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Proverbs of Solomon Copied by Hezekiah's Men 25:1 to 29:27



Hezekiah's men (see the commentary on **Isaiah, to see link click Gq – In the Fourteenth Year of Hezekiah's Reign**), perhaps royal scribes, **copied** more than 100 of **Solomon's proverbs**. This was about 250 years after **Solomon** wrote **them**. **Hezekiah's men** grouped many of these **proverbs** into units of similar thoughts.[469] **Men of literary ability were employed by the king who was himself interested in literature. During his reign, Shebna the scribe evidently copied a prominent position (Second Kings 18:18 and 37). In Second Kings 19:3, a message from Hezekiah to the prophet Isaiah displays fine literary style, and in Isaiah 38:10-20 a poem composed by the king on his recovery from illness is preserved. The proverbs** in these chapters differ somewhat from **Solomon's** original **proverbs** in that there are more multiple-line sayings and more similes; **Chapters 28** and **29** are similar to **Chapters 10** through **16**, but **Chapters 25** through **27** differ in having few

references to **ADONAI.**[470]