

# THE **BIG** PICTURE

## POETICAL



**ERA/GENRE**

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## STORYLINE

Since the Hebrew poets wanted mental pictures to pop into the reader's mind, a prime consideration was creating visual images, which they accomplished with vivid "figures of speech."

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." (Psalm 19:1)

## EXPANSION

1. Job: Suffering and God's sovereignty
2. Psalms: Praise in public worship
3. Proverbs: Wisdom, skill for living
4. Ecclesiastes: Futility of temporal pursuits
5. Song of Solomon: God's marriage manual

## SIGNIFICANCE

# My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) How does the book of Job contribute to our understanding of suffering and God's sovereignty? (See Job 2:7-10) What is the wise response to God when we face trouble? (See Job 42:1-6; James 1:2-4)
- 2) What is your favorite Psalm? Why is this so special to you?
- 3) Why is the "fear of the Lord" the starting point for all true wisdom? (See Proverbs 1:7) Randomly skim through some of the chapters in Proverbs and comment on the insight you gain.
- 4) Is God in favor of love, sex and romance? How can we experience these gifts in God's way? (See Song of Solomon)



## Memory Verse

*"You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."*

Psalm 16:11