


Hebrew text into the Greek language.¹¹

In this verse then they say that Jesus Christ Himself is the speaker, and that He says that the LORD created Him as the beginning of His creation before He created anything else.

According to this interpretation, Jesus is a created being, and if Jesus is a created being, He can't be God, for God is eternal. This interpretation, therefore, contradicts the doctrine that Jesus is God.

Now it is true that wisdom in this eighth chapter of Proverbs is personified, and that many Christian writers of the early centuries A.D. say that this is a reference to Jesus Christ in His prehuman form, but nowhere in the Bible does it say that wisdom in this chapter is Jesus Christ.

Furthermore, the content of this chapter makes it clear that wisdom in this chapter isn't Jesus Christ, but is wisdom that is personified just as love is personified in I Corinthians 13:4-7. Wisdom in this chapter then isn't Jesus Christ as the Jehovah's Witnesses say, but is wisdom that is personified, i.e., represented as though it is able to speak and act.

Now let us examine the Hebrew word  which is translated "possessed" in verse 22 of this chapter. This Hebrew word can have two different meanings in this verse. The first meaning is "to create." This is the meaning that is assigned to this Hebrew word in this verse by the Brown, Driver, and Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament.¹² If this is the meaning of this Hebrew word, this verse says that the LORD created wisdom as the beginning of His creation

¹¹The Septuagint with Apocrypha Greek and English, p. 795. The English translation has "The Lord made me" instead of "The Lord created me."

¹²A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament, pp. 888, 889.