provides detailed instructions for His people to **live right, do right** and **be right** in the practical affairs of everyday life.
 - ⇒ How to relate to God
 - ⇒ How to relate to parents
 - ⇒ How to relate to children
 - ⇒ How to relate to neighbors
 - ⇒ How to relate to government
- The book of Proverbs is meant to:
 - ⇒ *Prevent* ungodly lifestyles
 - ⇒ *Remedy* ungodly lifestyles
- Proverbs also gives instructions regarding:
 - ⇒ Wisdom and folly
 - ⇒ Righteousness and wickedness
 - ⇒ Pride and humility
 - ⇒ Justice and vengeance
 - ⇒ The family
 - ⇒ Laziness and work
 - ⇒ Poverty and wealth
 - ⇒ Friends and neighbors
 - ⇒ Love and lust
 - ⇒ Anger and strife
 - ⇒ Masters and servants
 - ⇒ Life and death
 - ⇒ Drunkenness



***Parents should know
the book of Proverbs and
actively teach it to their
children!***