

The Book of Tobit

Introduction to Chapter 2

Author and Date

Who is the author of the Book of Tobit?

Title

What is the origin of the book's title?

Place in the Canon

Is the Book of Tobit in the Hebrew or Protestant canon?

Structure

What is the 4-fold structure of the Book of Tobit?

Literary Background

What does the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls tell us about the literary background of the Book of Tobit?

Literary Genre

What is the position of the Catholic Church on the literary genre of Tobit?

Themes and Characteristics

What are the 4 themes that are developed in the Book of Tobit?

Christian Perspective

What influence did the Book of Tobit have on Christian Faith and Morals?

(Read 1:1-2) What tribe does Tobit originate from? (Note 1:1)

Who is Shalmanesar? (Note 1:2)

(Read 1:3-4) Where is Nineveh? (Note 1:3)

Where should all the tribes of Israel make sacrifice? (Note 1:4)

(Read 1:5) What is the meaning of term “apostasy”? (Note 1:5)

(Read 1:6-9) Who is Deborah and Anna and what is endogamy? (Note 1:8) (Note 1:9)

(Read 1:10) What is the “food of gentiles”? (Note 1:10)

(Read 1:11-15) Where is Media located? (Note 1:14)

(Read 1:16-20) How was the act of burying the dead viewed by the Patriarchs and Judaism? (Note 1:17)

How does Tobit resemble Job? (Note 1:20)

(Read 2:1) What is the feast of weeks? (Note 2:1)

(Read 2:2-6) Was Tobit ritually unclean from burying the dead? (Note 2:5)

What was the prophesy of the prophet Amos? (Note 2:6)

(Read 2:7-10) Does God test us with suffering? (Note 2:10)

(Read 2:11-14) How does the spousal tension between Tobit and Anna compare/contrast to that of Job and his wife? (Note 2:14)