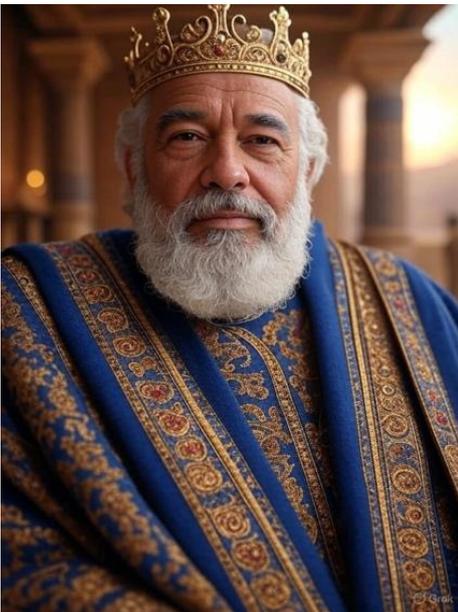


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The First Collection of Solomon’s Proverbs 10:1 to 15:33



We know that there are 375 proverbs in **Proverbs 10:1 to 22:16** (375 being the numerical value of the Hebrew name **Solomon**) that form the second major section of the book; and this is divided into two parts as well. The first part, **10:1 to 15:33** includes mostly antithetical, or contrasting parallels of **the wisdom of Solomon** and **the wicked fool**. In the 185 proverbs of this section, language or speech seems to be the dominant theme. **Proverbs 10:1a** provides the title; then **10:b-16** focuses on wealth and speech; **10:17 to 11:31** deals with deeds and destinies; **12:1-28** is about speech and deeds; **13:1-25** is on good teaching, ethics, and learning; **14:1-31** focuses on living in **wisdom**; **14:33 to 15:4** emphasizes gentle speech; **15:5-19** stresses the importance of correction; and **15:20-33** records the consequences of both **righteousness** and **wickedness**.²¹⁴