



## A Biblical Theology Of Gerassapience

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**Summary :** Free a biblical theology of gerassapience pdf download - ancient cultures such as that of the hebrews commonly associated wisdom with advanced years in a biblical theology of gerassapience the author investigates the validity of this correlation through an eclectic approach---including linguistic semantic tradition-historical and socio-anthropological methods---to pertinent biblical and extra-biblical texts there are significant variations in the estimation of gerassapience or old-age wisdom in each period of ancient israel s life---that is in pre-monarchical monarchical and post-monarchical israel throughout this study appropriate cross-cultural parallels are drawn from the cultures of ancient israel s neighbors and of modern societies such as the west african yoruba tribe the overall results are bi-dimensional on the one hand there are semantic elements of gerassapience such as the elusiveness of wisdom and the mild fluidity of old age both terms have strong contextual affinity with minimal exceptions thus the attribution of wisdom to old age is evident but not absolute in the hebrew bible old testament on the other hand gerassapience is depicted as primarily didactic through direct and indirect instructions and counsels of the elderly fostering the saging fear-of-yahweh legacies on the whole socio-anthropocentric tendencies of gerassapience that is of making old age a repertoire of wisdom are checked by theological warrants of theosapience yahwistic wisdom therefore in the hebrew bible the fear of yahweh is also the beginning of growing old and wise joel a a ajayi has done us all a great service by bringing together the old testament understanding of wisdom and the old testament understanding of old age he treats this old testament thematic pair with linguistic tradition-historical and socio-anthropological approaches in three historical periods pre-monarchy monarchy and post-monarchy with this approach he is able to articulate the diversity of old testament views of the wisdom of old age in a society already grappling with issues tied to aging this probing biblical study will richly repay its readers w h bellinger jr chair department of religion and w marshall and lulie craig professor of bible baylor university waco texas

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