

Notes on John 1:10-11

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*“He was in the world, (and the world came into being through him),
and the world did not know him.*

*He came to his own,
and those who were His own did not receive Him.”*

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The theme of the logos coming to his own people (Israel) only to be rejected echoes the oft-told story of the personified Lady Wisdom. This is another strong indication that the personified logos and the personified wisdom were near synonyms at the writing of the Gospel of John. Note the following examples:

- Send her forth from the holy heavens, and from the throne of your glory send her, that she may labor at my side, and that I may learn what is pleasing to you. (Wisdom 9:10)
- He found the whole way to knowledge, and gave her to his servant Jacob and to Israel, whom he loved. Afterward she appeared on earth and lived with humankind. (Baruch 3:36-37)
- Then Wisdom went out to dwell with the children of men, but she found no dwelling place. So Wisdom returned to her place (1 Enoch 42:2)