

## Sepher Koheleth (Ecclesiastes)

### Chapter 1

Yom Kippur Reading Schedule - Ecc 1-12

אָהָרִי קְהַלָּת בֶּן־הָוֹד מֶלֶךְ בֵּירֻשָׁלָם: Ecc1:1

1. dib'rey qoheleth ben-Dawid melek bi'Yrushalam.

Ecc1:1 The words of the Preacher, the son of Dawid, king in Yerushalam.

<1:1> Ρήματα Ἐκκλησιαστοῦ υἱοῦ Δαυιδ βασιλέως Ἰσραὴλ ἐν Ἱερουσαλημ.

1 Hrēmata Ekklesiastou huiou Dauid basileōs Israēl en Ierousalēm.

The sayings of an ecclesiastic, son of David, king of Israel in Jerusalem.

בָּהָבֵל הַבְּלִים אָמַר קְהַלָּת הַבְּלִים הַפְּלִים הַבְּלִים: Ecc1:2

2. babel habalim 'amar qoheleth babel habalim hakol babel.

Ecc1:2 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<2> Ματαιότης ματαιοτήτων, εἰπεν δὲ Ἐκκλησιαστής,  
ματαιότης ματαιοτήτων, τὰ πάντα ματαιότης.

2 Mataiotēs mataiotētōn, eipen ho Ekklesiastēs, mataiotēs mataiotētōn, ta panta mataiotēs.  
Folly of follies, said the ecclesiastic, folly of follies; all things are folly.

גַּמְהִינְתַּרְוֹן לְאָדָם בְּכָל־עַמְלׁוֹ שִׁיעַמְלָל תְּחַת הַשְׁמָשָׁה: Ecc1:3

3. mah-yith'ron la'adam b'kal-'amalo sheya'amol tachath hashamesh.

Ecc1:3 What advantage does man have in all his work which he does under the sun?

<3> τίς περισσεία τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ ἐν παντὶ μόχθῳ αὐτοῦ, φέρε μοχθεῖ ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον;

3 tis perisseia tō anthrōpō en panti mochthō autou,

What is abundance to man in all his trouble

hō mochthei hypo ton hēlion?

in which he is troubled under the sun?

דָּרוֹר הַלְּקָד וְדָרוֹר בָּא וְהָאָרֶץ לְעוֹלָם עֲמָדָה: Ecc1:4

4. dor holek w'dor ba' w'ha'arets l'olam 'omadeth.

Ecc1:4 A generation goes and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever.

<4> γενεὰ πορεύεται καὶ γενεὰ ἔρχεται, καὶ ἡ γῆ εἰς τὸν αἰώνα ἔστηκεν.

4 genea poreuetai kai genea erchetai,

A generation goes, and a generation comes,

kai hē gē eis ton aiōna hestēken.

and the earth into the eon is established.

:וְאֵת כִּי תְּהִנֵּן לְאֵת כִּי תְּהִנֵּן כִּי תְּהִנֵּן וְאֵת כִּי תְּהִנֵּן 5

הַזָּהָר הַשְׁמֵשׁ וּבָא הַשְׁמֵשׁ שָׁוֹאֵף וְאֶל־מִקּוֹם זָהָר הַזָּהָר שָׁם:

5. w'zarach hashemesh uba' hashamesh w'el-m'qomo sho'eph zoreach hu' sham.

Ecc1:5 The sun also rises and the sun goes down; and hastens to its place; it rises there again.

<5> καὶ ἀνατέλλει ὁ ἥλιος καὶ δύνει ὁ ἥλιος καὶ εἰς τὸν τόπον αὐτοῦ ἔλκει·

5 kai anatellei ho hēlios kai dynei ho hēlios kai eis ton topou autou helkei;

And rises the sun, and goes down the sun, and unto its place it draws.

אַתָּה כִּי תַּעֲשֶׂה כִּי תַּעֲשֶׂה כִּי תַּעֲשֶׂה כִּי תַּעֲשֶׂה כִּי תַּעֲשֶׂה  
וְהוֹלֶךְ אֶל־דָּרוֹם וּסְבַב סְבַב הַזָּהָר חֲרוּחַ  
וְעַל־סְבִיבָתְיו שָׁב חֲרוּחַ:

6. holek 'el-darom w'sobeb 'el-tsaphon sobeb sobeb holek haruach  
w'al-s'bibothayu shab haruach.

Ecc1:6 The wind goes toward the south, and it turns around unto the north; turning and turning; and the wind returns on its circuits.

<6> ἀνατέλλων αὐτὸς ἐκεῖ πορεύεται πρὸς νότον καὶ κυκλοῦ πρὸς βορρᾶν· κυκλοῦ κυκλῶν, πορεύεται τὸ πνεῦμα, καὶ ἐπὶ κύκλους αὐτοῦ ἐπιστρέφει τὸ πνεῦμα.

6 anatellōn autos ekei poreuetai pros noton kai kykloi pros borran;

In its arising there it goes forth to the south, and it circles to the north; kykloi kyklōn, poreuetai to pneuma, kai epi kyklous autou epistrephei to pneuma. circles circling going the wind, and at its circuits returns the wind.

עַל־תְּנַחֲלִים הַלְּכִים אֶל־הַיּוֹם וְהַיּוֹם אַיִן־נוּ מֵלָא אֶל־מִקּוֹם  
שְׁהַנְּחָלִים הַלְּכִים שֵׁם הֵם שְׁבִים לְלַכְתָּה:

7. kal-han'chalim hol'kim 'el-hayam w'hayam 'eynenu male' 'el-m'qom shehan'chalim hol'kim sham hem shabim lalaketh.

Ecc1:7 All the rivers flow into the sea, yet the sea is not full.

To the place where the rivers flow, there they return to go again.

<7> πάντες οἱ χείμαρροι, πορεύονται εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν, καὶ ἡ θάλασσα οὐκ ἔσται ἐμπιμπλαμένη·

εἰς τόπον, οὗ οἱ χείμαρροι πορεύονται, ἐκεῖ αὐτὸς ἐπιστρέφουσιν τοῦ πορευθῆναι.

7 pantes hoi cheimarroi, poreuantai eis tēn thalassan,

All the rushing streams go into the sea,

kai hē thalassa ouk estai empimplamenē;

and the sea is not filled up.

eis topou, hou hoi cheimarroi poreontai, ekei autoi epistrephousin tou poreuthēnai.

To the place where the rushing streams went, there they shall return to go again.

וְעַל־תְּנַחֲלִים הַלְּכִים אֶל־הַיּוֹם וְהַיּוֹם אַיִן־נוּ מֵלָא אֶל־מִקּוֹם 8

לֹא-תִשְׁבַּע עֵין לְרֹאֹת וְלֹא-תִטְלָל אֶזֶן מִשְׁמָעֶךָ  
חֶכְלָה-הַכְּבָרִים יָגַעַם לְאִירִיכֶל אִישׁ לְדִבָּר  
בְּאָמֹר בְּעֵד בְּעֵד בְּעֵד בְּעֵד בְּעֵד בְּעֵד בְּעֵד בְּעֵד בְּעֵד:

**8. *kal-had'barim y'ge'im lo'-yukal 'ish l'daber lo'-this'ba` `ayin lir'oth w'lo'-thimale' 'ozен mish'mo`a.***

**Ecc1:8** All things are wearisome; man is not able to tell it.  
The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor is the ear filled with hearing.

«8» πάντες οἱ λόγοι ἔγκοποι· οὐ δυνήσεται ἀνὴρ τοῦ λαλεῖν,  
καὶ οὐκ ἐμπλησθήσεται ὁφθαλμὸς τοῦ ὄρāν,  
καὶ οὐ πληρωθήσεται οὓς ἀπὸ ἀκροάσεως.

**8** **pantes hoi logoi egkopoi; ou dynēsetai anēr tou lalein,**  
**All words wearied shall not be able a man to speak;**  
**kai ouk emplēsthēsetai ophthalmos tou horan, kai ou plērōthēsetai ous apo akroaseōs.**  
**and shall not be filled up the eye to see, and shall not be filled the ear of hearing.**

**ט מה-שְׁחִיתָה הַגָּא שְׁחִיתָה וּמֵה-שְׁפָעָתָה הַגָּא שְׁפָעָתָה  
וְאֵין כָּל-חֶדֶש תְּחִתָּה הַשְּׁמָשָׁה:**

**9. mah-shehayah hu' sheyh'yeh umah-shena`asah hu' sheye`aseh  
w'eyn kal-chadash tachath hashamesh.**

**Ecc1:9** That which has been is that which shall be, and that which has been done, is that which shall be done. So there is no any new thing under the sun.

