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METONYMIC CONCEPTUALIZATION OF BASIC CONCEPTS OF HUMAN LIFE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT WISDOM BOOKS

Abstract:

The main concept of wisdom in the books of Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes, which belong to the Old Testament wisdom tradition, is represented predominantly in a figurative manner. Metonymy in the Old Testament is a basic conceptual mode for speaking of God and transcendental entities. Tracing the conceptual metonymies of wisdom in these books reveals important fragments of the Old Testament conceptual system, related to the domains of time, life and death. The traditional understanding of human life under the sun in the book of Ecclesiastes is situated on a new philosophical foundation. However, Ecclesiastes, along with the authors of Proverbs and Job, reveals the meaning of human life not in an abstract way but most vividly and in detail using metonymic imagery.

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