

209. 50, Rome, Egypt, and Book of Wisdom

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The Book of Wisdom of Solomon (BWS) was written in Greek during the first century Hellenistic period. “Wisdom, in Judaism, became the Books of Law, the first five books of the bible, the sacred Torah. ... It contains an account of Wisdom (Sophia) who is very close to the Hochma of the Bible, but whose powers are extended (CDBL: 31-38).”

The appearance of the Book of Wisdom of Solomon at the time of the birth of Christianity seems to be a hinge point of civilization: the old world with its concepts of goddesses as well as gods of female divine power as balance, is in transition. The terminus it will meet is a total monotheism aligned on male concepts, but its journey is in a terrain that still contains the deities that have been important to humans for many thousands of years (CDBL: 60-61).

Full discussion to follow including further interpretations of entry, Rome, Egypt, and Book of Wisdom. During this further research process, please see the RGS, GSA, and bibliographic considerations below.

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Further research: 500 BCE-200 CE, Gnosticism, Gospels, Orphic Hymns, and Sophia. (RGS.)

Further research on Wisdom Goddesses: Babylonian Siduri-Sabitu (Tree of Life) (FAD: 16-17); Sophia (Greek *wisdom*) continued as Hebrew Shekinah/ Shekhinah (dwelling place of God and Tree of Life) (FAD: 23; CDBL: 177); Nisaba, goddess of the reeds; Lady Serpent Asherah (CMWE: 33; QM: 397) and Tree of Life and creatress of the Gods (UTI: 131); Hebrew Hochma (CDBL: 179); Babylonian Tiamat (serpent); Mesopotamian Gula (physician with snakes entwined caduceus); damned Eve (snake and apple); and banished Lilith (night monster owl). (FAD.)

IMAGE: WISDOM GODDESS SOPHIA AT CELSUS LIBRARY: EPHESUS, (ANATOLIA) TURKEY.

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IMAGE: HAGIA SOPHIA OR HOLY WISDOM MOSQUE: ISTANBUL, (ANATOLIA) TURKEY.

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IMAGE: SOPHIA (GREEK WISDOM): JUDY CHICAGO EXHIBIT.

PHOTO: © GSA. DESCRIPTION: SOPHIA (GREEK WISDOM) AS INTERPRETED BY JUDY CHICAGO. EXHIBITIONS INCLUDED LONDON, ENGLAND AND EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND.

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