

--often allegorized to depict Christ and the church but we do wish you would not do it!

c. Ecclesiastes

--The great lesson is that nothing really counts if God is not in it.

--The cynical presentation is an accurate view of the repentant king.

--Authorship is debated..Solomon is seen in traditional thinking.

d. Lamentations

--Jeremiah is the author looking at the fall of Jerusalem.

--it is poetic with rather unique stanza arrangement.

e. Esther

--God rules for His people is the theme

--The question is why the name of God does not appear in the book.

Ruth and Esther are beautiful accounts and we can comprehend them easily. We feel the pain of Jeremiah at the fall of Jerusalem and we marvel at the change in the life of Solomon between his two books..it is what happens when we let things come between us and the Lord.

3. The histories

a. Chronicles:

--It has a threefold purpose: to show the correctness of the rulership, the right identity of the people and the proper worshipping company.

--Ezra is thought to be the compiler and under the Spirit's direction worked from the records of the kings, etc.