

# A Visitor's Guide to the Old Testament

## A Quick Discussion Guide on the Historical and Wisdom Books

1. Now that you read/studied a portion of the “history” concerning the kings of Israel and Judah, comment on what the Psalmist says in Psalm 146. Does the message of the Psalmist encourage or discourage you... comfort you and frighten you? What contemporary applications can you make of these words?
  
2. Read Romans 15:4 and 1 Corinthians 10:11. Now that you have read a large portion of the Old Testament, what specific things have you learned for your encouragement or been warned about to avoid? List FIVE lessons that your study of the Old Testament has taught you:
  - a)
  - b)
  - c)
  - d)
  - e)
  
3. To this point in our study, we have met a variety of literature types – narrative, legal documents, historical narrative, poetry, wisdom literature, etc. Why do you think God inspired the Scripture with such variety? Which type(s) of literature do you connect with best and why?
  
4. How has your study of the Old Testament impacted:
  - Your faith..
  - Your understanding of God's purposes...
  - Your connection with other people...
  - Your ability to win “Trivial Pursuit: Bible Edition”...
  
5. How can you put your study of the Old Testament to use in:
  - Witnessing to others concerning the Good News?
  - Identifying truth or error in Biblical preaching, teaching, and media?
  - Understanding your own faith and faith-life?
  
6. Which memory passage(s) are your favorite and why?