καὶ τί τὸ γεγονός, αὐτὸ τὸ γενησόμενον·  
καὶ τί τὸ πεποιημένον, αὐτὸ τὸ ποιηθησόμενον·  
καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν πᾶν πρόσφατον ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον.

**9** **ti** to **gegenos**, **auto** to **genēsomenon**; **What is the thing taking place? The same thing as shall be taking place.**  
**kai** **ti** to **pepoiēmenon**, **auto** to **poiēthēsomenon**; **And what is the thing being done? the same thing that shall be done;**  
**kai** **ouk estin** **pan** **prosphaton** **hypo** **ton** **hēlion**. **and there is not anything newly made under the sun.**

**ר' יesh kabr shei amar r' ahad zoh chodesh hoyah kabr huih leutzlimim  
אשך היה מלבננו:**

**10. yesh dabar sheyo'mar r'eh-zeh chadash hu' k'bar hayah P`olamim  
‘asher hayah mil'phanenu.**

**Ecc1:10** Is there anything of which one might say, see this, it is new?  
It has been already for ages which were before us.

<10> ὃς λαλήσει καὶ ἔρει Ἰδὲ τοῦτο καινόν ἐστιν,  
ἥδη γέγονεν ἐν τοῖς αἰώσιν τοῖς γενομένοις ἀπὸ ἔμπροσθεν ἡμῶν.

10 hos lalēsei kai erei Ide touto kainon estin,

Who shall speak and shall say? Behold this is new!

ēdē gegonen en tois aiōsin tois genomenois

Already it has happened in the eons to the ones having taken place

apo emprosthen hēmōn.

from before us.

יְהוָה  
רְאֵין זִכְרוֹן לְרֹאשֶׁגֶם וְגַם לְאַחֲרֶגֶם  
שִׁיחַיו לְאַדְיָהִיה לְהֶם זִכְרוֹן עַמְשִׁיחַיו לְאַחֲרֶנְהָה: ב

11. 'eyn zik'ron lari'shonim w'gam la'acharonim  
sheyih'yu lo'-yih'yeh lahem zikaron `im sheyih'yu la'acharonah.

Ecc1:11 There is no remembrance of earlier things; and also of the later things  
which shall occur, there shall be for them no remembrance  
among those who shall come afterwards.

<11> οὐκ ἔστιν μνήμη τοῖς πρώτοις, καὶ γε τοῖς ἐσχάτοις γενομένοις  
οὐκ ἔσται αὐτοῖς μνήμη μετὰ τῶν γενησομένων εἰς τὴν ἐσχάτην.

11 ouk estin mnēmē tois prōtois,

There is no remembrance to the first things;

kai ge tois eschatois genomenois

and indeed to the last things being,

ouk estai autois mnēmē

there shall not be a remembrance of them,

meta tōn genēsomenōn eis tēn eschatēn.

with the ones being born at the latter end.

יְהוָה יְהוָה יְהוָה יְהוָה יְהוָה יְהוָה יְהוָה יְהוָה  
בְּאַנְיִ קְהֻלָּת הַיִתְּרִי מֶלֶךְ עַל-יִשְׂרָאֵל בִּירוּשָׁלָם:

12. 'ani qoheleth hayithi melek `al-Yis'ra'El biYrushalam.

Ecc1:12 I, the Preacher, have been king over Yisra'El in Yerushalam.

<12> Ἐγὼ Ἐκκλησιαστὴς ἐγενόμην βασιλεὺς ἐπὶ Ἰσραὴλ ἐν Ἱερουσαλημ·

12 Egō Ekklesiastēs egenomēn basileus epi Israēl en Ierousalēm;

I an ecclesiastic became king over Israel in Jerusalem.

אַתְּ לִבִּי לְדַרְוֹשׁ וְלַתּוֹר בְּחַקְמָה עַל כָּל-אֲשֶׁר תְּחַת  
נִצְחָה הַשָּׁמִים הָוָא עֲבָנִין רָע נְתַן אֱלֹהִים לְבָנִי הָאָדָם לְעָנוֹת בָּו:  
13. w'nathati 'eth-libi lid'rosh w'lathur bachak'mah `al kal-'asher na`asah  
tachath hashamayim hu' `in'yan ra` nathan 'Elohim lib'ney ha'adam la`anot bo.

**Ecc1:13** And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that has been done under the heavens. It is a grievous task which Elohim has given to the sons of men to be humbled by it.

<13> καὶ ἔδωκα τὴν καρδίαν μου τοῦ ἐκζητῆσαι καὶ τοῦ κατασκέψασθαι ἐν τῇ σοφίᾳ περὶ πάντων τῶν γινομένων ὑπὸ τὸν οὐρανόν· ὅτι περισπασμὸν πονηρὸν ἔδωκεν ὁ θεὸς τοῖς υἱοῖς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου τοῦ περισπάσθαι ἐν αὐτῷ.

13 kai edōka tēn kardian mou tou ekzētēsai

And I gave my heart to inquire

kai tou kataskapsasthai en tē sophiā peri pantōn

and to survey by wisdom concerning all things

tōn ginomenōn hypo ton ouranon; hoti perispasmon ponēron

happening under the heavens. For distraction a wicked

edōken ho theos tois huiois tou anthrōpou tou perispasthai en autō.

gave Elohim to the sons of men to be distracting to him.

וְעַזְבֵּן כִּי תְּבִיא אֶת־בְּלֵל־הַמְּעֻשִׂים שְׁגֹנְתָּשִׁים תְּחַת הַשְּׁמֶן  
14 וְעַד־עֲדָת אֶת־בְּלֵל וְעַד־רְוַחַת רְוַחַת:

יד רְאֵיתִי אֶת־בְּלֵל־הַמְּעֻשִׂים שְׁגֹנְתָּשִׁים תְּחַת הַשְּׁמֶן  
וְהַגָּה הַבְּלֵל הַבְּלֵל וְרְעוֹתָת רְעוֹתָת:

**14. ra'ithi 'eth-kal-hama` asim shena`asu tachath hashamesh**

w'hinneh hakol hebel ur`uth ruach.

**Ecc1:14** I have seen all the works which have been done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

<14> εἰδόν σὺν πάντα τὰ ποιήματα τὰ πεποιημένα ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον,  
καὶ ἵδού τὰ πάντα ματαιότης καὶ προαιρεσις πνεύματος.

14 eidon syn panta ta poiēmata ta pepoīemena hypo ton hēlion,

I beheld all the actions, the ones being done under the sun;

kai idou ta panta mataiotēs kai proairesis pneumatos.

and behold, all was folly and a resolve of spirit.

טוֹמְגֹּות לְאִיוּכָל לְתַקּוֹן וְחַסְרוֹן לְאִיוּכָל לְהַקּוֹנָה:  
15 וְעַד־עֲדָת אֶת־בְּלֵל לְתַקּוֹן וְחַסְרוֹן לְאִיוּכָל לְהַקּוֹנָה:

**15. m`uuath lo'-yukal lith'qon w'ches'ron lo'-yukal l'himanoth.**

**Ecc1:15** What is crooked cannot be straightened and what is lacking cannot be counted.

<15> διεστραμμένον οὐ δυνήσεται τοῦ ἐπικοσμηθῆναι,  
καὶ ὑστέρημα οὐ δυνήσεται τοῦ ἀριθμηθῆναι.

15 diestrammenon ou dynēsetai tou epikosmēthēnai,

The things being perverted is not able to be embellished.

kai hysterēma ou dynēsetai tou arithmēthēnai.

And deficiency is not able to be counted.

