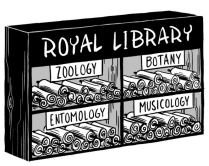

WISEST MAN IN THE ANCIENT WORLD (SEE 1 KINGS 4:29-33)

PROVERBS

— A GUIDE FOR LIVING WELL IN GOD'S WORLD —

BIBLICAL WISDOM LITERATURE

- EXPLORING HOW TO LIVE WELL IN GOD'S WORLD
- **WISDOM IS NOT...**
  - LAW (THOU SHALL... OR THOU SHALT NOT...)
  - PROPHECY (THUS SAYS THE LORD)
- **WISDOM IS...** THE ACCUMULATED INSIGHT OF GOD'S PEOPLE THROUGH GENERATIONS

1-9 AN INTRODUCTION TO PROVERBS 1:1-9

PROVERBS OF SOLOMON

FOR GAINING **WISDOM**

HEBREW: KHOKHMAH

SKILL, APPLIED KNOWLEDGE (SEE EXODUS 31:1-3)

THE **FEAR** OF THE LORD

- REVERENCE & AWE
- A MORAL MINDSET
- HUMBLE ONESELF BEFORE GOD

TEN SPEECHES FROM A FATHER TO A SON

THE MORAL LOGIC OF PROVERBS

WISDOM & FEAR OF THE LORD	VIRTUE, INTEGRITY, AND GENEROSITY	SUCCESS & PEACE
FOLLY & EVIL	SELFISHNESS & PRIDE	RUIN & SHAME

APPLY WISDOM IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD

FOUR POEMS OF LADY WISDOM

1:20-33	3:13-20	CH 8	CH 9

- A POETIC WAY OF CLAIMING THAT WE LIVE IN A MORAL UNIVERSE
- FEAR OF THE LORD & WISDOM = LIVING ALONG THE GRAIN OF THE UNIVERSE

PROVERBS ≠ GOOD ADVICE...
= GOD'S INVITATION TO LEARN WISDOM FROM PREVIOUS GENERATIONS

10-29 HUNDREDS OF ANCIENT PROVERBS

MARRIAGE
ALCOHOL
JUSTICE
SPEECH
CHARACTER
GENEROSITY
POVERTY
DEBT
WORK
FAMILY
FRIENDSHIP
FORGIVENESS

THE FEAR OF THE LORD PROLONGS YOUR LIFE, BUT THE YEARS OF THE WICKED ARE CUT SHORT (10:27)

TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY THEY SHOULD GO, AND WHEN THEY'RE OLD THEY WON'T TURN FROM IT (22:6)

PROVERBS = PROBABILITIES	PROVERBS ≠ PROMISES	PROVERBS FOCUS ON
FEAR OF GOD & WISDOM → THINGS WILL GO GREAT	NO FEAR OF GOD & FOOLISHNESS → THINGS WILL GO POORLY	THE GENERAL RULE NOT EXCEPTIONS

LIFE IS TOO COMPLEX FOR FORMULAS, WE NEED ALL THE WISDOM BOOKS TOGETHER

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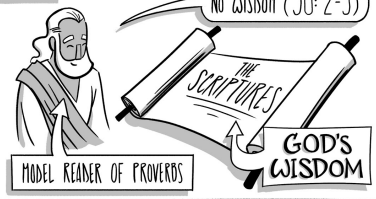

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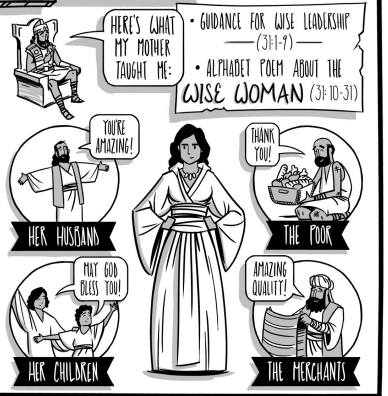

- GUIDANCE FOR WISE LEADERSHIP (31:1-9)
- ALPHABET POEM ABOUT THE **WISE WOMAN** (31:10-31)

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