

# ONE-TO-ONE BIBLE READING

C.O.M.A. questions for Hebrew Wisdom Literature & Poetry

## Context

Are there any clues about the circumstances in which the passage was written?

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## Observation

Are there repetitions or multiple instances of similar ideas? Do these repetitions make a particular point, or point to the structure of the passage?

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What images or metaphors does the author use? What do they indicate about God or the other people in the text? What might they indicate about modern readers?

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What is the tone of the passage? What emotions is the author arousing?

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What is the main point or points?

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What surprises are there?

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## Meaning

Are there specific instructions/commands given to the reader? Does this passage mention any consequences for not following God's commands?

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How does the author motivate the reader/audience, or make his appeal?

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What does the passage teach us about God, his people, and life in his world?

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Does the passage point forward to Jesus? Is the gospel anticipated or foreshadowed in some way?

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## Application

How does this passage challenge (or confirm) your understanding?

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Is there some attitude or behavior you need to change?

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