וְעַד־עֲדָת קְיֻמָּה קְיֻמָּה וְעַד־עֲדָת קְיֻמָּה קְיֻמָּה  
וְעַד־עֲדָת קְיֻמָּה קְיֻמָּה וְעַד־עֲדָת קְיֻמָּה קְיֻמָּה  
16 וְעַד־עֲדָת קְיֻמָּה קְיֻמָּה וְעַד־עֲדָת קְיֻמָּה קְיֻמָּה וְעַד־עֲדָת קְיֻמָּה

בְּנֵי אָשָׁר קְבֻדָּה וְעַלְיָה  
אֶלְעָזֶר כָּלִיל וְעַלְיָה  
וְעַלְיָה כָּלִיל וְעַלְיָה

טו הַבְּרִתִּי אָנִי עַמְלָבִי לֹאמֶר אָנִי הַגְּדוֹלָה  
וְהוֹסְפָתִי חֲכָמָה עַל כָּל־אִשְׁר־הִיה לִפְנֵי עַל־יְרוֹשָׁלָם  
וּלְבִי רָאָה תְּרִבָּה חֲכָמָה וְדָעַת:

16. **dibar'ti 'ani `im-libi le'mor 'ani hinneh hig'dal'ti  
w'hosaph'ti chak'mah `al kal-'asher-hayah l'phanay `al-Yrushalam  
w'libi ra'ah har'beh chak'mah wada`ath.**

**Ecc1:16** I spoke with my heart, saying, Behold, I have magnified and increased wisdom over all who were over Yerushalam before me; and my heart has seen much wealth of wisdom and knowledge.

<16> ἐλάλησα ἐγὼ ἐν καρδίᾳ μου τῷ λέγειν Ἐγὼ ἵδού ἐμεγαλύνθην καὶ προσέθηκα σοφίαν ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οὐ ἐγένοντο ἐμπροσθέν μου ἐν Ἱερουσαλημ, καὶ καρδία μου εἶδεν πολλά, σοφίαν καὶ γνῶσιν.

16 elalēsa egō en kardiā mou tō legein Egō idou emegalynthēn  
I spoke in my heart to say, Behold, I was magnified,  
kai prosethēka sophian epi pasin, hoi egenonto emprosthen mou en Ierousalēm,  
and was added wisdom over all who came before me in Jerusalem.  
kai kardia mou eiden polla, sophian kai gnōsin.  
And I give my heart to know much wisdom and knowledge.

בְּנֵי אָשָׁר קְבֻדָּה וְעַלְיָה כָּלִיל וְעַלְיָה  
וְעַלְיָה כָּלִיל וְעַלְיָה כָּלִיל וְעַלְיָה  
יזְוָאָתָנָה לְבִי לְדָעַת חֲכָמָה וְדָעַת הַוְּלִילָות  
וְשְׁכָלוֹת יְדָעַת שְׁגָמָדָה הוּא רַעַיּוֹן רֹוחַ:

17. **wa'et'nah libi lada`ath chak'mah w'da`ath holeloth  
w'sik'luth yada`ti shegam-zeh hu' ra`yon ruach.**

**Ecc1:17** And I gave my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly; I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.

<17> καὶ ἔδωκα καρδίαν μου τοῦ γνῶναι σοφίαν καὶ γνῶσιν, παραβολὰς καὶ ἐπιστήμην ἔγνων, δτι καὶ γε τοῦτ' ἔστιν προαίρεσις πνεύματος.

17 kai edōka kardian mou tou gnōnai sophian kai gnōsin,  
And my heart beheld much wisdom and knowledge,  
parabolas kai epistēmēn egnōn, hoti kai ge tout' estin proairesis pneumatos;  
parables, and higher knowledge. I knew For even indeed this is resolve of spirit.

בְּנֵי אָשָׁר קְבֻדָּה וְעַלְיָה כָּלִיל וְעַלְיָה  
וְעַלְיָה כָּלִיל וְעַלְיָה כָּלִיל וְעַלְיָה  
יחַכְּמֵי בָּרָבָר חֲכָמָה רְבִדְכָעַס וַיּוֹסִיף דָעַת יוֹסִיף מְכֹאָוב:

18. **ki b'rob chak'mah rab-ka`as w'yosiph da`ath yosiph mak'ob.**

**Ecc1:18** Because in much wisdom there is much grief, and he that increases knowledge increases sorrow.

<18> ὅτι ἐν σοφίᾳ πλήθει σοφίας πλήθος γνώσεως,

καὶ ὁ προστιθεὶς γνῶσιν προσθήσει ἄλγημα.

18 hoti en plēthei sophias plēthos gnōseōs,  
For in abundance of wisdom is abundance of knowledge;  
kai ho prostitheis gnōsin prosthēsei algēma.  
and the one adding knowledge shall add pain.

## Chapter 2

בָּרוּךְ הוּא קֹדֶשׁ כָּל־קָדְשֵׁינוּ כִּי־עַמְּנָה תְּבִרְכֵנָה Ecc2:1  
בָּרוּךְ הוּא קֹדֶשׁ כָּל־קָדְשֵׁינוּ כִּי־עַמְּנָה תְּבִרְכֵנָה

אָמַרְתִּי אֲנִי בְּלִבִּי לְכָה־פָּא אָנָּסָכָה בְּשִׁמְחָה  
וַיָּרַא בְּטוּב וְהַגָּה גַּם־הַיָּא הַבָּל:

1. 'amar'ti 'ani b'libi l'kah-na' 'anas'kah b'sim'chah ur'eh b'tob  
w'hinneh gam-hu' habel.

Ecc2:1 I said with my heart, Come now, I shall test you with mirth;  
therefore consider with good. And behold, it also is vanity.

<2:1> Εἶπον ἐγὼ ἐν καρδίᾳ μου Δεῦρο δὴ πειράσω σε ἐν εὐφροσύνῃ,  
καὶ ἵδε ἐν ἀγαθῷ· καὶ ἵδού καὶ γε τοῦτο ματαιότης.

1 Eipon egō en kardiā mou Deuro dē peirasō se en euprosynē,  
I said in my heart, Come now indeed, I shall test you with gladness,  
kai ide en agathō; kai idou kai ge touto mataiotēs.  
and therefore know good! And behold, also even this is folly.

בְּלִשְׁחָק אָמַרְתִּי מְהוֹלָל וְלִשְׁמָחָה מְה־זָה עַשֵּׂה: 2

2. lis'choq 'amar'ti m'holal ul'sim'chah mah-zoh 'osah.

Ecc2:2 I said of laughter, It is madness, and of mirth, What does it accomplish?

<2> τῷ γέλωτι εἴπα περιφορὰν καὶ τῇ εὐφροσύνῃ Τί τοῦτο ποιεῖς;

2 tō gelōti eipa periphoran kai tē euprosynē Ti tutto poieis?

To laughter, I said, Deviation. and to gladness, Why do you do this?

גַּתְרָהִי בְּלִבִּי לְמִשְׁׂוק בֵּין אֶת־בָּשָׁרִי וְלִבִּי נָהָג בְּחִכָּמָה  
וְלֹאַחַז בְּסֶכְלוֹת עַד אַשְׁר־אַרְאָה אַיְזָה טֻוב לְבָנֵי הָאָדָם  
אַשְׁר יַעֲשֵׂי תְּחִת הַשְּׁמִים מִסְפָּר יְמֵי חַיְיכֶם:

3. tar'ti b'libi lim'shok bayayin 'eth-b'sari w'libi noheg bachak'mah  
w'le'echoz b'sik'luth `ad 'asher-'er'eh 'ey-zeh tob lib'ney ha'adam  
'asher ya`asu tachath hashamayim mis'par y'mey chayeyhem.

Ecc2:3 I sought in my heart how to stimulate my body with wine, yet leading my heart  
with wisdom, and to lay hold of folly, until I might see where that good was for the sons

**of men, which they should do under the heavens the number of days of their lives.**

〈3〉 κατεσκεψάμην ἐν καρδίᾳ μου τοῦ ἑλκύσαι εἰς οἶνον τὴν σάρκα μου --καὶ καρδία μου ὡδῆγησεν ἐν σοφίᾳ-- καὶ τοῦ κρατῆσαι ἐπ' ἀφροσύνῃ, ἔως οὗ ἵδω ποῖον τὸ ἀγαθὸν τοῦς νίσιτος τοῦ ἀνθρώπου,  
ὅ ποιήσουσιν ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον ἀριθμὸν ἡμερῶν ζωῆς αὐτῶν.

