

# Journey Through the Hebrew Bible

## Session 4 Notes

### *Understanding the Hebrew Bible*

#### **3 Questions To Gain Understanding**

1. What does it say?  
Comprehension
2. What does it mean?  
Interpretation
3. What does it matter?  
Application

#### **Genres of Literature in the Hebrew Bible**

##### 1. Narrative

###### A. Law

Exodus                      Leviticus                      Deuteronomy

###### B. Historical

Torah                      Joshua                      Judges                      Ruth  
Samuel                      Kings                      Chronicles                      Ezra  
Nehemiah                      Esther

##### 2. Poetry

Types of poetry include:

Laments                      Royal                      Thanksgiving  
Wisdom                      Historical                      Prophetic/Messianic

Books of Poetry (not including poetic sections in other books)

Psalms                      Lamentations                      Song of Solomon

##### 3. Wisdom Literature

Proverbs                      Job                      Ecclesiastes

##### 4. Prophecy

Isaiah                      Jeremiah                      Ezekiel  
Daniel                      Book of the 12 (minor prophets)

##### 5. Apocalyptic Literature

No entire books of apocalyptic literature, but contained in

Isaiah                      Jeremiah                      Ezekiel  
Daniel                      Joel                      Zechariah