#### Sepher Koheleth (Ecclesiastes)

#### **Chapter 5**

2. (5:1 in Heb.) 'al-t'bahel `al-piyak w'lib'ak 'al-y'maher l'hotsi' dabar liph'ney ha'Elohim ki ha'Elohim bashamayim w'atah `al-ha'arets `al-ken yih'yu d'bareyak m'`atim.

**Ecc5:2** Do not be hasty on your mouth, and do not let your heart hurry to bring forth a word before the Elohim. For the Elohim is in the heavens and you are on the earth; therefore let your words be few.

<5:1> μὴ σπεῦδε ἐπὶ στόματί σου, καὶ καρδία σου μὴ ταχυνάτω τοῦ ἐξενέγκαι λόγον πρὸ προσώπου τοῦ θεοῦ· ὅτι ὁ θεὸς ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ ἄνω, καὶ σὺ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐπὶ τούτῷ ἔστωσαν οἱ λόγοι σου ὀλίγοι.
1 mē speude epi stomati sou, kai kardia sou mē tachynatō Do not haste with your mouth, and your heart let not hasten tou exenegkai logon pro prosōpou tou theou; to bring forth a word before the presence of the Elohim! hoti ho theos en tῷ ouranῷ anῦ, kai sy epi tēs gēs, For the Elohim is in the heavens upward, and you are upon the earth; epi toutῷ estōsan hoi logoi sou oligoi.

Upon this be your words few!



3. (5:2 in Heb.) ki ba' hachalom b'rob `in'yan w'qol k'sil b'rob d'barim.

**Ecc5:3** For the dream comes through the multitude of business and the voice of a fool is known by multitude of words.

<2> ὅτι παραγίνεται ἐνύπνιον ἐν πλήθει περισπασμοῦ

καὶ φωνὴ ἄφρονος ἐν πλήθει λόγων.

2 hoti paraginetai enypnion en plēthei perispasmou

For comes through a dream in a multitude of testing;

kai phōnē aphronos en plēthei logōn.

and the voice of a fool in a multitude of words.

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4. (5:3 in Heb.) ka'asher tidor neder l'Elohim 'al-t'acher l'shal'mo ki 'eyn chephets bak'silim 'eth 'asher-tidor shalem.

**Ecc5:4** When you vow a vow to Elohim, do not wait to fufill it; for He has no delight in fools. Pay that which you have vowed!

<3> καθώς ἂν εὔξῃ εὐχὴν τῷ θεῷ, μὴ χρονίσῃς τοῦ ἀποδοῦναι αὐτήν·
 ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν θέλημα ἐν ἄφροσιν, σὺν ὅσα ἐἀν εὕξῃ ἀπόδος.

3 kathōs an euxē euchēn tō theō, mē chronisēs tou apodounai autēn;

As when you vow a vow to Elohim, you should not pass time to render it,

hoti ouk estin thelēma en aphrosin,

for is not his will in foolish vows.

syn hosa ean euxę apodos.

You then, as much as you should have vowed, render!

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5. (5:4 in Heb.) tob 'asher lo'-thidor mishetidor w'lo' th'shalem.

**Ecc5:5** It is better that you should not yow than that you should yow and not pay.

<4> ἀγαθὸν τὸ μὴ εὔξασθαί σε ἢ τὸ εὔξασθαί σε καὶ μὴ ἀποδοῦναι.

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Better to not make a vow for you, than for you to make a vow and not repay.

זאט־××ז אי־זידע טאפּדא אי־פּיץע זאט־×אזי אידנע געד אודר גאא טער גאט־אטרא גאטדער פּידע טוער גאפט אידעייע גע־בּער פּיד לַחַטיא אָת־בּשָׂרֶד ואַל־הּאמַר לִפְנֵי הַמַּלְאָך כִּי שְׁגָגָה הִיא לָמָה יִקְצוֹף הָאֶלהִים עַל־קוֹלֶך וְחִבֵּל אֶת־מַעֲשֵׂה יִדֶיךָ:

6. (5:5 in Heb.) 'al-titen 'eth-piyak lachati' 'eth-b'sarek w'al-to'mar liph'ney hamal'ak ki sh'gagah hi' lamah yiq'tsoph ha'Elohim `al-qoleak w'chibel 'eth-ma`aseh yadeyak.

**Ecc5:6** Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin

and do not say in the presence of the messenger that it was an error. Why should the Elohim be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands?