3 kateskepsamēn en kardię mou tou helkysai eis oinon tēn sarka mou  
And I surveyed if my heart would draw with wine my flesh;  
--kai kardia mou hōdēgēsen en sophię-- kai tou kratēsai ep' aphrosynē,  
and my heart guided me in wisdom; and to hold upon gladness  
heōs hou idō poion to agathon tois huiois tou anthrōpou,  
until I should see what kind of good there was to the sons of men,  
ho poiēsousin hypo ton hēlion arithmon hēmerōn zōēs autōn.  
which they shall do under the sun numbered days of life with their

**ד** הגדלתי מעשֵׁי בניתִי לִי בְתִים נטעתי לִי כרמים:

**4. hig'dal'ti ma`asay banithi li batim nata`ti li k'ramim.**

**Ecc2:4** I enlarged my works: I built houses for myself, I planted vineyards for myself;  
4 ἐμεγάλυνα ποίημά μου, ὡκοδόμησά μοι οἴκους, ἐφύτευσά μοι ἀμπελῶνας,  
**4 emegalyна poiēma mou, ὡκοδόμēsa moi oikous, ephyteusa moi ampelōnās,**  
I magnified my action; I built to myself houses; I planted my vineyards.

**ה עשיתי לִי גנות ופראדים ונטעתי בהם עץ כל-פרוי:**

5. `asithi li ganoth uphar'desim w'nata`ti bahem `ets kal-peri.

**Ecc2:5** I made gardens and parks for myself and I planted in them of all kinds of fruits;  
<5> ἐποίησά μοι κήπους καὶ παραδείσους καὶ ἐφύτευσα ἐν αὐτοῖς ξύλον πᾶν καρποῦ  
**5** epoiēsa moi kēpous kai paradeisous kai ephyteusa en autois xylon pan karpou;  
I made to myself gardens and parks; and I planted in them a tree for every fruit.

**וְעַשְׂרֵתִי לֵי בָּרְכֹות מִם לְהַשְׁקוֹת מֵהֶם רַעֲרָעָה צוֹמָח עֲצִים:**

6. `asithi li b'rekoth mayim l'hash'goth mehem ya`ar tsomeach `etsim.

**Ecc2:6** I made pools of water for myself, to water from them the forest shooting forth trees.

«**6**» ἐποίησά μοι κολυμβήθρας ὑδάτων τοῦ ποτίσαι  
ἀπ' αὐτῶν δρυμὸν βλαστῶντα ξύλα·

**6** epoiēsa moi kolymbēthras hydatōn tou potisai ap' autōn drymon blastōnta xyla;  
I made to myself pools of waters to water by them the grove bursting forth wood.

וְקָנִיתִי עֲבָדִים וּשְׁפָחוֹת וּבְנִירַבֵּית הַיִהְ לִי גַם מִקְנָה בְּקָר  
וְצַאן הַרְבָּה הַיִהְ לִי מִכֶּל שְׁהִירָוּ לְפָנֵי בִּירְיוֹשָׁלָם:

7. qanithi `abadim ush'phachoth ub'ney-bayith hayah li gam miq'neh baqr  
watso'n har'beh hayah li mikol shehayu l'phanay biY'rushalam.

Ecc2:7 I bought servants and maidens and I had sons of the house for me;  
also I had great possessions of a herd and a flock for me above all  
that were in Yerushalam before me.

<7> ἐκτησάμην δούλους καὶ παιδίσκας, καὶ οἰκογενεῖς ἐγένοντό μοι,  
καὶ γε κτῆσις βουκολίου καὶ ποιμνίου πολλὴ ἐγένετο μοι  
ὑπὲρ πάντας τοὺς γενομένους ἔμπροσθέν μου ἐν Ἱερουσαλήμ.

7 ektēsamēn doulous kai paidiskas,  
I acquired manservants, and maidservants;  
kai oikogeneis egenonto moi,  
and native-born servants were born to me;  
kai ge ktēsis boukoliou kai poimniou pollē egeneto moi  
and indeed a possession herd and flock of a great became to me  
hyper pantas tous genomenous emprosthen mou en Ierousalēm;  
above all the ones being before me in Jerusalem.

וְקָנִיתִי לִי גַם־כֹּסֶף וּזְהָבָב וִסְגָּלָת מַלְכִים  
וְהַמְּדִינּוֹת עֲשִׂירִיתִי לִי שָׁרִים וִשְׁרוֹתָה  
וִתְּעִנּוּגָת בְּנֵי הָאָדָם שְׁהָה וִשְׁהָותָה:

8. kanas'ti li gam-keseph w'zahab us'gulath m'lakim w'ham'dinot̄ asithi li sharim  
w'sharoth w'tha'anugoth b'ney ha'adam shidah w'shidoth.

Ecc2:8 Also, I collected for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces.  
I provided for myself male singers and female singers and the delights of the sons of men,  
a concubine and the concubines.

<8> συνήγαγόν μοι καὶ γε ἀργύριον καὶ χρυσίον  
καὶ περιουσιασμὸς βασιλέων καὶ τῶν χωρῶν· ἐποίησά μοι ἄδοντας καὶ ἄδούσας  
καὶ ἐντρυφήματα σὺν τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ οἰνοχόον καὶ οἰνοχόας·

8 synēgagon moi kai ge argyriion kai chrysion  
I brought together to myself also indeed silver, and indeed gold,  
kai periousiasmos basileōn kai tōn chōrōn;  
and prized possessions of kings and of the places.  
epoiēsa moi ḥontas kai ḥousas  
I prepared to myself male singers and female singers,  
kai entryphēmata huiōn tou anthrōpou  
and amusements of the sons of man;  
oinochoon kai oinochoas;

and male wine servants and female wine servers.

ט וְגָדַלְתִּי וְהֹסֵפָתִי מִכֶּל שְׁהִינָּה לְפָנָי  
בִּירוּשָׁלָם אֲפִכְמָתִי עַמְדָה לִי:

9. w'gadal'ti w'hosaph'ti mikol shehayah l'phanay  
biYrushalam 'aph chak'mathi `am'dah li.

Ecc2:9 Then I was great and increased more than all that were before me in Yerushalam.  
My wisdom also stood by me.

ט-9> καὶ ἐμεγαλύνθην καὶ προσέθηκα παρὰ πάντας τοὺς γενομένους  
ἔμπροσθέν μου ἐν Ἱερουσαλημ· καὶ γε σοφία μου ἐστάθη μοι.

9 kai emegalynthēn kai prosethēka para pantas tous genomenous  
I became magnified, and proceeded in wisdom past all the ones being  
emprosthen mou en Ierousalēm; kai ge sophia mou estathē moi.  
before me in Jerusalem; and indeed my wisdom was established to me.

וְכֶל אֲשֶׁר שָׁאַלְתִּי עִנִּי לֹא אָצַלְתִּי מִהֶּם  
לֹא-מִנְעַתִּי אֶת-לְבִי מִכֶּל-שְׁמָחָה כִּי-לְבִי שְׁמָחָה  
מִכֶּל-עַמְלִי וְזַה-דְּחִיה חַלְקִי מִכֶּל-עַמְלִי:

10. w'kol 'asher sha'alu `eynay lo' 'atsal'ti mehem lo'-manā`ti 'eth-libi  
mikal-sim'chah ki-libi sameach mikal-`amali w'zeh-hayahchel'qi mikal-`amali.

Ecc2:10 All that my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart  
from any pleasure, for my heart was pleased because of all my labor  
and this was my reward for all my labor.

ט-10> καὶ πᾶν, ὃ ἤτησαν οἱ ὀφθαλμοί μου, οὐχ ὑφεῖλον ἀπ' αὐτῶν,  
οὐκ ἀπεκώλυσα τὴν καρδίαν μου ἀπὸ πάσης εὐφροσύνης,  
ὅτι καρδία μου εὐφράνθη ἐν παντὶ μόχθῳ μου,  
καὶ τοῦτο ἐγένετο μερίς μου ἀπὸ παντὸς μόχθου μου.

10 kai pan, ho ētēsan hoi ophthalmoi mou, ouch hypheilon ap' autōn,  
And all whatever asked for my eyes was not at a distance from them.

ouk apekōlysa tēn kardian mou apo pasēs euphrosynēs,  
I did not detain my heart from any gladness,  
hoti kardia mou euphranthē en panti mochthō mou,  
for my heart was gladdened in all my effort.

kai touto egeneto meris mou apo pantos mochthou mou.  
And this was my portion of all my effort.

