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- versus copyist-scribal. In Fox's AB commentary on Prov he says: "for Proverbs are by their very nature highly mutable. Proverbial sayings undergo constant change, in both oral and written transmission, and some of the changes are *developments* rather than mere errors" (5, cited by Tov). On Fox's *HBCE* Prov Tov says: "The reader is guided mainly by the commentary and not by the eclectic text" (8). In wrapping up Tov says: "If other volumes look like the present one, HBCE may well become a slightly improved form of MT together with superb textual commentaries" (8).
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