

Proverbs 25:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

These are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

Analysis

These proverbs of Solomon were 'copied out' by Hezekiah's men. This verse reveals the canonical process—God's Word was preserved and compiled through human agency under divine providence. Hezekiah (716-686 BC) pursued spiritual reform (2 Kings 18:3-6), including recovering and preserving Scripture. Reformed theology affirms God's providential preservation of His Word through history. The Bible is both fully divine and fully human in its composition and transmission. This verse demonstrates care for Scripture's preservation.

Historical Context

Hezekiah's reign marked spiritual renewal after his father Ahaz's apostasy. Part of reformation involved recovering neglected Scripture, as when Josiah later rediscovered the Law (2 Kings 22:8). Scribes played crucial roles in preserving God's Word.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does this verse encourage confidence in Scripture's preservation and reliability?
2. What does it mean that God used human agents to compile and preserve His Word?
3. How should you value and preserve biblical truth in your generation?

Interlinear Text

בְּעֵת יְלֹוֹ אֲשֶׁר שְׁלָמָה

H1571

H428

These are also proverbs

מִשְׁלֵי

H4912

of Solomon

H8010

H834

אֲשֶׁר

copied out

H6275

יְהוֹדָה: מֶלֶךְ אֶנְשֵׁן

H376

of Hezekiah

מֶלֶךְ

H2396

king

יְהוֹדָה:

H4428

of Judah

H3063

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 1:1 (Kingdom): The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;

1 Kings 4:32 (Parallel theme): And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

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