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The Holy Book of Tobit

ΠΙΣΩΜ ΕΘΟΥΑΒ ΝΤΕ ΤΩΒΙΤ



“Tobias and the Angel,” represents God being nearer to us than we think. God is ready to assist us if we remain faithful to Him.

Written in Aramaic, the original Holy Book of Tobit was lost for centuries. The Greek translation, existing in three different recensions, is our primary source. In 1955, fragments of the Holy Book in Aramaic and in Hebrew were recovered from Cave IV at Qumran. These texts are in substantial agreement with the Greek recension that has served as the basis for the present translation. This Holy

Book tells the story of Tobit, son of Tobiel of the descendants of Asiel, of the tribe of Naphtali.

Tobit was a righteous man who walked in the ways of truth all of his life. He performed many acts of charity for the people around him. He gave food to the hungry, and clothing to the naked. Tobit buried the bodies of the dead of his people who were thrown out behind the wall of Nineveh. One time someone told King Sennacherib that Tobit was doing these things, and the king ordered that he be put to death. Tobit ran away and hid from the king, and all his property was taken away. After a while the sons of Sennacherib killed their father, and appointed Ahikar, which is the son of Tobit’s brother Hanael, the cupbearer. Ahikar interceded for Tobit, and he returned to his family in Nineveh.

The Holy Book of Tobit is like one of the Lord Jesus Christ parables; there may be some historical basis for it but we do not know what it is. The Book of Tobit is a Wisdom Book because it offers instruction on how to live in relation to God and to one’s fellow men. Theological points to look for in the Holy Book are that God is nearer to us than we think and He is ready to assist us if we remain faithful to Him. Love for God must be shown in virtuous deeds and not just in words. We should think highly of burying the dead properly, remaining chaste before marriage, being faithful to one’s wife or husband, prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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The Holy Book of Judith

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Judith was a Protestant omitted canonical Holy Book that