Proverbs
Introduction

Proverbs is poetry

Terseness:

Structure:

Figurative imagery:

- simile
- metaphor
- hyperbole
- personification
- representation
- wordplays

Critical observation #1:

Critical observation #2:

What is the message of Proverbs?

The two ways in the NT
2 Cor 6:14, 1 John 2:9-11, Acts 26:18

See also Gal 5:19-23, 2 Cor 12:20-21; 1 Thess 5:13-15; 1 Cor 6:9-10; 1 Pet 4:3; 1 Pet 4:7-10.

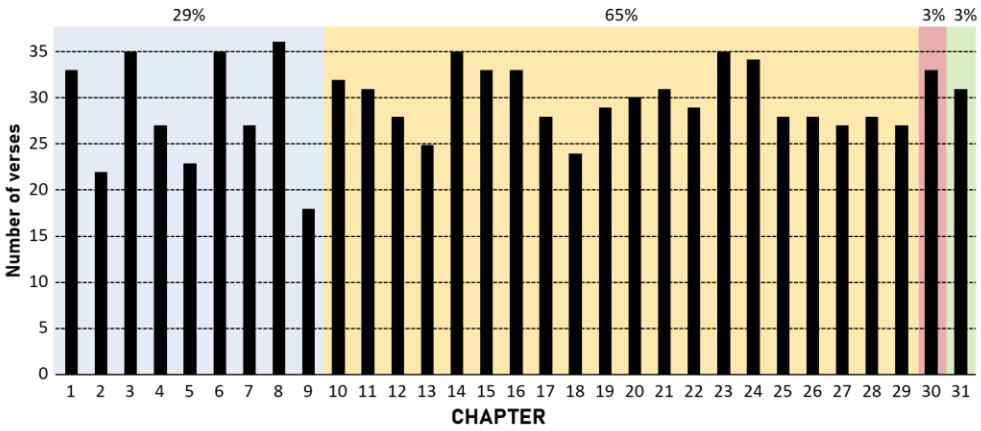
Yahweh in Proverbs

Why study Proverbs?

Ecclesiastes 12:11 The words of wise men are like goads, and masters of these collections are like well-driven nails; they are given by one Shepherd.

Structure of Proverbs

1-9	Lengthy, well-crafted discourses
10-29	A collection of short, pithy sayings, seemingly without arrangement
30	The words of Agur
31	The words of king Lemuel



Word groups used for the two paths

Way of Wisdom
The Fear of Yahweh

Names
Wise
Righteous
Upright
Prudent
Good

Resources
Counsel
Learning
Commandments
Advice
Teaching
Fear of Yahweh
Reproof
Discipline

Destination
Life
Light
Peace
Security

Traits
Wise
Righteous
Just
Loyal love
Fair
Blameless
Humble
Confident
Straight
Peaceful
Pleasant
Good
Discrete speech
Patient
Noble
Integrity
Diligent
Generous

Simple, Naïve or Gullible, Poor

Way of Folly
Rebellion Against Yahweh

Names
Fool
Scoffer
Wicked
Vile
Evil
Sinner

Resources
Self
Other fools

Destination
Punishment
Stumble/Fall
Snare/Net/Trap
Darkness
Disaster
Pain
Sheol
The Pit
Death

Traits
Anger
Rage
Hatred
Violence
Crooked
Perverse
Disgraceful
Shameful
Contentious
Fighter
Arrogant
Deceitful
Lazy
Drunkard
Talkative
Murder
Adultery
Sexual immorality
Liar
Rebellious
Thief