

The Wisdom of Solomon

Introduction – Chapter 2

Author

What does internal analysis suggest concerning the authorship of the book of wisdom?

Date

When was the Book of Wisdom written?

Title

What are the titles of the book with reference to the Greek and Latin?

Place in the Canon

Is the book of wisdom included in the Jewish and Protestant canons? Why are they not included?

Structure

What is the organizational structure of the Book of Wisdom?

Literary background

In what language was the book of wisdom written?

What type of genre is the book written in?

What is Jewish midrash?

Occasion and Purpose

What group of people was the Book of Wisdom addressed to?

Are faith and reason and opposition?

Content and Themes

What are the two major events of salvation history that the Book of Wisdom focuses on?

What are the three major themes that the book addresses?

Christian Perspective

Is the Book of Wisdom quoted in the New Testament?

How does the Book of Wisdom influence the New Testament portrayal of God?

What is the theme of the first five chapters of wisdom? (Note 1:1-5:23)

Read 1:1-5 What does righteousness mean in the Book of Wisdom? (Note 1:1)

How is the word wisdom personified? (Note 1:4)

Read 1:6-11 How does wisdom literature treat speech? (Note 1:6-11)

What can we know about the Spirit of God? (Note 1:7)

Read 1:12 How does the book deal with the topic of death? (Note 1:12)

Read 1:15 what is meant by the phrase righteousness is in mortal? Note 1:15

What do verses 2:1–20 deal with? (Note 2:1-20)

Read 2:1-5 What is the fallacious thought of the materialists? (Note 2:1, 2:2, 2:3)

Read 2:6–9 What is the philosophy of hedonism? (Note 2:6)

Read 2:10–20 How do these verses prefigure Jesus Christ life? (Note 2:10, 2:11, 2:12–20, 2:13, 2:16, 2:17)

Read 2:21-24 How do these verses interpret the first three chapters of Genesis? (Note 2:23-24)

What is Envy? Read Word Study.