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## Yeshua and Proverbs



In **Yeshua Messiah** are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (**Colossians 2:3**), and **He** is our wisdom (**First Corinthians 1:24 and 30**). **Solomon** was the wisest ruler who ever lived, and yet **Yeshua** is **greater than Solomon** in both **His wisdom** and **His wealth (Matthew 12:42)**. Certainly all the beautiful qualities of **wisdom** described in **Proverbs** are seen in **Yeshua Messiah**, and **His** earthly walk is a pattern for all of **God's people** to follow (**1 John 2:6**).

The description of wisdom in **Proverbs 8:22-31** suggests **Yeshua Messiah** as the eternal wisdom of **God**, but that isn't the main thrust of the passage **Solomon** personifies **wisdom** as the joyful son of a father, a master craftsman, and reminds us that wisdom is one of **God's** eternal attributes. **ADONAI** magnified **His wisdom** in the way **He** created the universe. The "laws of nature" that form the basis for modern science were "built into" the universe by the wisdom of **the LORD**. When we honestly study creation, no matter what branch of science we follow, we're only thinking **God's** thoughts after **Him. Messiah**, the eternal creative **Word**, was there in the beginning (**Jn 1:1-5; Heb 1:1-4; Col 1:15-17**). **Wise people** learn the eternal "wise principles" of life built into creation and seek to obey them.<sup>4</sup>

**Yeshua Messiah** proclaimed **Himself** greater than **Solomon**, challenging **His** disciples to hear **His** incomparable **wisdom**. **His** superiority to **Solomon** and to **His**

**wisdom** can be seen in the following contrasts, citing **Solomon's proverbs** first and then the B'rit Chadashah references.

**1. The Queen of Sheba** testified to **Solomon's wisdom** in this world (see the commentary on [the Life of Solomon Bu - Solomon and the Queen of Sheba](#)), but **she** will rise at the judgment to conform people for not listening to **Messiah's** superior wisdom (**Matthew 12:46**).

**2. Solomon** taught **his** disciples to wait for **ADONAI** to repay wrongdoers, but **Yeshua Himself** will repay them (**Proverbs 24:12; Matthew 25:41-46; Revelation 2:23, 20:12-13 and 22:12; Romans 2:6-8; Second Thessalonians 1:8; Second Timothy 4:14; First Peter 1:17**).

**3. Solomon** depended on **ADONAI** to discipline those **He** loves, but **Yeshua Himself** disciplines those **He** loves (**Proverbs 3:11-12; Revelation 3:19**).

**4. Solomon** taught that those who share with the poor will be rewarded by **ADONAI**, but **Yeshua** identifies **Himself** with, and as the poor, is the one who rewards those who sacrifice for them (**Matthew 25:31-45**).

**5. Solomon** focused on health and wealth now and minimized present sufferings; **Yeshua** focused on present suffering for righteousness and maximized future, eternal glory (**Prov 3:1-10 and 34; Mt 5:3-12 and 25:1-13**).

**6. Solomon** is unclear about any offer of eternal life, but **Yeshua** is very clear about the eternal security of the believer (**Proverbs 8:35; see [The Life of Christ Ms - The Eternal Security of the Believer](#)**).

**7. Solomon** motivates **his** disciples to please their parents, but **Yeshua**, while upholding the honor of parents, teaches **His** disciples to love **the Triune God** more (**Proverbs 10:1, 19:13, 23:22-25, 27:11, 29:3; Matthew 5:45, 7:21, 10:32-33 and 37, 15:4, 23:9, and 25:34; Luke 9:60**).

**8. Solomon's wisdom** is a bubbling brook, but **Yeshua** offers streams of **water** within (**Proverbs 18:4; see the commentary on [The Life of Christ Gp - On the Last and Greatest Day of the Feast](#)**).

**9. Solomon** offers a banquet of food and drink, but **Yeshua Himself** is the believer's food and drink (**Proverbs 18:4; John 7:38**).

- 10.** No human ascended into heaven to comprehend the whole, but **Yeshua** both descended from heaven and ascended into it (**Proverbs 30:4; John 3:13** and **6:33**).
- 11.** **Solomon** depended in part on the sayings of others, but **Yeshua** speaks as the authoritative **Son of Man** from heaven (**Proverbs 22:23; Matthew 12**).
- 12.** **Solomon** calls on **his** disciples to write **his** teaching on their hearts, but **Yeshua** sends **His Ruach Ha’Kodesh** to write **ADONAI’s** word on their hearts (**Proverbs 3:3; Second Corinthians 3:3**).
- 13.** **Solomon** calls for obedience, but **Yeshua’s Spirit** empowers **His** elect to obey (**Prov 1:20-21; Rom 8:1-8**).
- 14.** **Solomon** anticipates a future ideal **king (16:10-15)**, but **Yeshua’s** is **the Messiah (Matthew 27:37)**.
- 15.** **Solomon** pointed to atonement by showing reliable love to others, but **Yeshua** showed such reliable love to **His** own that **He** died to atone for their sin (**Mark 10:45; Second Corinthians 5:14**).
- 16.** **Solomon himself** failed to obey **his wisdom**, but **Yeshua** is the perfect example of **His wisdom (Proverbs 3:2** and **25:26; First Kings 11:9-10; Luke 2:52; Hebrews 4:15)**.
- 17.** **Solomon himself is his** kingdom, but **Yeshua** builds **His (First Kings 11:10; Matthew 16:18)**.
- 18.** **Solomon** called on **his** disciples to feed their enemies, but **Yeshua** died for **His** enemies (**Proverbs 25:21; Romans 5:8**).<sup>5</sup>