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Wisdom Literature Review: **Wisdom in the Old Testament and Theology in General**

This reference list is part of a larger literature review of texts and publications relevant to wisdom research. The following list is not exhaustive, but contains some references on wisdom in the Old Testament and in the whole field of theology. The five books of the Old Testament generally considered the “Wisdom Books” are Ecclesiastes, Job, Proverbs, Sirach, and The Wisdom of Solomon.

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