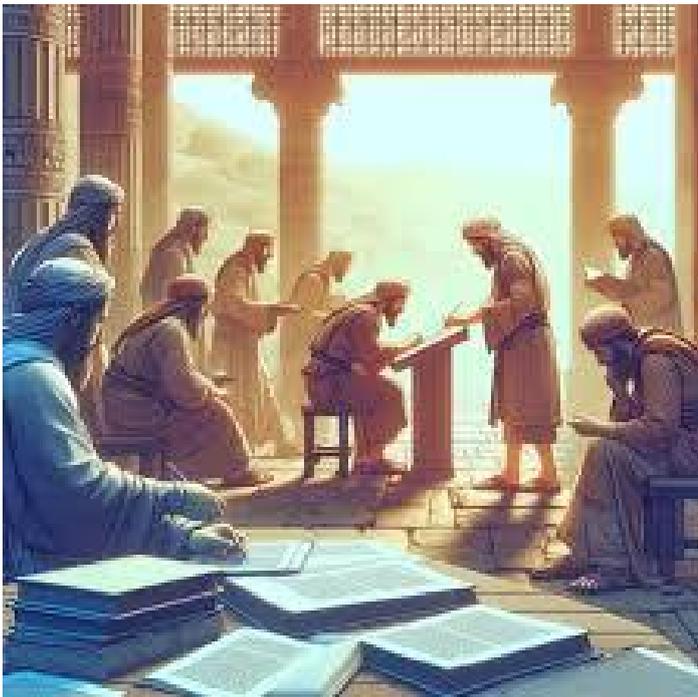


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## Proverbs of Solomon Copied by Hezekiah's Men 25:1 to 29:27



**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.<sup>469</sup> **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



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references to **ADONAI**.<sup>470</sup>