


## Review 11 Timeline Books

### Esther

- A. Purpose:
- B. Time Frame-475 BC

Zerubbabel		Ezra	Nehemiah
538	475	458	444
Ezra 1-6	ESTHER	Ezra-7-10	Neh 1-13
Cyrus {Darius/Xerxes (Ahasuerus)}		Artaxerxes	Artaxerxes
Temple Rebuilt		Finances Provided	Walls Rebuilt

- C. Characters
  - Ahasuerus (AKA Xerxes), Vashti, Esther, Mordecai, Haman
- D. Author
  - Unknown-Mordecai traditionally credited (Esther 9:20)
- E. Outline

### OT Poetry Overview

- A. Six Books of Poetry
  1. Job-Problem with the righteous suffering
  2. Psalms-Hymn book of Israel
  3. Proverbs-Wisdom to live by
  4. Ecclesiastes-Lessons in Godless living
  5. Song of Solomon-Gift of marital love
  6. Lamentations-Profound grief with hope
- B. Classes of Hebrew Poetry
  1. Lyrical Poetry-to be sung with music
  2. Didactic Poetry-teaching, lessons for the mind
  3. Prophetic Poetry-revelatory declarations
  4. Grief Poetry-expressions of sorrow
- C. Nature of Hebrew Poetry
  - “Parallelism”-logical rhyming as opposed to phonic rhyming
    1. Synonymous Parallelism- “Like thoughts” Psalm 3:1
    2. Antithetic Parallelism- “Contrast” Psalm 90:6
    3. Synthetic or “telescopic”- “expand the concept further” Psalm 1:1
    4. Illustrative Parallelism- “imagery” Psalm 42:1
    5. Acrostic Poem- “each section begins with a letter of the Heb. alphabet Psalm 119

## Job

### A. Historical Setting

Job 42:16-17, Job 1:5, Job 42:11

“Most likely Job takes place between Gen. 10 and Gen 40 in the Patriarchal period

### B. When was it written?

### C. Theological Concerns

“Why do the righteous suffer?”

### D. Characters

Job, Job’s friends (Eliphaz, Zophar, Bildad, Elihu)

### E. Outline

## Psalms

### A. Authors

Anonymous (50), David (73), Asaph (David’s musician (12), Sons of Korah (10)  
Solomon (2), Moses (1), Heman (1), Ethan (1)

### B. Dates

Earliest	Moses; Wanderings (1400’s)
Most	United Kingdom (1050-930)
Latest	Post-Exilic (500’s)

### C. Sub Collections

- Book 1 (Psalms 1-41) 41 songs (assorted psalms)
- Book 2 (Psalms 42-72) 31 songs (songs of Korah)
- Book 3 (Psalms 73-89) 17 songs (songs of Asaph)
- Book 4 (Psalms 90-106) 17 songs (starts w/ Moses, no pattern)
- Book 5 (Psalms 107-150) 44 songs (songs of thanksgiving)

### D. Superscriptions

- Indicate Authorship
- Describe Circumstances
- Give the Occasion for Use
- Provide Musical Instruction (what type of instrument)
- Some Translations Provide them a verse number  
(Hebrew bible ascribes a verse to the superscription).

### E. General Types of Psalms

1. Messianic Psalms
2. Songs of Ascent
3. Lament Psalms
4. Imprecatory Psalms
5. Testimonial Psalms
6. Penitential Psalms
7. Wisdom Psalms
8. Historical Psalms
9. Creation Psalms