



May 19th, 2019 || **Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon** || Solomon & Wisdom

Seeing God's Big Story, Fitting Our Story Into His Story

ONE BIG STORY Timeline

1048 B.C.	1011 B.C.	971 B.C.	931 B.C.
Saul	David	Solomon	Divided Kingdom

Biblical Outline

Song of Solomon

- Written by Solomon as a young man
- All about love and passion (Viewer discretion advised)
- Very hopeful and optimistic about the future
- Solomon is thinking that pleasure will satisfy him and make him complete.

Proverbs

- Written by Solomon as a middle-aged man to his sons.
- 31 Chapters of pithy statements called "proverbs"
- General statements of truth, not definitive, guaranteed promises
- Seeks to answer the question of "how does the world that God made work?"
- Solomon thinks that wisdom and living right will satisfy him and complete him.
- **"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction." Proverbs 1:7**

Ecclesiastes

- Written by Solomon as an old man
- Full of major life lessons as told by a man who has had it all and experienced it all
- The tone of this book is much darker and more somber than his previous writings
- Solomon realizes that nothing he chased after in his life ever satisfied him.
- **"I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after the wind." Ecclesiastes 1:14**
- **"Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." Ecclesiastes 12:13**

Theological Takeaways

- We were created to live in a vibrant, life-giving relationship with God. Sin broke that relationship and we now seek to fill that emptiness with anything but God.
- We are tempted to believe that if I just had _____ then everything would be right and make sense. I would be satisfied and complete if I just had _____.
- Solomon's life shows us that the only thing that will ever satisfy us and complete us is a vibrant, life-giving relationship with God.

UP NEXT: May 26th, 2019 – **1 Kings** - Elijah