



Poetic Books

- Psalms : Songs of Worship
- Ecclesiastes : Futility of temporal Pursuits
- Proverbs : Wisdom for living
- Song of Solomon : Marriage
- Job : Suffering and God's Sovereignty

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Why study poetic form?

- Better understanding
- Correct interpretation

What is poetry?

- Literary art
- Use for its "evocative" qualities to convey meaning

What is poetry?

- Meter
- Convey's an idea (has a purpose)
- Lines or "stiches"
 - distich : 2 lines
 - tristich : 3 lines
 - tetrastich : 4 lines
 - pentastich : 5 lines

Stiches – 23rd Psalm

- 1The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not want.
- 2He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.
- 3He restores my soul;
He guides me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.

Three types of Hebrew Poetry

- Lyric : to be accompanied by music
- Instructional : teaches principles of living
- Dramatic : narrative that tells a story

Main Hebrew Poetry Literary Techniques

- Parallelism : expression of an idea in two or more different ways. Lines of text are directly related in some way
- Figures of speech : used to paint a picture through comparison or relativity

Parallelism

- Synonymous
- Synthetic
- Antithetic
- Emblematic
- Climatic
- Formal
- Eclectic

Figures of speech

- Simile
- Metaphor
- Hyperbole
- Rhetorical Question
- Personification

PROPHETICAL BOOKS

DISCLAIMER:

I am no expert regarding biblical prophecy and there exists large debate on whether some prophecy has been fulfilled or not.

STUDY AND JUDGE FOR YOURSELVES!!!

Prophetical Books

- Major Prophets – The long ones
 - Isaiah
 - Jeremiah
 - Lamentations
 - Ezekiel
 - Daniel
- Minor Prophets – Everyone else

Prophetical Books

12 of the prophetical books were written during the Kingdom Era

Pre-Exile Prophecies

- To Israel
 - Hosea
 - Amos
- To Assyria
 - Jonah
 - Nahum
- To Edom
 - Obadiah
- To Judah
 - Habakkuk
 - Isaiah
 - Jeremiah
 - Joel
 - Micah
 - Zephaniah
 - Lamentations

In Exile Prophecies

- Ezekiel
- Daniel

Post-Exile Prophecies

- To Jerusalem
 - Haggai
 - Zechariah
 - Malachi

What is prophecy?

- Foretelling (prediction)
- Forth-telling (proclaiming)

What are prophets?

- Must speak in God's Name
- Predictions must occur (Duet. 18)
- False prophets were to be stoned

Functions of prophets

- Preachers
 - Admonish
 - Reprove
 - Denounce sin
 - Proclaim judgment
 - Call to repentance
 - Console and pardon

Functions of prophets

- Predictors
 - announce judgement
 - announce deliverance
 - Messianic prophecy

Functions of prophets

- Watchmen
 - warning against religious apostasy
 - warning against political and military alliances
 - warning against idolatry

ISAIAH

- opposition towards foreign alliances
- "salvation" occurs 26+ times
- predicts birth and death of Messiah (7:14, 9:5-7, 53:4-7)
- Isaiah 53

JEREMIAH

- predicts Judah's 70 year captivity
 - chapter 24
- points to Christ and new covenant
 - chapter 31-32

LAMENTATIONS

- after Jerusalem's destruction
- mourning over the fall of Judah

EZEKIEL

- "shall know that I am the LORD" appears 60+ times
- Messiah – the King who has the right to rule
 - Ez. 21:26-27

DANIEL

- written to encourage exiled Jews
- pointed to the Messiah's established kingdom
- Daniel 9 (seventy week prophecy)