



# ~ The Book of Proverbs ~

## At-A-Glance

An Overview of the Books of the Bible

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PENMAN: Solomon (Agur; Lemuel) POSITION: OT - Wisdom

PERIOD: 970-931 (700) BC PLACE: Israel (primarily)

PHASE: United Kingdom PUBLIC: Israel (mankind)

KEY POINTS:

1	<b>ANTE-DILUVIAN PHASE</b>	Creation – 2349 B.C.	Gen. 1:1 - 8:12
2	<b>POST-DILUVIAN PHASE</b>	- 1921 B.C.	Gen. 8:13 - 11:26
3	<b>PATRIARCH PHASE</b>	- 1706 B.C.	Gen. 11:26 - 46:7
4	<b>EGYPTIAN BONDAGE</b>	- 1491 B.C.	Gen. 46:8 - Ex. 14:31
5	<b>WILDERNESS WANDERING</b>	- 1450 B.C.	Ex. 15:1 - Josh. 3:17
6	<b>CONQUEST OF CANAAN</b>	- 1430 B.C.	Joshua 4:1 - Judges 3:9
7	<b>THE JUDGES</b>	- 1095 B.C.	Judges 3:10 - 1 Sam 10:17
8	<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	- 975 B.C.	1 Sam 11:1 - 1 Kings 11:43 (Proverbs)
9	<b>DIVIDED KINGDOM</b>	- 721 B.C.	1 Kings 12:1 - 2 Kings 17:41
10	<b>JUDAH ALONE</b>	- 586 B.C.	2 Kings 18:1 - 25:30
11	<b>BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY</b>	- 536 B.C.	2 Chr. 36:22 - Ezra 1:4
12	<b>THE RESTORATION</b>	- 432 B.C.	Ezra 1:1 - Nehemiah 13:31
13	<b>BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS</b>	- 5 B.C.	
14	<b>COMING OF IMMANUEL</b>	- 29/30 A.D.	Matthew; Mark; Luke; John
15	<b>THE CHURCH</b>	- Current	Acts 2:1 – Revelation 22:21

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## KEY POINTS:

To teach people how to attain and apply divine wisdom and discipline to daily life.

How to do what is right, just, and fair (1:2-3)

Practicality / To provide moral instruction.

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## PARTICULARS:

Hebrew word translated "proverb" is also translated "taunt" (Isa 14:4), "oracle" (Nu 23:7, 18) and "parable" (Eze 17:2); its meaning is considerably broader than the English term.

Not a "hodge-podge" of disconnected maxims; it has structure!

Wisdom is Valuable	Wisdom is Practical		Wisdom is Sensible	
Chapters 1-9	Chapters 10-24		Chapters 25-31	
	Practical Morality 10-22	Admonitions 22-24	Hezekiah's Selection 25-29	Agur / Lemuel 25-29

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## KEY PASSAGES:

1:5-7; 2:1-5; 4:5,23; 8:13-14;  
18:13; 26:4-5; 27:5; 29:1; 31:30-31

## KEY PHRASES:

"Wisdom" (115x); "Heart" (78x)

"Righteousness" (74x)

"Instruction" (25x); "my son" (23x)

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## GREAT LESSONS:

It begins with fearing God

If you seek wisdom, you will find it, it will reward you

We never stop learning

Be humble; be honest; resist temptation

Use trials to grow; be disciplined

Great contrasts between the wise and the foolish

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## PRACTICAL APPLICATION (HOW DOES THIS BOOK APPLY TO ME?)

### MY FAITH:

- Develop fear of God
- Hope and rewards of righteousness

### MY ACTIONS:

- We have a duty to God – respect and reverence
- We have a duty to ourself – avoid pride; develop humility
- We have a duty to neighbors – peace; help; support
- We have a duty to family – good spouse; disciplined children