

Biblical Wisdom

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The Hebrew Bible's "Wisdom Literature" - the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job - contain profound ruminations on the meaning of life and the nature of divine justice. These three very different books represent ancient Israelite efforts toward forging an ethical monotheism in the absence of conceptions of reward and punishment after death. Join Professor Dolansky in an exploration of biblical wisdom literature against the background of other biblical and ancient Near Eastern conceptions of wisdom, theodicy, and the suffering of innocents.

Schedule:

- Lecture 1 Introduction to Wisdom Literature: Proverbs
- Lecture 2 Ecclesiastes
- Lecture 3 Job
- Lecture 4 Is Jonah Also Among the Prophets? Jonah as wisdom literature