

Proverbs

Proverbs is a book of short sayings that illustrate general principles about how to make wise choices in life. We are not guaranteed particular outcomes if we adopt these general principles, but we are told what will happen usually.

There will always be exceptions. One idea, as a wise and godly person, would be to read, learn and apply these principles. Then, once the principles have been mastered, we can turn our attention to any exceptions.

Why Solomon?

God said to Solomon, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.” *1 Kings 3:5*

Solomon replied, “So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong.” *1 Kings 3:9*

“God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore.” *1 Kings 4:29*

“He [Solomon] spoke 3000 proverbs and his songs numbered a thousand and five.” *1 Kings 4:32*

Old Testament Timeline

BC	2000-1700	1700	1250	1210	1030
Creation/Fall Adam & Eve Noah	Patriarchs Abraham Isaac Jacob Joseph	Israel in Egypt	The Exodus Moses The Law	Promised Land Joshua Deborah Gideon Sampson	United Kingdom Samuel Saul David Solomon

Proverbs on...

Wealth: The blessing of the LORD brings wealth, and he adds no trouble to it. 10:22

Discretion: Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful woman who shows no discretion. 11:22

Discipline: He who heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray. 10:17

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

PEOPLE

Agur, son of Jakeh [nothing is known about Agur or Jakeh] **Bathsheba** after committing adultery with David, she becomes his queen, the mother of Solomon, and an ancestor of Christ **David** slayer of Goliath and second king of Israel, David is flawed yet demonstrates a great heart for God; ancestor of Christ **Hezekiah** a religious reformer and king of Judah who abolished idol worship and reopened the Temple in Jerusalem **Ithiel** [nothing is known about this person] **Lemuel** an unknown king who is thought by some scholars to be Hezekiah or Solomon **Solomon** son of David and Bathsheba, successor to David, he becomes the wisest and richest man in the world; the third and last king of the united kingdom **Ucal** [nothing is known about this person]

TERMS

oracle divine words given for guidance

Genealogy of Christ



930	722	587	538	336	63 BC
Divided Kingdom	Samaria	Jerusalem	Judeans return	Greek	Roman
North: Ahab Elijah	South: Hezekiah Isaiah	falls to Assyria, scatters	falls to Babylon, exiled	rule	rule
			Esther Ezra Nehemiah		