



now commonly adheres to the version of the Holy Bible generally following the Greek Septuagint, or most Orthodox or Roman Catholic versions that have throughout the ages been ascribed to. It is included among the so-called “Apocrypha” in the King James Version, and can not be found in the Hebrew Bible. The author of this Holy Book is unknown, and it is written in two parts.

Part One: (chapters 1-7)

King Nebuchadnezzar, who reigned over the Assyrians in the great city of Nineveh, sends General Holofernes to punish the western nations because the western nations wouldn’t join him in a war against Media. So, he went, and every nation except the Israelites submitted. Achior, the leader of the Ammonites, told Holofernes that God will defend the Israelites as long as they remain faithful. But, Holofernes goes ahead and surrounds the Israelites in the ancient Palestinian town of Bethulia, near Jerusalem.

Part Two: (chapters 8-16)

The widow Judith volunteers to deliver the Israelites after rebuking them for losing faith in God when under siege. She goes to the Assyrian camp, pretending to inform them against her people. Holofernes is charmed, and invites her to a banquet in his tent. Holofernes becomes drunk at the banquet, and falls asleep. Judith gets a sword, beheads him, wraps his head in a bag, and takes it to her people. This makes it easy for the Israelites to attack the Assyrians, which now have no leader, and the Assyrians flee in panic. Then they celebrate the victory, and praise the Lord, and go to Jerusalem to offer thanksgiving.



Judith with Holofernes Head

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and reverence...



*Have you ever wished for just a
little more “wisdom”?*

Maybe you thought that having a higher IQ would make it easier to do better in exams or finish your homework a lot faster! Relying on intelligence may help you complete certain tasks faster or better. But if you want to be successful in your life as a whole- including the big picture “eternal life” then seek wisdom.

There was once a man that lived, just like any human who was born into this world (Wisdom chapter 7). Sure he was son of royalty so he received a little bit more attention than the rest of us. But what distinguished him was not the kingship, for many kings have come and gone.

What set him apart was his wisdom. I am sure by now my beloved reader you know who I am talking about. For his name is synonymous with wisdom. Yes, it’s King Solomon. In fact there is a whole book in our Holy Bible called “Wisdom of Solomon”. It’s found in the Orthodox and Catholic Bible.¹

In reading this awesome Book of the Holy Bible “Wisdom of Solomon” you will find that the profound aim of the Holy Spirit for this Holy Book is to build your soul spiritually and fortify her with Divine wisdom against the currents of evil and the vain lusts of the temporary world.

In Chapter 7 we read about wisdom that “There is in her a spirit that is intelligent, holy, loving the good, all-powerful, overseeing all, and penetrating through all spirits”. What is wisdom but the Holy Spirit of God!



Chapter 15 speaks to God's mercy: "But you, our God, are kind and true, patient, and ruling all things in mercy."

The Holy Book of "Wisdom of Solomon" consists of 19 chapters. The Holy Book is divided into 3 main parts:

1. Chapter 1 through 6:
Talks to us about the importance of seeking Heavenly Wisdom
2. Chapter 7 through 10:
Reveals to us Wisdom and Her attributes.
3. Chapter 11 through 19:
Gives us a glimpse of God's gentle and merciful wisdom as well as warning about Idolatry.

I invite you my beloved reader to experience for yourself living a life that is filled with the Heavenly Wisdom. You will find success following you everywhere you go. Joy will fill your heart. You will feel the continuous presence of our awesome God.

Where to start from?
In your morning prayers ask God to give you His Wisdom, you may also want to put a little piece of folded paper on the altar with this request.

Obtain a personal version of the Orthodox or Catholic Holy Bible based upon the Greek Septuagint which will

include the Book of "The Wisdom of Solomon". And always remember our Lord said "seek and you will receive" May the Lord fill you with His Wisdom.

—A Mighty Arrows, St. Mary, Atlanta GA

¹ You will not find it in the Protestant compilation of the Bible, when the Protestant split from the Catholic Church they excluded this book along with a few other books. However, our orthodox church firmly accepts the Wisdom of Solomon as part of the Holy Bible that is inspired from the Holy Spirit. Written

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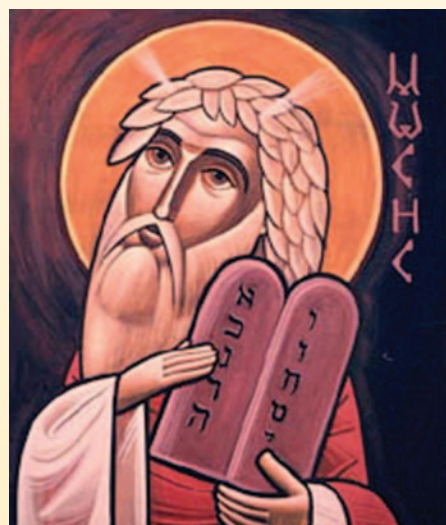
Holy Book of Sirach

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The Holy Book of "The Wisdom of Jesus, the Son of Sirach" (or simply "Wisdom of Sirach") or perhaps more widely known as the Book of Ecclesiasticus is mostly made up of unconnect-



Solomon, Prophet and King, Speaking to God's Mercy, "Buy You, our God, are kind and true, patient and ruling all things in mercy."



Moses with Ten Commandments.
The wisdom in the Law of Moses state that the people perished for the lack of prudence.