

The Wisdom  
of Ben Sira

# The book of many names



**Sirach** (greek form of Sira)

**The Wisdom of Ben Sira**

**Liber Ecclesiasticus**

**Church Book**

**Ecclesiasticus**

**Ecclus**

# Authored by: **Yeshua (Jesus) son of Eleazar son of Sira**

## **Topics:**

- **Wisdom**
- **Parenting**
- **Children**
- **Husbands & Wives**
- **Young**
- **Friendship**
- **Rich & Poor**
- **Wicked and virtuous women 25:13**
- **And more.....**

- The book contains a foreword from his grandson.
- Written circa 175 BC and translated into Greek by his grandson in 115 BC.
- Sirach is not part of the [Jewish canon](#),
- Some Jews in the [diaspora](#) (exiled Jews) considered Sirach scripture. For instance, the Greek translation made by Ben Sira's grandson was included in the [Septuagint](#), the 2nd-century BCE Greek version of the Jewish scriptures used by Diaspora Jews, through which it became part of the Greek canon. The multiplicity of manuscript fragments uncovered in the [Cairo Genizah](#) evidence its authoritative status among Egyptian Jewry until the Middle Ages.<sup>[14]</sup>
- *The Wisdom of Sirach* is a collection of ethical teachings. Thus *Ecclesiasticus* closely resembles [Proverbs](#), except that, unlike the latter, it is presented as the work of a single author,
- **The book was recognized by the Catholic Church as inspired & canonical.**
- **Used extensively in the early church for moral teaching to new converts.**