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▼ 3.1 **Wisdom H2451, *chokmah***. 149x

▼ 3.1.1 **Sailors** Ps 127:23-32

- v. 27 “they were at their wisdom’s end” (“wits” NIV), b/c the Lord had stirred up a storm, waves to the heavens, troughs to the depths, courage melted away...out of airspeed and out of ideas.

▼ 3.1.2 **Administration** 1 Kings 4:29, 30(3), 34(2); Sheba’s visit 10:4, 6, 7

- 1 Kings 4:29 God gave Solomon **wisdom** and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore. 30 Solomon’s **wisdom** was greater than the **wisdom** of all the people of the East, and greater than all the **wisdom** of Egypt. 31 He was **wiser** than anyone else, including Ethan the Ezrahite—wiser than Heman, Kalkol and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his fame spread to all the surrounding nations. 32 He spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs numbered a thousand and five. 33 He spoke about plant life, from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of walls. He also spoke about animals and birds, reptiles and fish. 34 From all nations people came to listen to Solomon’s **wisdom**, sent by all the kings of the world, who had heard of his **wisdom**. NIV

▼ 3.1.3 God’s **Creation**, and our **Walk (Wise Life)** Prov 3

- 3:19 By **wisdom** the Lord laid the earth’s foundations,
by understanding he set the heavens in place;
20 by his knowledge the watery depths were divided,
and the clouds let drop the dew.
21 My son, do not let **wisdom** and understanding out of your sight,
preserve sound judgment and discretion;
22 they will be life for you,
an ornament to grace your neck.
23 Then you will go on your way in safety,
and your foot will not stumble.
24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid;
when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.
25 Have no fear of sudden disaster
or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked,
26 for the Lord will be at your side
and will keep your foot from being snared.

▼ 3.1.4 **G4678, *sophia*** 51x

- Acts 6:1 In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews[a] among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. 2 So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. 3 Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and **wisdom**. We will turn this responsibility over to them 4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

▼ 1 Cor 1:20, 21, 22, 24, 30; 2:1, 4

- 18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: “I will destroy the **wisdom** of the **wise**;

the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

20 Where is the **wise** person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the **wisdom** of the world? 21 For since in the **wisdom** of God the world through its **wisdom** did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. 22 Jews demand signs and Greeks look for **wisdom**, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the **wisdom** of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human **wisdom**, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

26 Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were **wise** by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the **wise**; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 28 God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, 29 so that no one may boast before him. 30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us **wisdom** from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. 31 Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

▼ 3.2 **Understanding H998 binah** 38x

▼ 3.2.1 Grasping **God’s Words** Prov 1 NIV

- 1:1 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: 2 for gaining wisdom and instruction;
for **understanding** words of insight;

3 for receiving instruction in prudent behavior,
doing what is right and just and fair;
4 for giving prudence to those who are simple,
knowledge and discretion to the young—
5 let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance—
6 for **understanding** proverbs and parables,
the sayings and riddles of the wise.
7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

- 2:1 My son, if you accept my words
and store up my commands within you,
2 turning your ear to wisdom
and applying your heart to **understanding**—
3 indeed, if you call out for insight
and cry aloud for **understanding**,
4 and if you look for it as for silver
and search for it as for hidden treasure,
5 then you will **understand** the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.
6 For the Lord gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and **understanding**.

▼ 3.2.2 **G1989, *epistello*** 3x

- *write a message*: Acts 15:20, 21:25; Heb 13:22