וְקַוְתֵּב כְּלֹבֶד כְּלֹבֶד קַוְתֵּב כְּלֹבֶד כְּלֹבֶד כְּלֹבֶד  
:וְלֹבֶד כְּלֹבֶד כְּלֹבֶד כְּלֹבֶד כְּלֹבֶד כְּלֹבֶד כְּלֹבֶד כְּלֹבֶד

וְהַפְּהָה הַכָּל הַבָּל וְרֹעֲוֹת רִיחָן וְאַרְזָן יְתַרְזֵן תְּחַת הַשְׁמָשָׁן:

**11. uphanithi 'ani b'kal-ma`asay she`asu yaday ube`amal she`amal'tila`asoth w'hinneh hakol hebel ur`uth ruach w'eyn yith'ron tachath hashamesh.**

**Ecc:2:11** Then I looked on all my works that my hands had done and on the labor which I had labored, and behold all was vanity and vexation of spirit and there was no profit under the sun.

<11> καὶ ἐπέβλεψα ἐγὼ ἐν πᾶσιν ποιήμασίν μου, οἵς ἐποίησαν αἱ χεῖρες μου,  
καὶ ἐν μόχθῳ, ὡς ἐμόχθησα τοῦ ποιεῖν,  
καὶ ἵδοὺ τὰ πάντα ματαιότης καὶ προαίρεσις πνεύματος,  
καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν περισσεία ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον.

**11 kai epeblepsa egō en pasin poiēmasin mou, hois epoiēsan hai cheires mou,**

**And I looked upon all my actions, the things which I did by my hands,**

**kai en mochthō, hō emochthēsa tou poiein,**

and on the effort in which I made an effort to do.

**kai idou ta panta mataiotēs kai proairesis pneumatos.**

**And behold, all things were folly and a resolve of spirit,**

**kai ouk estin perisseia hypo ton hēlion.**

**and there is no advantage under the sun.**

כִּי מֵהַ אָדָם שִׁיבֹא אֶחָרִי הַמְלָךְ אֶת אֲשֶׁר-כָּبֵר עֲשָׂוָה  
יְבָוֵבְנִיתִי אָנִי לְרֹאֹת חֲכָמָה וְחֹלָלָות וְסְכָלוֹת  
עַל-לְבָבֵי וְעַל-מִזְבֵּחַ וְעַל-מִזְבֵּחַ וְעַל-מִזְבֵּחַ 12

**12. uphanithi 'ani lir'oth chak'mah w'holeloth w'sik'luth  
ki meh ha'adam sheyabo' 'acharey hamelek 'eth 'asher-k'bar `asuhu.**

**Ecc2:12** So I turned to behold wisdom, madness and folly;  
for what shall the man do who shall come after the king when it has already been done?

•**12** Καὶ ἐπέβλεψα ἐγὼ τοῦ ἴδεῖν σοφίαν καὶ περιφορὰν καὶ ἀφροσύνην.

ὅτι τίς ὁ ἄνθρωπος, ὃς ἐπελεύσεται ὅπιστω τῆς βουλῆς τὰ ὕστα ἐποίησεν αὐτήν;

12 Kaj epeblepsa egō tou idejn sophian kaj periphoran kaj aphrosynēn:

**And I looked around to behold wisdom and deviation and folly;**

**hoti tis ho anthrōpos, hos epeleusetai opisō tēs boulēs ta hosa epoiēsen autēn?**

**for who is the man who shall come after counsel, with as much as they did it?**

**יב וְאִתִּי אָנִי שִׁישׁ יַתְרֹן לְחִכְמָה מִזְ-הַסְכָּלוֹת  
כִּיתְרֹן הָאָור מִזְ-הַחֲשָׁךְ:**

**13. w'ra'ithi 'ani sheyesh yith'ron lachak'mah min-hasik'luth  
kith'ron ha'or min-hachoshek.**

**Ecc2:13** Then I saw that there is advantage to wisdom above folly,

as far as light has advantage above darkness.

<13> καὶ εἶδον ἐγὼ ὅτι ἔστιν περισσεία τῇ σοφίᾳ ὑπὲρ τὴν ἀφροσύνην  
ώς περισσεία τοῦ φωτὸς ὑπὲρ τὸ σκότος·

13 kai eidon egō hoti estin perisseia tē sophia hyper tēn aphrosynēn  
And I beheld that there is an advantage to wisdom over folly;  
hōs perisseia tou phōtos hyper to skotos;  
as the advantage of the light over the darkness.

עַל־צְבָא עַמְּךָ כִּי־עֲשֵׂה־צְבָא כִּי־עֲשֵׂה־צְבָא 14  
יְדֵ הַחֶכְמָה עִגְּנוֹ בְּרָאָשׁוֹ וְהַכְּסִיל בְּחַשְׁךְ הַולֵּךְ  
וַיַּדְעָתִי גַּם־אָנִי שְׁמַקְרָה אָחָד יִקְרָה אֶת־כָּלָם:

14. hechakam `eynayu b'ro'sho w'hak'sil bachoshek holek  
w'yada`ti gam-'ani shemiq'reh 'echad yiq'reh 'eth-kulam.

Ecc2:14 The wise man's eyes are in his head, but the fool walks in darkness.  
And I also know that one event happens with all of them.

<14> τοῦ σοφοῦ οἱ ὄφθαλμοὶ αὐτοῦ ἐν κεφαλῇ αὐτοῦ,  
καὶ ὁ ἄφρων ἐν σκότῳ πορεύεται. καὶ ἔγνων  
καὶ γε ἐγὼ ὅτι συνάντημα ἐν συναντήσεται τοῖς πᾶσιν αὐτοῖς.

14 tou sophou hoi ophthalmoi autou en kephalē autou, kai ho aphrōn en skotei poreuetai.  
The wise man – his eyes are in his head; but the fool in darkness goes.  
kai egnōn kai ge egō hoti synantēma hen synantēsetai tois pasin autois.  
And I knew, even indeed I, that event one shall meet with all them.

טוֹ וְאָמַרְתִּי אָנִי בְּלִבִּי כְּמַקְרָה הַכְּסִיל גַּם־אָנִי יִקְרָה  
וְלֹמַה חֲכָמָתִי אָנִי אֶזְעָר וְדָבָרָתִי בְּלִבִּי שְׁגָם־זֶה הַבָּל:

15. w'amar'ti 'ani b'libi k'miq'reh hak'sil gam-'ani yiq'reni  
w'lamah chakam'ti 'ani 'az yother w'dibar'ti b'libi shegam-zeh habel.

Ecc2:15 Then I said in my heart, As it happens to the fool, so it shall happen even to me.  
Why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this too is vanity.

<15> καὶ εἶπα ἐγὼ ἐν καρδίᾳ μου Ὡς συνάντημα τοῦ ἄφρονος  
καὶ γε ἐμοὶ συναντήσεται μοι, καὶ ἵνα τί ἐσοφισάμην;  
ἐγὼ τότε περισσὸν ἐλάλησα ἐν καρδίᾳ μου, διότι ἄφρων  
ἐκ περισσεύματος λαλεῖ, ὅτι καὶ γε τοῦτο ματαιότης.

15 kai eipa egō en kardiā mou Hōs synantēma tou aphronos  
And I said in my heart, As the event of the fool is,  
kai ge emoi synantēsetai moi,  
even indeed to me it shall meet up with me;  
kai hina ti esophisamēn? egō tote perisson elalēsa en kardiā mou,  
and why have I discerned wisdom? And this extra I said in my heart,

dioti aphrōn ek perisseumatos lalei, hoti kai ge touto mataiotēs.

because the fool from out of abundance speaks for even indeed this is folly.

טז כרי אין זכרון לחכם עם-הקסיל לעוזם בשכבר הימים  
הבאים הפל נשכח ואיך ימות החכם עם-הקסיל:

16. ki 'eyn zik'ron lechakam 'im-hak'sil l'olam b'shek'bar hayamim haba'im hakol  
nish'kach w'eyak yamuth hechakam 'im-hak'sil.

Ecc2:16 For there is no remembrance of the wise man than of the fool for ever;  
In that already the coming days all shall be forgotten.  
And how the wise man die above the fool?

