



The Song of Songs is so called because this is the best of the 1,005 songs that Solomon wrote (see 1 Kings 4:32). Its main message is all about how to safeguard true love within the marriage bond. Marriage was ordained of God from creation (Gen 2:21-25); it was sanctified by Christ at Cana (Jn 2:1-11); it is the analogy used to describe the final raptures in Heaven of the saved at the marriage supper of the Lamb. (Rev 19:7-9).

## JEREMIAH

Jeremiah was a man who prophesied for over 40 years about 600 years before Christ. He was born in the wicked reign of Manasseh, encouraged by the good King Josiah during the last revival in the Southern kingdom and yet witnessed the destruction of Jerusalem. Jeremiah constantly warned Judah to return to God or suffer the consequences. He tried to save the nation from bablyon by advocating non-resistance but failed.



### STUDY GUIDES & VIDEOS

Can be downloaded and watched on the Newcraigs Website

### Useful information:

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## THE READ SCRIPTURE PLAN

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# PSALMS

Psalms is the second of 5 poetical books. It is both a hymn book and prayer book. It can be used in private life or public worship. It shows the Saint on his knees in every mood of life, amidst conflicts and triumphs, burdens and blessings. Sometimes penitent, sometimes pleading, sometimes praising, he is nevertheless always praying. So should we be.

Psalms can be referred to as the 'Psalms of David'. He wrote the vast majority of them (73) but not all of them. Expressing himself in the Psalms, was a greater achievement than establishing himself on the throne.

Psalms is the centre of the Bible; it also contains the heart of the Bible. Martin Luther called it a 'Bible in miniature.'

Psalms is divided into five sections or books within the book. Each ends with a doxology. To some extent their contents parallel the emphasis in the 5 books of Moses (the Pentateuch) dealing with man, redemption, the sanctuary, unrest in earth, and the Word of God.

# PROVERBS

Proverbs, as the name suggests, is a collection of short, pithy, sayings which teach moral and spiritual

truths. It is a library of wisdom. Many proverbs are condensed parables. C.H.Spurgeon said 'These three things go to making a proverb: shortness, sense and salt.'

Proverbs stresses duty, whereas Psalms emphasise devotion. Proverbs contains laws of Heaven for life on earth. It views the same subjects contained in the Law through different eyes. The book views life through the eyes of a wise man, rather than the spiritual man. Solomon is the author of the majority of this book, although others contribute.

# ECCLESIASTES

Ecclesiastes is a book that is so relevant today. It examines the question 'Is there life before death?' Solomon was the author who probed this question. He had all the power, wealth, health, women, and intelligence a man could wish for, yet found satisfaction eluded him.

The book records the futile living and thinking of this Old Testament Prodigal. It is inspired confession of a failure. Only in the last chapter, like the prodigal son who turned his feet towards home, did he turn his thoughts towards God. The book closes before dealing before dealing with the satisfaction that is to be found in the 'home coming' to a saving God. The exhilarating delights are contained in Solomon's other book which follows next.

One mistake of Solomon was that his search for happiness was earthbound. The key phrase 'under the sun' is used as well as 'upon the earth' and 'under heaven'. Until the final verse he never considers 'above the sun' - for him God was left out.