

# Proverbs Part 2 Syllabus

Welcome to the second part of our proverbial class! Phillip Melanchthon introduced his commentary on Proverbs saying “It is exceedingly difficult to translate the maxims and short sayings of a foreign language into another....For there are many stylistic elements present in short sayings that are not easily understood, partly because they arise from a language that is less familiar and partly because they refuse, if I may say so, to put on the clothes of a foreigner.” In this class, we shall attempt that awkward fitting into those proverbial clothes of a foreigner in our search for meaning and clarity among Proverb’s ancient Hebrew aphorisms.

## **Class Structure:**

Class will meet weekly on Wednesdays at 7pm Eastern/ 6 Central from September 18th through November 20th. The goal for part two of this course will be to read from chapter 17 until the end of the book. This means we will often read about two chapters per class. There are no assigned readings for this course outside of the bible passages themselves. But I will be using as my scholarly companions Phillip Melanchthon’s commentary on Proverbs (Translated by Timothy Wengert) and Michael Fox’s two-volume Anchor Bible Commentary on Proverbs. You will see me quote from them both in my notes frequently.

## **Part 2 Sessions:**

**September 18**-Welcome Back & Chapter 17

**September 25**- Chapters 18 & 19

**October 2**- Chapter 20

**October 9**- Chapters 21 & 22

**October 16**- Chapter 23

**October 23**- Chapter 24

**October 30**- Chapters 25 & 26

**November 6**- Chapters 27 & 28

**November 13**- Chapters 29 & 30

**November 20**- Chapter 31 & Conclusion