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In “The Wayfinders”, a Special Issue for the journal *Religions*, scholars explore the significance of the biblical wisdom literature for the current day. At the heart of these six articles lies the question: why does ancient wisdom matter in the modern world? The biblical wisdom corpus includes the books of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and selected Psalms, each represented in this Issue. Every article also incorporates a context or theme related to the modern world and adopts an approach that suits theologians, scholars of religion or of any of the themes addressed, and even lay readers with an interest in the Bible and its application for today.

Jack Collins [1] looks at Psalms 111 and 112. The first depicts the “big story” of God’s redemptive deeds for his people, and the second stresses the place of “wisdom” in the “little story” of daily life. The juxtaposition of these psalms integrates both narratives. Bálint Zabán [2] considers “Metaphors in the Wisdom Literature of the Hebrew Bible and Contemporary Art”. He analyzes the use of biblical concepts, like Proverb’s “tree of life” and Qohelet’s *hebel*, within contemporary fine art and *belles lettres*. This study carries implications for biblical interpretation and literacy.


These contributors recognize the vast distance between the ancient and modern worlds. But, with Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Psalms, they traverse this space and show the significance of biblical wisdom for a contemporary context.

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