

# **Wisdom of Financial Management in the Old Testament - Taking Mayer A. Rothschild as an Example**

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## **Abstract**

The world has been suffering from a recession since the overnight collapse of several gigantic investment banks in 2008. It is worth noting that most people in charge of world finance are the best qualified specialists with excellent educational backgrounds or high profile seats in professional organizations. By contrast, since the rise of Mayer Amschel Rothschild in 1800s, this family has maintained influence and power worldwide until the present. As the Old Testament, or the Hebrew Bible, had been taught to Mayer A. Rothschild since childhood, I argue that the wisdom from it contributed to the financial success of this Jewish family.

This research is aimed to elaborate the wisdom of financial management in the Old Testament, for example, working hard, saving, and giving a lot. Besides, avoiding quick wealth, greed and dishonesty is also taught to keep believers away from financial traps. All of these are connected with the way Mayer Amschel Rothschild managed his wealth. It is expected that the wisdom of financial management of the Old Testament in the late modern era can be unveiled. Moreover, some solid religious foundations about finance management can be highlighted for readers to enjoy a financially abundant material life.

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