<5> μή δώς το στόμα σου τοῦ έξαμαρτήσαι την σάρκα σου

καὶ μὴ εἴπῃς πρὸ προσώπου τοῦ θεοῦ ὅτι Ἄγνοιά ἐστιν,

ίνα μή όργισθή ό θεός έπι φωνή σου και διαφθείρη τα ποιήματα χειρών σου.

5 mē dos to stoma sou tou examartēsai tēn sarka sou

You should not give your mouth to lead into sin your flesh;

kai mē eipęs pro prosopou tou theou hoti Agnoia estin,

and you should not say before the presence of the Elohim that, It is in ignorance; hina mē orgisthē ho theos epi phōnē sou

lest should be provoked to anger Elohim at your voice,

kai diaphtheirę ta poiemata cheiron sou.

and should utterly destroy the things made by your hands.

יּעָד פָּרַפ אַטאָדא דְבָּטִ*דּע דְאַנוּאָד אָרַפּאָע אַרַאָּרָאָ אָרַפּאָ* אָאָדיקע גּוּאָד וכִּי בְרֹב חֲלֹמוֹת וַהֲבָלִים וּרְבָרִים הַרְבֵּה כִּי אֶת־הָאֶֶלֹהִים יְרָאָ:

7. (5:6 in Heb.) ki b'rob chalomoth wahabalim ud'barim har'beh ki 'eth-ha'Elohim y'ra'.

**Ecc5:7** For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear the Elohim.

<6> ὅτι ἐν πλήθει ἐνυπνίων καὶ ματαιότητες καὶ λόγοι πολλοί· ὅτι σὺν τὸν θεὸν φοβοῦ.

6 hoti en plēthei enypniōn kai mataiotētes

For in a multitude of dreams, and follies,

kai logoi polloi; hoti syn ton theon phobou.

and words many, that with that with the Elohim you should fear.

ז אָם־עּשֶׁק רָשׁ זְרִד*ֵּט אָ*יּזָאַ אָאָרָאָ צּאָרָאָ צּאָרָאָ אָט־×אָדָ סט־גּאָש אָר גער גער אָר גער אָר אוער אוער גער סטרגעי זאָם־עשֶׁק רָשׁ וְגָזֶל מִשְׁפָּט וָצֶרֶק תִּרְאָה בַמְּרִינָה אַל־תִּתְמַה עַל־הַחֵפָּץ כִּי גָביהַ מֵעַל גָּביהַ שׁמֵר וּגְבהִים עֲלֵיהֶם:

8. (5:7 in Heb.) 'im-`osheq rash w'gezel mish'pat watsedeq tir'eh bam'dinah 'al-tith'mah `al-hachephets ki gaboah me`al gaboah shomer ug'bohim `aleyhem.

**Ecc5:8** If you see the oppression of the poor and denial of justice and righteousness in the province, marvel not at the matter; for a high one over the high one is observing, and higher ones are over them.

<7> 'Εάν συκοφαντίαν πένητος καὶ ἁρπαγὴν κρίματος καὶ δικαιοσύνης ἴδῃς ἐν χώρα, μὴ θαυμάσῃς ἐπὶ τῷ πράγματι·

ότι ὑψηλὸς ἐπάνω ὑψηλοῦ φυλάξαι καὶ ὑψηλοὶ ἐπ' αὐτούς.

7 Ean sykophantian penētos kai harpagēn krimatos

If extortion of the needy and seizure by lawsuit

kai dikaiosynēs idęs en chorą,

and judicial right you should see in a place,

mē thaumasęs epi to pragmati;

you should not wonder over the thing;

hoti huyēlos epanō huyēlou phylaxai kai huyēloi ep' autous.

for a high one above a high one shall guard, and high ones over them.

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## דּוְיִתְרוֹן אֶֶרֶץ בַּכֹּל הִיא מֶלֶך לְשָׂרֶה נֶעֶּבָרי

#### 9. (5:8 in Heb.) w'yith'ron 'erets bakol hi' melek l'sadeh ne`ebad.

Ecc5:9 And the advantage of the earth is for all; it is a king that has the field being tilled.

<8> καὶ περισσεία γῆς ἐν παντί ἐστι, βασιλεὺς τοῦ ἀγροῦ εἰργασμένου. 8 kai perisseia gēs en panti esti,

And the abundance of the earth for all is; basileus tou agrou eirgasmenou.

even the king needs the of a field working.

