

Wisdom in Israel

Introduction

In the previous study we noted the presence of wisdom within the nations surrounding Ancient Israel as well as the *superiority* of Israel's wisdom. This superiority arose because of the link between wisdom and the Word of the LORD which gave Israel the framework for a successful life in God's world. In this study we look more closely at the development of wisdom within Israel culminating in the high-point of the wisdom movement in the days of Solomon. Although this study is therefore largely historical in nature, it nevertheless highlights some key lessons for our quest for wisdom!

Study Questions

These questions help you to see clearly what the text is saying.

Read: Deuteronomy 1vs1-18; 4vs1-14; 16vs18-20.

Note:

- The references to wisdom and understanding.
- The references to the Law of the LORD.

Answer the following questions:

1. At what point in Israel's story did Moses appoint leaders?
2. What was the task of these leaders? What qualifications did they need?
3. What role did the Law of LORD play in the work of these judges?
4. What characterised Israel as wise in the sight of the surrounding nations?