<16> ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν μνῆμη τοῦ σοφοῦ μετὰ τοῦ ἄφρονος εἰς αἰώνα,  
καθότι ἥδη αἱ ἡμέραι αἱ ἐρχόμεναι τὰ πάντα ἐπελήσθη·  
καὶ πῶς ἀποθανεῖται ὁ σοφὸς μετὰ τοῦ ἄφρονος;

16 hoti ouk estin mnēmē tou sophou meta tou aphronos eis aiōna,  
For there is no remembrance of the wise man with the fool in the eon;  
kathoti edē hai hēmerai hai erchomenai ta panta epelēsthē;  
in so far as already the days coming all things are forgotten;  
kai pōs apothaneitai ho sophos meta tou aphronos?  
and how shall die the wise man with the fool?

ר' וְשָׂנָאַתִּי אֶת־הַחַיִם בַּעֲלֵי הַמָּעָשׂה שְׁפָעָשָׂה תְּהַת הַשְּׁמַשׁ  
כִּי־הַפְּלָל הַבָּל וּרְעוֹת רֹוחַ:

17. w'sane'thi 'eth-hachayim ki ra` `alay hama`aseh shena`asah tachath hashamesh  
ki-hakol hebel ur`uth ruach.

Ecc2:17 So I hated life, for the work which had been done  
under the sun was grievous to me; because everything is vanity and vexation of spirit.

<17> καὶ ἐμίστησα σὺν τὴν ζωήν, ὅτι πονηρὸν ἐπ’ ἔμε τὸ ποίημα  
τὸ πεποιημένον ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον, ὅτι τὰ πάντα ματαιότης καὶ προαιρεσίς πνεύματος.

17 kai emisēsa syn tēn zōēn, hoti ponēron ep' eme to poiēma  
And I was detested with life; for evil was upon me – the action  
to pepoiēmenon hypo ton hēlion, hoti ta panta mataiotēs kai proairesis pneumatos.  
of doing a thing under the sun. For all is folly and a resolve of spirit.

ר' וְשָׂנָאַתִּי אֶת־כָּל־עֲמָל שָׁאַנְיִי עֲמָל תְּהַת הַשְּׁמַשׁ  
שְׁאָפֵרְחַנִּי לְאָדָם שִׁיחַה אַחֲרֵי:

18. w'sane'thi 'ani 'eth-kal-`amali she'ani `amel tachath hashamesh

**she'anichenu la'adam sheyih'yeh 'acharay.**

**Ecc2:18** Thus I hated all my labor for which I had labored under the sun, because I should leave it to the man who shall come after me.

<18> καὶ ἐμίσησα ἐγὼ σὺν πάντα μόχθον μου, ὃν ἐγὼ μοχθῶ ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιου,  
ὅτι ἀφύω αὐτὸν τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ τῷ γινομένῳ μετ' ἐμέ.

**18** kai emisēsa egō syn panta mochthon mou, hon egō mochthō hypo ton hēlion,  
And I detested all my effort which I made an effort under the sun.

**hoti** **aphiō** auton **tō** **anthrōpō** **tō** **ginomenō** met' eme;  
**For I must leave it coming after me.**

**וְשַׁחֲכָמָתִי** פחת הַשְׁמֵשׁ גַּם־זה הַבְּלֶל :

**19. umi yode`a hechakam yih'yeḥ 'o sakal w'yish'lat b'kal-`amali she`amal'ti  
w'shechakam'ti tachath hashamesh gam-zeh habel.**

**Ecc2:19** And who knows whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? Yet he shall have control over all my labor for which I have labored and for which I acted wisely under the sun. This is also vanity.

**<19>** καὶ τίς οἶδεν εἰ σοφὸς ἔσται ἡ ἄφρων; καὶ ἔξουσιάζεται ἐν παντὶ μόχθῳ μου, ὃ ἐμόχθησα καὶ ὃ ἐσοφισάμην ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον. καὶ γε τοῦτο ματαιότης.

**19 kai tis oiden ei sophos estai ē aphrōn?**

**And who knows if he shall be a wise man or a fool?**

**kai exousiazetai en panti mochthō mou, hō emochthēsa**

**And if he exercised authority in all my effort in which I made an effort in,**

kai ἡ̄ esophisamēn hypo ton hēlion. kai ge touto mataiotēs.

**and in which I gained discernment under the sun. Even indeed this is folly.**

**כִּוְסֵבָה תַּחֲנוֹן אֶל-לְבִי עַל כָּל-הָעָם  
שְׁעַמְלָתִי תַּחֲתָה הַשְּׁמָשׁ:**

**20.** w'sabothi 'ani l'ya'esh 'eth-libi `al kal-he`amal she`amal'ti tachath hashamesh.

**Ecc2:20** Therefore I turned about to cause my heart to despair of all my labor for which I had labored under the sun.

•**20** καὶ ἐπέστρεψα ἐγὼ τοῦ ἀποτάξασθαι τῇ καρδίᾳ μου  
ἐπὶ παντὶ τῷ μόγυθῳ, ὃ ἐμόγυθησα ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον,

**20 kai epestrepsa egō tou apotaxasthai tē kardia mou**

**And I turned to dismiss my heart**

**epi pantī tō mochthō, hō emochthēsa hypo ton hēlion.**

upon all effort in which I made an effort under the sun.

בְּאָכִירִישׁ אָדָם שַׁעֲמָלוֹ בְּחִכְמָה וּבְדֶרֶת וּבְכִשְׁרוֹן  
וְלֹאָדָם שַׁלֵּא עַמְלָה בָּבוֹ יַתְנַפֵּה חַלְקוֹ גַּם־זֶה הַבָּל וּרְעֵה רְבָה:

21. *ki-yesh 'adam she`amalo b'chak'mah ub'da`ath ub'kish'ron u'adam shelo' `amal-bo yit'nenu chel'qo gam-zeh hebel w'ra`ah rabbah.*

**Ecc2:21** For there is a man who has labored with wisdom, with knowledge and with equity; yet to a man that has not labored with it, he shall give it for his share. This also is vanity and a great evil.

<21> ὅτι ἔστιν ἄνθρωπος, οὗ μόχθος αὐτοῦ ἐν σοφίᾳ καὶ ἐν γνώσει καὶ ἐν ἀνδρείᾳ, καὶ ἄνθρωπος, ὃς οὐκ ἐμόχθησεν ἐν αὐτῷ, δώσει αὐτῷ μερίδα αὐτοῦ. καὶ γε τοῦτο ματαιότης καὶ πονηρία μεγάλη.

21 hoti estin anthrōpos, hou mochthos autou en sophia kai en gnōsei  
For there is a man that made his effort in wisdom, and in knowledge,  
kai en andreia, kai anthrōpos, hos ouk emochthēsen en autō,  
and in courage; and a man in whom did not make an effort – in him  
dōsei autō merida autou. kai ge touto mataiotēs kai ponēria megalē.  
he shall give to him his portion. And indeed this is folly and wickedness great

כְּבָי מְהִדְחֹה לְאָדָם בְּכָל־עַמְלָוֹ  
וּבְרָעֵון לְבָוֹ שְׁחוֹא עַמְלָתָת הַשְּׁמַשׁ:

22. *ki meh-hoeh la'adam b'kal-`amalo  
ub'ra`yon libo shehu`amel tachath hashamesh.*

**Ecc2:22** For what is there for a man of all his labor and of the vexation of his heart which he labors under the sun?

<22> ὅτι τί γίνεται τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ ἐν παντὶ μόχθῳ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐν προαιρέσει καρδίας αὐτοῦ, ὃ αὐτὸς μοχθεῖ ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον;

22 hoti ti ginetai tō anthrōpō en panti mochthō autou  
For it happens to the man in all his effort,  
kai en proairesei kardias autou, hō autos mochthei hypo ton hēlion?  
and in resolve of his heart in which he makes an effort under the sun?

כְּבָי כָּל־יָמִיו מִקָּאָבִים  
וְכָעַס עֲנִינוֹ גַּם־בְּלִילָה לְאַשְׁכָּב לְבָוֹ גַּם־זֶה הַבָּל הוּא:

23. *ki kal-yamayu mak'obim  
waka`as `in'yano gam-balay'lah lo'-shakab libo gam-zeh hebel hu'.*

**Ecc2:23** For all his days are sufferings and his labor grief; his heart does not even rest at night. This also is vanity.

