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*A Mockery of Roman Rule: The Response in the Wisdom of Solomon to Early Julio-Claudian Ideologies*

ABSTRACT

Network criticism facilitates the determination of elements of the personal cognitive network of the architect and the prime users of the Wisdom of Solomon. Simulation of this network and comparison of it to socio-cultural matrices clarifies in three passages the domain of several ideologies of the early Julio-Claudian emperors. Network criticism also enhances the perception of the emergent domain, expressed in these passages, of a critique both of imperial estate ideology in reference to Egypt and of moderation ideology that solidified the ethos of the first emperors. Sociorhetorical analyses of the repetition, progression, argumentation, and socio-cultural and ideological dimensions of the three interrelated sets of verses will focus on these network critical perspectives.