פּאָדּ*פּ* עַדָּ*ן ל*אָ־דּי*יפּ* עַדָּן זיע־אָדּפּ פּדּעָדן לא אפּדאָד דע־דַדּ דּ*פּלי* טאהב כֶּסֶף לֹא־יִשְׂבַע כֶּסֶף וּמִי־אֹהֵב כֶּהָמוֹן לֹא תְבוּאָה גַּם־זֶה הָבֶל:

#### 10. (5:9 in Heb.) 'oheb keseph lo'-yis'ba` keseph umi-'oheb behamon lo' th'bu'ah gam-zeh habel.

**Ecc5:10** He who loves silver shall not be satisfied with silver, nor he who loves abundance with increase. This also is vanity.

<9> Άγαπῶν ἀργύριον οὐ πλησθήσεται ἀργυρίου·

και τίς ήγάπησεν έν πλήθει αὐτῶν γένημα; καί γε τοῦτο ματαιότης.

9 Agapon argyrion ou plēsthēsetai argyriou;

#### The one loving silver shall not be filled of silver;

kai tis ēgapēsen en plēthei autōn genēma? kai ge touto mataiotēs.

nor one who loved in their abundance the offspring. And indeed this is folly.

אָזעָאָד אָזעָאָד אָאַעָאָד אָזעָאָד אָזעָאָד זינעראָזע אַפּאַנאָד אָזעיאָד אייקעיד יבּרְבוֹת הַטּוֹבָה רַבּוּ אוֹכְעֶיהָ וּמַה־כּּשְׁרוֹן לִבְעָּעֶׂיהָ כִּי אָם־רְאָיַת עֵינָיו:

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#### 11. (5:10 in Heb.) bir'both hatobah rabbu 'ok'leyah umah-kish'ron lib'`aleyah ki 'im-r'iath `eynayu.

**Ecc5:11** When the good increase, they are increased that eat them. So what is the advantage to their owners except to see it with their eyes?

<10> ἐν πλήθει τῆς ἀγαθωσύνης ἐπληθύνθησαν ἔσθοντες αὐτήν· καὶ τί ἀνδρεία τῷ παρ' αὐτῆς ὅτι ἀλλ' ἢ τοῦ ὁρâν ὀφθαλμοῖς αὐτοῦ; 10 en plēthei tēs agathōsynēs eplēthynthēsan esthontes autēn; In a multitude of goodness are multiplied the ones eating of it;

kai ti andreia tō par' autēs

and what courageous thing is it to the one having it,

hoti all' ē tou horan ophthalmois autou?

but the sum of the seeing it with his eyes?

זו עָּאַדאָר אָעָ גּפּבּ געריט אָעָ־אָר אָע־אָר גאָע־גאָע־גאָע־גאָע־געט אַגּאַבּס גַסּאָר געער אָעדע עַגאָע גע גאָע־געט יאַמְתוּקָה שְׁנַת הָעֹבֵד אָם־מְעַט וְאָם־הַרְבֵּה יֹאַכֵל וְהַשְּׁבָע כֶּעָשׁיר אֵינֶנּוּ מַנִּיחַ לוֹ לִישׁוֹן:

12. (5:11 in Heb.) m'thuqah sh'nath ha`obed 'im-m'`at w'im-har'beh yo'kel w'hasaba` le`ashir 'eynenu maniach lo lishon.

**Ecc5:12** The sleep of the one serving is pleasant, whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich man does not allow him to sleep.

<11> γλυκύς ὕπνος τοῦ δούλου, εἰ ὀλίγον καὶ εἰ πολὺ φάγεται· καὶ τῷ ἐμπλησθέντι τοῦ πλουτῆσαι οὐκ ἔστιν ἀφίων αὐτὸν τοῦ ὑπνῶσαι. 11 glykys hypnos tou doulou, ei oligon kai ei poly phagetai;

is sweet Sleep for the servant, if little or if much he shall eat.

kai tǫ emplesthenti tou ploutesai ouk estin aphion auton tou hypnosai.

And to the one being filled to be rich there is none allowing him to sleep.

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13. (5:12 in Heb.) yesh ra`ah cholah ra'ithi tachath hashamesh `osher shamur lib'`alayu l'ra`atho.

**Ecc5:13** There is a grievous evil which I have seen under the sun: riches being kept for their owners to his hurt.

<12> ἔστιν ἀρρωστία, η̈ν εἶδον ὑπὸ τὸν η̈λιον,

πλοῦτον φυλασσόμενον τῷ παρ' αὐτοῦ εἰς κακίαν αὐτοῦ,

12 estin arrōstia, hēn eidon hypo ton hēlion,

There is a sickness which I beheld under the sun –

plouton phylassomenon to par' autou eis kakian autou,

riches being kept by him, for his hurt.