<23> ὅτι πᾶσαι αἱ ἡμέραι αὐτοῦ ἀλγημάτων καὶ θυμοῦ περισπασμὸς αὐτοῦ,  
καὶ γε ἐν νυκτὶ οὐ κοιμᾶται ἡ καρδία αὐτοῦ. καὶ γε τοῦτο ματαιότης ἔστιν.

23 hoti pasai hai hēmerai autou algēmatōn kai thymou perispasmos autou,

For in all his days are pains and rage of his distraction;

kai ge en nykti ou koimatai hē kardia autou. kai ge touto mataiotēs estin.

and indeed in night does not go to bed heart his. And indeed this is folly.

כְּדִין־טוֹב בְּאָדָם שַׁיְאָכֵל וְשַׁתָּה וְהַרְאָה אֶת־נֶפֶשׁ טוֹב בְּעַמְלֹו גַּמְזֹה רָאַתִּי אַנְיָה מִיד חָלָהִים הָרִיא:  
24. 'eyn-tob ba'adam sheyo'kal w'shathah w'her'ah 'eth-naph'sho tob ba'amalo gam-zoh ra'ithi 'ani ki miyad ha'Elohim hi'.

Ecc2:24 There is nothing better for a man than that he should eat and drink,  
and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labor.

This also I saw, that it was from the hand of the Elohim.

<24> Οὐκ ἔστιν ἀγαθὸν ἐν ἀνθρώπῳ· ὃ φάγεται καὶ ὃ πίεται  
καὶ ὃ δεῖξει τῇ ψυχῇ αὐτοῦ, ἀγαθὸν ἐν μόχθῳ αὐτοῦ.  
καὶ γε τοῦτο εἶδον ἐγὼ ὅτι ἀπὸ χειρὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ ἔστιν.

24 Ouk estin agathon en anthrōpō; ho phagetai kai ho pietai  
There is not a good thing to man to eat and to drink,  
kai ho deixei tē psychē autou, agathon en mochthō autou.  
to show his soul good in his effort.  
kai ge touto eidon egō hoti apo cheiros tou theou estin;  
And indeed this I knew, that from the hand of Elohim it is.

כְּה בָּרִ מֵרִיאָכֵל וּמֵרִיחֲוִזְחַזְמָנִיר:  
25. ki mi yo'kal umi yachush chuts mimeni.

Ecc2:25 For who can eat and who can enjoy apart from me?

<25> ὅτι τίς φάγεται καὶ τίς φείσεται πάρεξ αὐτοῦ;

25 hoti tis phagetai kai tis pheisetai parex autou?

For who shall eat, and who shall drink besides him?

כְּוּבִי לְאָדָם שַׁטּוֹב לְפָנָיו נְתַן חַקְמָה  
וְדֻעָת וְשִׁמְחָה וְלִחוֹטָא נְתַן עֲגַנִּין לְאַסְפָּת  
וְלִכְנוֹס לְתַת לְטוֹב לְפָנֵי חָלָהִים גַּמְזֹה חֶבֶל וְרַעֲוַת רֹוחַ:

26. ki l'adam shetob l'phanayu nathan chak'mah  
w'da'ath w'sim'chah w'lachote' nathan 'in'yan le'esoph

w'lik'nos latheθ l'tob liph'ney ha'Elohim gam-zeh hebel ur'uth ruach.

Ecc2:26 For to a man who is good in His sight He has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner He has given the task of gathering and collecting so that he may give to one who is good in the sight of the Elohim. This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

<26> ὅτι τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ τῷ ἀγαθῷ πρὸ προσώπου αὐτοῦ ἔδωκεν σοφίαν καὶ γνῶσιν καὶ εὐφροσύνην· καὶ τῷ ἀμαρτάνοντι ἔδωκεν περισπασμὸν τοῦ προσθεῖναι καὶ τοῦ συναγαγεῖν τοῦ δοῦναι τῷ ἀγαθῷ πρὸ προσώπου τοῦ θεοῦ· ὅτι καὶ γε τοῦτο ματαιότης καὶ προαίρεσις πνεύματος.

26 hoti tō anthrōpō tō agathō pro prosōpou autou edōken sophian

For to the man, to the one good before his face, he gave wisdom,

kai gnōsin kai euprosynēn; kai tō hamartanonti edōken perispasmon  
and knowledge, and gladness. And to the one sinning, he gave distraction

tou prostheinai kai tou synagein

to be added and to bring together;

tou dounai tō agathō pro prosōpou tou theou;

so as to give to the good man before the face of Elohim.

hoti kai ge touto mataiotēs kai proairesis pneumatos.

For even indeed this is folly and resolve of spirit.

### Chapter 3

אֶלכֹל זָמֵן וְעֵת לְכָל־חַפֵץ פָתָח הַשְׁמִימָה Ecc3:1

1. **lakol z'man w'eth l'kal-chephets tachath hashamayim.**

Ecc3:1 There is an appointed time for everything.

And there is a time for every event under the heavens.

<3:1> Τοῖς πᾶσιν χρόνος, καὶ καιρὸς τῷ παντὶ πράγματι ὑπὸ τὸν οὐρανόν.

1 Tois pasin chronos, kai kairos tō panti pragmati hypo ton ouranon.

To all the time and season, to every thing under the heavens.

בְעֵת לְלִדְתָה וְעֵת לְמוֹית עַת לְטֻעַת וְעֵת לְעַקּוּר נְטוּעָה Ecc3:2

2. **`eth laledeth w'eth lamuth `eth lata`ath w'eth la`aqor natu`a.**

Ecc3:2 A time to give birth and a time to die;

a time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted.

<2> καιρὸς τοῦ τεκεῖν καὶ καιρὸς τοῦ ἀποθανεῖν,  
καιρὸς τοῦ φυτεῦσαι καὶ καιρὸς τοῦ ἐκτῖλαι πεφυτευμένον,

2 kairos tou tekein kai kairos tou apothanein,

A season to give birth, and a season to die;

kairos tou phyteusai kai kairos tou ektilai pephyteumenon,

A season a season to plant, and a season to pluck out the thing being planted;

וְעֵת לְלִדְתָה וְעֵת לְמוֹית עַת לְטֻעַת וְעֵת לְעַקּוּר נְטוּעָה Ecc3:3

**ג עת להרוג ועת לרפוא עת לפרוץ ועת לבנות:**

3. `eth laharog w'`eth lir'po' `eth liph'rots w'`eth lib'noth.

**Ecc3:3 A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to tear down and a time to build up.**

ἢ καιρὸς τοῦ ἀποκτεῖναι καὶ καιρὸς τοῦ ἵσσασθαι,  
καιρὸς τοῦ καθελεῖν καὶ καιρὸς τοῦ οἰκοδομῆσαι,

**3 kairos tou apokteinai kai kairos tou iasasthai,  
a season to kill, and a season to heal;  
kairos tou kathelein kai kairos tou oikodomēsai,  
a season to demolish, and a season to build;**

:ΔΥΦΩ ΧΟΥ ΔΥΖΞΙ ΧΟ ΦΥΛΛΩ/ ΧΟΥ ΧΥΨΩ/ ΧΟ<sub>4</sub>

**ד עת לברכות ועת לשחוק עת ספור ועת רקוד:**

4. `eth lib'koth w'`eth lis'choq `eth s'phod w'`eth r'qod.

