



# BIBLE FLUENCY

*Sing it, See it, Study it*

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## Lyrics

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*Poetry & Wisdom*

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## Poetry & Wisdom

### Job

Job possessed integrity, Satan put him to a test,  
After getting leave from God<sup>1</sup>  
Three friends said that Job was suffering for his own sin  
But Job maintained his righteous stand<sup>2</sup>  
Young Elihu spoke,<sup>3</sup> but God's word thundered last<sup>4</sup>  
And God restored his life again<sup>5</sup>

### The Psalms

The Psalms, all hundred fifty, sectioned into five books<sup>6</sup>  
For festivals and courts and prayer  
Hymns,<sup>7</sup> Laments,<sup>8</sup> and Confidence,<sup>9</sup> Wisdom,<sup>10</sup> and Remembrance,<sup>11</sup>  
Kingship,<sup>12</sup> and Thanksgiving<sup>13</sup> Psalms  
Psalms of David,<sup>14</sup> Asaph,<sup>15</sup> the 'sons' of Korah<sup>16</sup>  
And other unknown worshippers

### Proverbs

The Proverbs are collected from Solomon and others  
For wisdom on the road of life  
Early parts develop themes,<sup>17</sup> later an assortment  
Of short and prudent principles<sup>18</sup>  
The fear of the Lord is the start of wisdom  
But fools despise discipline<sup>19</sup>

### Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes shows us 'the Preacher' or 'the Teacher'<sup>20</sup>  
Teaching in the wisdom strain  
'Vanity!' 'Vapor!' 'Everything is meaningless,'<sup>21</sup>  
Like hopelessly chasing the wind!<sup>22</sup>  
If this is true, fear God and obey<sup>23</sup>  
For everything will pass away

### Song of Songs

'Song of Songs,' or 'Canticles,' or the 'Song of Solomon'  
Understood in different ways  
Often allegorically, read by Jews and Christians  
Of God's love for his chosen ones  
Or simply as a drama or group of love songs  
Celebrating human love

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<sup>1</sup> Job 1-2.

<sup>2</sup> Job 3-31.

<sup>3</sup> Job 32-37.

<sup>4</sup> Job 38-41.

<sup>5</sup> Job 42.

<sup>6</sup> Book 1, Pss 1-41; Book 2, Pss 42-72; Book 3, Pss 73-89; Book 4, Pss 90-106; Book 5, Pss 107-150.

<sup>7</sup> Cf. Ps 100:1-3.

<sup>8</sup> Cf. Ps 57:4; 13:2.

<sup>9</sup> Cf. Ps 23.

<sup>10</sup> Cf. Ps 1.

<sup>11</sup> Cf. Ps 136.

<sup>12</sup> Cf. Ps 95:1-5; 21:1-3.

<sup>13</sup> Cf. Ps 18:16-17.

<sup>14</sup> Seventy-three in all.

<sup>15</sup> Pss 50, 73-83.

<sup>16</sup> Pss 42-49; 84-85; 87-88.

<sup>17</sup> Prov 1-9, for the most part.

<sup>18</sup> Prov 10-31, for the most part.

<sup>19</sup> Prov 1:7.

<sup>20</sup> Eccl 1:1, 12; 12:9-10.

<sup>21</sup> Eccl 1:2.

<sup>22</sup> Eccl 1:14.

<sup>23</sup> Eccl 12:13.