

Outline of Proverbs

- 1:1-7 Preamble
- 1:8-9:18 Prologue, stressing importance of wisdom
Series of lessons, usually introduced with an admonition addressed to 'my son'
- 10:1-22:16 Proverbs of Solomon 1
First half 10:1-15:29
Mostly antithetical couplets
Wisdom is "diligence in hard work and care of the land, prudent use of money (resources), caring relationships with neighbor and family, proper use of the tongue, and proper attitudes and actions (being humble, avoiding anger, etc.)"
Fee and Stuart, How to Read the Bible Book By Book, p. 146.
- Second half 15:30-22:16
Mostly synthetic couplets
Same themes as above with the addition of proverbs about the king and court
- 22:17-24:22 Sayings of the Wise 1
- 24:23-24 Sayings of the Wise 2
- 25:1-29:27 Proverbs of Solomon 2
- 30:1-33 Saying of Agur
- 31:1-31 Sayings of Lemuel
(Including the wife of noble character 10-31)