

# Unleashing the Old Testament

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## The Writings Part 2



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### The Writings (K'tuvim)

❖ Psalms (Tehillim)	❖ Esther (Ester)
❖ Proverbs (Mishlei)	❖ Daniel (Dani-el)
❖ Job (Iyov)	❖ Ezra (Ezra')
❖ Song of Songs / Solomon (Shir Hashirim)	❖ Nehemiah (Nechemya)
❖ Ruth (Rut)	❖ 1 Chronicles (Divrei Hayamim A)
❖ Lamentations (Eikhah)	❖ 2 Chronicles (Divrei Hayamim B)
❖ Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth)	



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**The Writings (K'tuvim)**

**Wisdom Literature**

- ❖ Job
- ❖ Psalms
- ❖ Proverbs
- ❖ Ecclesiastes
- ❖ Song of Songs/Solomon



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**The Writings (K'tuvim)**

**Wisdom Literature**

Wisdom is a life skill where truth, goodness, and holiness are effectively and fittingly applied to specific situations.



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**Job**

**Outline**

- ❖ Satan's plot against Job (1:1-2:13)
- ❖ The speeches of Job and his three friends (3:1-31:40)
- ❖ Elihu - the bridge in the story (32:1-37:24)
- ❖ God speaks (38:1-41:34)
- ❖ The humility and restoration of Job (42:1-17)



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**Job**

**The Suffering of the Righteous**

There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

(Job 1:1)



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**Job**

**The Suffering of the Righteous**

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die." But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

(Job 2:9-10)



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**Job**

**Right Principles Wrongly Applied**

Then Zophar the Naamathite answered and said: "Should a multitude of words go unanswered, and a man full of talk be judged right? Should your babble silence men, and when you mock, shall no one shame you? For you say, 'My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in God's eyes.' But oh, that God would speak and open his lips to you, and that he would tell you the secrets of wisdom! For he is manifold in understanding. Know then that God exacts of you less than your guilt deserves."

(Job 11:1-6)



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Job

Engaging God

Let me have silence, and I will speak, and let come on me what may. Why should I take my flesh in my teeth and put my life in my hand? Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face. This will be my salvation, that the godless shall not come before him. Keep listening to my words, and let my declaration be in your ears. Behold, I have prepared my case; I know that I shall be in the right. (Job 13:13-18)



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Job

The Humbling of the Righteous

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me." "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?..."



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Job

The Humbling of the Righteous

Then Job answered the LORD and said: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." (Job 42:1-6)



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**Job**

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**Job's Vindication**

After the LORD had spoken these words to Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite: "My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has." (Job 42:7)

And the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. (Job 42:12)



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**Proverbs (Mishlei)**

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**Outline**

❖ Introduction (1:1-7)	❖ More proverbs of Solomon (25:1-29:17)
❖ Invitation to Wisdom (1:8-9:18)	❖ Sayings of Agur (30:1-33)
❖ Proverbs of Solomon (10:1-22:16)	❖ Sayings of King Lemuel (31:1-9)
❖ Sayings of the Wise (22:17-24:34)	❖ The Excellent Woman (31:10-31)



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**Proverbs (Mishlei)**

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**Key Themes**

- ❖ Wisdom is godly
- ❖ Wisdom results in life
- ❖ The lack of wisdom (foolishness/naivety) leads to death (What you don't know *will* hurt you)
- ❖ Learning wisdom is hard work
- ❖ Learning wisdom is worth it



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**Proverbs (Mishlei)**

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)



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**Proverbs (Mishlei)**

A slack hand causes poverty,  
but the hand of the diligent makes rich.  
(Proverbs 10:4)



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**Proverbs (Mishlei)**

Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life,  
but he who rejects reproof leads others astray.  
(Proverbs 10:17)



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**Proverbs (Mishlei)**

The lips of the righteous feed many,  
but fools die for lack of sense. (Proverbs 10:21)



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**Ecclesiastes (Qohelet)**

- ❖ Most philosophical book of the Bible
- ❖ Read it in one sitting
- ❖ The meaning and the purpose of life



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**Ecclesiastes (Qohelet)**

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.  
What does man gain by all the toil  
at which he toils under the sun?  
A generation goes, and a generation comes,  
but the earth remains forever.

(Ecclesiastes 1:1-4)



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**Ecclesiastes (Qohelet)**

What has been is what will be,  
 and what has been done is what will be done,  
 and there is nothing new under the sun.  
 Is there a thing of which it is said,  
 "See, this is new"?  
 It has been already in the ages before us.  
 (Ecclesiastes 1:9-10)



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**Ecclesiastes (Qohelet)**

**Spoiler Alert!**



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**Ecclesiastes (Qohelet)**

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and  
 keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of  
 man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with  
 every secret thing, whether good or evil.  
 (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)



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### Song of Songs/Solomon (Shir HaShirm)

Behold, you are beautiful, my love,  
 behold, you are beautiful!  
 Your eyes are doves  
 behind your veil.  
 Your hair is like a flock of goats  
 leaping down the slopes of Gilead.  
 Your teeth are like a flock of shorn ewes  
 that have come up from the washing,  
 all of which bear twins,  
 and not one among them has lost its young...




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### Song of Songs/Solomon (Shir HaShirm)

Your lips are like a scarlet thread,  
 and your mouth is lovely.  
 Your cheeks are like halves of a pomegranate  
 behind your veil.  
 Your neck is like the tower of David,  
 built in rows of stone;  
 on it hang a thousand shields,  
 all of them shields of warriors.

(Song of Songs 4:1-4)




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