13 אַאַפָּאַ 10 אַאָּצָאַ 10 אַפּאָאָ 10 פּיּזָאָן 10 אַרְאָבָר פָע אָאָדָל 14 אָאַאָלָ יגןאָבַר הָעֹשֶׁר הַהוּא בְּעִנְיַן רָע וְהוֹלִיד בֵּן וְאֵין בְּיָדוֹ מְאוּמָה:

14. (5:13 in Heb.) w'abad ha`osher hahu' b'`in'yan ra` w'holid ben w'eyn b'yado m'umah.

**Ecc5:14** When those riches were lost through an evil investment and he had fathered a son, and there is nothing in his hand.

<13> καὶ ἀπολεῖται ὁ πλοῦτος ἐκεῖνος ἐν περισπασμῷ πονηρῷ, καὶ ἐγέννησεν υἱόν, καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ἐν χειρὶ αὐτοῦ οὐδέν.

#### 13 kai apoleitai ho ploutos ekeinos en perispasmo ponero,

And shall be destroyed those riches in distraction an evil;

kai egennēsen huion, kai ouk estin en cheiri autou ouden.

and he engenders a son, and is there not in his hand anything.

אָאָאָאָ אָאָאָ אין אָאַאָעָר גאָדיאָ גּפּאָאָ אָפּאָאָע אָאָאָ יד כַּאָאָשָר גָצָא מִבָּטָן אָמו עָרום נְשׁוּב לְלֶכֶת כְּשֶׁבָּא וּמְאוּמָה לא־יִשָּׂא בַעֲמָלו שֶׁיּלֵך בְּיָדוֹ:

15. (5:14 in Heb.) ka'asher yatsa' mibeten 'imo `arom yashub laleketh k'sheba' um'umah lo'-yisa' ba`amalo sheyolek b'yado.

**Ecc5:15** As he had come naked from his mother's womb, he turns back to go as he came. He shall take nothing of his labor that he can carry in his hand.

<14> καθώς έξηλθεν ἀπὸ γαστρὸς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ γυμνός,

ἐπιστρέψει τοῦ πορευθῆναι ὡς ἥκει καὶ οὐδὲν οὐ λήμψεται ἐν μόχθῳ αὐτοῦ, ἵνα πορευθῆ ἐν χειρὶ αὐτοῦ.

14 kathos exelthen apo gastros metros autou gymnos,

As he came forth from the womb of his mother naked,

epistrepsei tou poreuthēnai hos hekei kai ouden ou lempsetai en mochtho autou,

he shall return to go as he comes, and nothing shall he take in his effort, hina poreuthę en cheiri autou.

that it should go with him in his hand.

16. (5:15 in Heb.) w'gam-zoh ra`ah cholah kal-`umath sheba' ken yelek umah-yith'ron lo sheya`amol laruach.

**Ecc5:16** This also is a grievous evil, that in all as he came, so shall he go. And what is the advantage to him who toils for the wind?

<15> καί γε τοῦτο πονηρὰ ἀρρωστία· ὥσπερ γὰρ παρεγένετο, οὕτως καὶ ἀπελεύσεται, καὶ τίς περισσεία αὐτῷ, ἡ μοχθεῖ εἰς ἄνεμον;

15 kai ge touto ponēra arrōstia; hōsper gar paregeneto, houtōs kai apeleusetai,

And indeed this is an evil sickness; for as he came, so also he shall go forth. kai tis perisseia autō, hē mochthei eis anemon?

And what is his advantage in which he makes an effort into the wind?

## יאָליז אָאָלא אָאָאָא אָאָאָא אָאָאָא אָאָאָד אָאָאָד אָאָאָד אוּאָד אוּג טז גַּם כָּל־יָמָיו בַּחשֶׁך יאָבֵל וְכָעַס הַרְבֵה וְחָלְיוֹ וָקָצֶף:

17. (5:16 in Heb.) gam kal-yamayu bachoshek yo'kel w'ka`as har'beh w'chal'yo waqatseph.

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Ecc5:17 All his days also he eats in darkness with much sorrow, sickness and anger.

<16> καί γε πασαι αι ήμέραι αὐτοῦ ἐν σκότει και πένθει

καὶ θυμῷ πολλῷ καὶ ἀρρωστία καὶ χόλῳ.

16 kai ge pasai hai hēmerai autou en skotei kai penthei

And indeed all his days are in darkness, and in mourning,

kai thymǫ pollǫ kai arrostią kai cholǫ.

and rage much, and sickness, and bitter anger.

