

1743. [Socioeconomic Conflict in Wisdom Literature] MICHAEL S. MOORE, *WealthWise: Study of Socioeconomic Conflict in Hebrew Wisdom* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2021). Pp. 284. \$47. ISBN 9781725289659.

As he did in the first two books in this series (*WealthWatch* and *WealthWarn*), M. in this volume examines (a) the primary socioeconomic motifs in the Bible from a comparative intertextual perspective, and (b) traces the trajectory formed by these motifs through the Tanak into early Jewish and “Nazarene” texts. Whereas *WealthWatch* focused on Torah and *WealthWarn* focused on the Prophets, *WealthWise* concentrates on wisdom literature. There is a didactic element in much of wisdom literature, as pointed out in the essay by Bernd Schipper, “‘Teach them diligently to your son!’: The Book of Proverbs and Deuteronomy,” in *Reading Proverbs Intertextually* (2018). The proverbs of the Bible often deal with the best ways to manage land, trade, credit and debts, love and marriage, children, and how to see these things in God’s light. But Scripture is also realistic about the struggle to deal with pessimistic assessments of life—see Brian Peterson, *Qoheleth’s Hope: The Message of Ecclesiastes in a Broken World* (2020). The biblical and ANE texts examined here by M. include the Instructions of Shuruppak, the Codex Hammurabi, the Poem of the Pious Sufferer, the Babylonian Theodicy, the Shamash Hymn, the Dialogue of Pessimism, various Hittite texts, the Proverbs of Ahiqar, 4QInstruction, the Wisdom of Ben Sira, and the Wisdom of Solomon. See also Roger Whybray, *Wealth and Poverty in the Book of Proverbs* (1990).—F.W.G.