

“SEEK WISDOM AS YOUR GUIDE”

The Book of Wisdom

Who wrote The Book of Wisdom?

No one knows exactly who wrote The Book of Wisdom. Evidence suggests that it was a single author who attributed the book to Solomon to give it more credibility in the Jewish community.

How did The Book of Wisdom get its name and/or what does that name mean?

In this book, wisdom is set apart as being one of the most treasured gifts from God. Because of wisdom, God reveals truth in the lives of man. This revelation helps us combat the influences of the devil all around us.

When did these events take place?

This book was written about 100 years before the birth of Christ.

For more about The Book of Wisdom:

See page 680 in the [Fireside Catholic Youth Bible](#).

The devil is pretty busy isn't he? It is not hard to see how he has filled the world with all kinds of influences that are not ordained by God. Every one of us experiences times when we are tempted to do things we know we shouldn't. Fortunately, there is that small voice in the back of our minds that reminds us to make the right choice. A well-developed conscience helps you remember that there is a reward for making Christ-like decisions as well as consequences if you become lazy in doing so.

One hundred years before the birth of Christ, the Jewish community in Alexandria, Egypt faced the same problems. They were surrounded by influences from the Greek culture that were contrary to Jewish tradition. In fact, many of the Jews began to adopt Hellenistic ways of thinking, even about God and the practice of their faith. Fortunately, however, there was a voice of “conscience” that spoke out to them in the form of The Book of Wisdom. In this book of encouragement, the author reminded his fellow Jews of the importance of their roots. He recalls their Exodus history and how their deliverance revealed the depth of God's loving mercy. The Book of Wisdom clearly points out how evil idolatry is and why adopting these ways would produce bad consequences for any believer both in life and death.

Interesting Fact: Because they are so pertinent even today, the Church has chosen to use many verses from the Book of Wisdom throughout the liturgical year.

Bonus Point: Name the eight Old Testament patriarchs described in Chapter 10 of The Book of Wisdom.