זו דּעָד 4ײִדּ-4ָאָדִאָד 4עָד פּאָד 4ײִדּ-דָרָד 3גָץ 2+עָץט־אָטײאָץ אַרָּדָאַ פּאָדָר פּעָט-פּעָט ײּדּעָד אַפּעָט אַרּ-עָאָרָאָר פּעָט-פּעָט אַדּרָאָרָע אָדָר אַרָּאָר זי הַנָּה אָשָׁעָר־רָאָיתִי אָנִי טוֹב אָשָׁער־יָפָה לָאָכוֹל־וְלִשְׁתּוֹת וְלִרְאוֹת טוֹבָה בְּכָל־עֲמָלוֹ שֶׁיַּעֲמֹל תַּחַת־הַשֶּׁמָש מִסְפַּר יְמֵי־חַיָּו אַשֶׁעָר־נָתַן־לוֹ הָאֶלהִים כִּי־הוּא חֶלְקוֹ:

18. (5:17 in Heb.) hinneh 'asher-ra'ithi 'ani tob 'asher-yapheh le'ekol-w'lish'toth w'lir'oth tobah b'kal-`amalo sheya`amol tachath-hashemesh mis'par y'mey-chayaw 'asher-nathan-lo ha'Elohim ki-hu' chel'qo.

**Ecc5:18** Behold that which I have seen: it is good which is fitting for one to eat, to drink and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun the number of the days of his life which the Elohim has given him; for it is his reward.

<17> Ίδοὺ ὃ εἶδον ἐγὼ ἀγαθόν, ὅ ἐστιν καλόν, τοῦ φαγεῖν καὶ τοῦ πιεῖν

καὶ τοῦ ἰδεῖν ἀγαθωσύνην ἐν παντὶ μόχθω αὐτοῦ,

ώ ἐἀν μοχθῆ ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον ἀριθμὸν ἡμερῶν ζωῆς αὐτοῦ,

ών έδωκεν αύτῷ ὁ θεός· ὅτι αὐτὸ μερὶς αὐτοῦ.

17 Idou ho eidon egō agathon, ho estin kalon, tou phagein kai tou piein Behold, I saw good, which is good to eat and to drink;

kai tou idein agathōsynēn en panti mochthǫ autou,

and to see goodness in all his effort

hộ ean mochthệ hypo ton hêlion

in whatever he should make an effort in under the sun,

arithmon hēmerōn zōēs autou, hōn edōken autō ho theos;

in the number of days of his life which gave to him the Elohim. hoti auto meris autou.

For it is his portion.

# 19. (5:18 in Heb.) gam kal-ha'adam 'asher nathan-lo ha'Elohim `osher un'kasim w'hish'lito le'ekol mimenu w'lase'th 'eth-chel'qo w'lis'moach ba`amalozoh matath 'Elohim hi'.

**Ecc5:19** Also every man to whom the Elohim has given to him riches and wealth, He has given him power to eat from them and to receive his reward and to rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of Elohim.

<18> καί γε πας ὁ ἄνθρωπος, ῷ̓ ἔδωκεν αὐτῷ ὁ θεὸς πλοῦτον καὶ ὑπάρχοντα καὶ ἐξουσίασεν αὐτὸν τοῦ φαγεῖν ἀπ' αὐτοῦ καὶ τοῦ λαβεῖν τὸ μέρος αὐτοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐφρανθῆναι ἐν μόχθῳ αὐτοῦ, τοῦτο δόμα θεοῦ ἐστιν.

18 kai ge pas ho anthrōpos, hō edōken autō ho theos plouton kai hyparchonta And indeed, every man to whom gave to him the Elohim riches and possessions,

kai exousiasen auton tou phagein ap' autou kai tou labein to meros autou and gave to him authority to eat from it, and to take his portion,

kai tou euphranthēnai en mochthǫ autou, touto doma theou estin. and to be glad in his effort; this a gift of Elohim is.

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# 20. (5:19 in Heb.) ki lo' har'beh yiz'kor 'eth-y'mey chayayu ki ha'Elohim ma`aneh b'sim'chath libo.

**Ecc5:20** For he shall not much remember the days of his life, because the Elohim answered him in the joy of his heart.

<19> ὅτι οὐ πολλὰ μνησθήσεται τὰς ἡμέρας τῆς ζωῆς αὐτοῦ· ὅτι ὁ θεὸς περισπậ αὐτὸν ἐν εὐφροσύνῃ καρδίας αὐτοῦ. 19 hoti ou polla mnēsthēsetai tas hēmeras tēs zöēs autou;

For he shall not much remember the days of his life, hoti ho theos perispa auton en euphrosynē kardias autou.

for the Elohim distracts him in the gladness of his heart.