**Ecc3:4** A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance.

<4> καιρὸς τοῦ κλαῦσαι καὶ καιρὸς τοῦ γελάσαι,  
καιρὸς τοῦ κόψασθαι καὶ καιρὸς τοῦ ὄρχήσασθαι,  
**4 kairos tou klausai kai kairos tou gelasai,**  
**a season to weep, and a season to laugh;**  
**kairos tou kopsasthai kai kairos tou orchēsasthai,**  
**a season to lament, and a season to dance;**

ԳԵՐԱԿ ԽՕ ԱՇԽԵԴՔ ՖԵՎԱՅ ԽՕԴ ԱՇԽԵԴՔ ՍԵՐԵՎԵՐ ԽՕ<sup>5</sup>

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**ה**עת להשליך אֲבָנִים רַעַת כְּנוֹס אֲבָנִים עַת לְחַבּוֹק

רעת לרחק מחייב:

5. **‘eth l’hash’lik ‘abanim w`eth k’nos ‘abanim `eth lachaboq w`eth lir’choq mechabeq.**

**Ecc3:5 A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing.**

καιρὸς τοῦ βαλεῖν λίθους καὶ καιρὸς τοῦ συναγαγεῖν λίθους,  
καιρὸς τοῦ περιλαβεῖν καὶ καιρὸς τοῦ μακρυνθῆναι ἀπὸ περιλήμψεως,

**5 kairos tou balein lithous kai kairos tou synagagein lithous,  
a season to throw stones, and a season to gather stones;**

**kairos tou perilabein** kai **kairos tou makrynthēnai apo perilēmpseōs**,  
a season to embrace, and a season to be far from embrace;

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וְעַת לִבְקֹשׁ וְעַת לְאָפֶד עַת לְשֻׁמֶּר וְעַת לְהַשְׁלִיךְ:

6. `eth l'baqesh w`eth l'abed `eth lish'mor w`eth l'hash'lik.

**Ecc3:6 A time to seek and a time to lose; A time to keep and a time to cast away.**

«**6** καιρὸς τοῦ ζητῆσαι καὶ καιρὸς τοῦ ἀπολέσαι,



10 eidon syn ton perispasmon, hon edōken ho theos  
I saw with the distraction which Elohim gave  
tois huiois tou anthrōpou tou perispasthai en autō.  
to the sons of men to be distracting to him.

יְהִי־עַל־כָּל־עֵשֶׂת בְּעֵת־זֹאת כִּי־בְּעֵת־זֹאת  
בְּלִבְמִן־מִן־אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יָמַצָּא הָאָדָם אֶת־הַמְּעַשָּׁה  
אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה הָאֱלֹהִים מִרְאֵשׁ וְעַד־סֻוףּ:

11. 'eth-hakol `asah yapheh b`ito gam 'eth-ha`olam nathan b'libam mib'li  
'asher lo'-yim'tsa' ha'adam 'eth-hama`aseh 'asher-`asah ha'Elohim mero'sh  
w`ad-soph.

Ecc3:11 He has made everything appropriate in its time.  
He has also set eternity in their heart, without which man shall not find out the work  
which the Elohim has done from the beginning even to the end.

<11> σὺν τὰ πάντα ἐποίησεν καλὰ ἐν καιρῷ αὐτοῦ καὶ γε σὺν τὸν αἰώνα ἔδωκεν  
ἐν καρδίᾳ αὐτῶν, ὅπως μὴ εὕρῃ ὁ ἀνθρωπός τὸ ποίημα, ὃ ἐποίησεν ὁ Θεός,  
ἀπ’ ἀρχῆς καὶ μέχρι τέλους.

11 syn ta panta epoiesen kala en kairō autou  
All which he made is good in his season;  
kai ge syn ton aiōna edōken en kardiā autōn,  
and indeed with the eon he gave in their heart,  
hopōs mē heurē ho anthrōpos to poiēma, ho epoiesen ho theos,  
so that should not find man the action which Elohim did  
ap' archēs kai mechri telous.  
from beginning till end.

בְּיָדָעַתִּי כִּי אֵין טוֹב בָּם  
כִּי אִם־לְשָׁמוֹחַ וְלְעַשּׂוֹת טוֹב בְּחַיָּיו:

12. yada `ti ki 'eyn tob bam ki 'im-lis'moach w'la `asoth tob b'chayayu.

Ecc3:12 I know that there is no good in them but to rejoice and to do good in his life;

<12> ἔγνων ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν ἀγαθὸν ἐν αὐτοῖς  
εὶ μὴ τοῦ εὑφρανθῆναι καὶ τοῦ ποιεῖν ἀγαθὸν ἐν ζωῇ αὐτοῦ.

12 egnōn hoti ouk estin agathon en autois  
I knew that there is not good in them,  
ei mē tou euphranthēnai kai tou poiein agathon en zōē autou;  
except to be glad and to do good in his life.

וְרֹאֶה טוֹב בְּכָל־עַמְלׁוֹ מִתְתַּחַת אֱלֹהִים הִיא׃  
 וְגַם כָּל־הָאָדָם שִׁיאָכֵל וְשַׂתָּה  
 ۳۴۹۲ וְעַד-עַזְבֵּן כְּפָנָיו ۱۴

**13. w'gam kal-ha'adam sheyo'kal w'shathah  
 w'ra'ah tob b'kal-'amalo matath 'Elohim hi'.**

**Ecc3:13** And also every man that should eat and drink,  
 enjoy the good of all his labor, it is the gift of Elohim.

<13> καὶ γε πᾶς ὁ ἄνθρωπος, ὃς φάγεται καὶ πίεται  
 καὶ ὅδη ἀγαθὸν ἐν παντὶ μόχθῳ αὐτοῦ, δόμα θεοῦ ἔστιν.

**13 kai ge pas ho anthrōpos, hos phagetai kai pietai  
 And indeed, every man who shall eat and shall drink  
 kai idē agathon en panti mochthō autou, doma theou estin.  
 and should behold good in all his effort – a gift of Elohim it is.**

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 יְדִיכְתִּי בְּכָל־אָשָׁר רָצַחַת הָאֱלֹהִים הוּא יְהִי  
 לְעוֹלָם עַלְיוֹ אֵין לְהֹסִיף וּמְמֻנָּף אֵין לְגַרְעַ  
 וְהָאֱלֹהִים עַשְׂתָּה שִׁירָאוּ מִלְּפָנָיו:

**14. yada'ti ki kal-'asher ya`aseh ha'Elohim hu' yih'yeh l'olam `alayu 'eyn l'hosiph  
 umimenu 'eyn lig'ro`a w'ha'Elohim `asah sheyir'u mil'phanayu.**

**Ecc3:14** I know that whatever the Elohim does, it shall be forever;  
 there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it,  
 and the Elohim does it so that men should fear before Him.

<14> ἔγνων ὅτι πάντα, ὅσα ἐποίησεν ὁ Θεός, αὐτὰ ἔσται εἰς τὸν αἰώνα·  
 ἐπ' αὐτῷ οὐκ ἔστιν προσθεῖναι, καὶ ἀπ' αὐτοῦ οὐκ ἔστιν ἀφελεῖν,  
 καὶ ὁ Θεὸς ἐποίησεν, ἵνα φοβηθῶσιν ἀπὸ προσώπου αὐτοῦ.

**14 egnōn hoti panta, hosa epoiēsen ho theos, auta estai eis ton aiōna;  
 I knew that all things as many as Elohim did, they shall be into the eon.  
 ep' autō ouk estin prostheinai, kai ap' autou ouk estin aphelein,  
 Unto them it is not to add, and from them it is not to remove.  
 kai ho theos epoiēsen, hina phobēthōsin apo prosōpou autou.  
 And Elohim did that they should fear from in front of him.**

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 טו מַה־שְׁהִיָּה כִּבְרָה הוּא וְאָשָׁר לְהִיּוֹת כִּבְרָה  
 וְהָאֱלֹהִים יְבָקֵשׁ אֶת־גְּרוּךְ:

**15. mah-shehayah k'bar hu' wa'asher lih'yoth k'bar hayah  
 w'ha'Elohim y'baqesh 'eth-nir'daph.**

**Ecc3:15** That which has been already and that which shall be has already been, for the Elohim seeks what has passed by.

<15> τὸ γενόμενον ἥδη ἐστίν, καὶ ὅσα τοῦ γίνεσθαι, ἥδη γέγονεν,  
καὶ ὁ θεὸς ζητήσει τὸν διωκόμενον.

15 to genomenon ēdē estin, kai hosa tou ginesthai,

The thing becoming, already is; and as much as there is to be,

ēdē gegonen, kai ho theos zētēsei ton diōkomenon.

already has become; and Elohim shall seek the thing pursuing.

וְוֹתָרָה קְרִיאַת תְּחִתָּה הַמְשֻׁבֵּט מָקוֹם הַרְשָׁעָה  
טֹזֵעַד רָאִיתִי תְּחִתָּה הַמְשֻׁבֵּט מָקוֹם הַרְשָׁעָה  
וּמָקוֹם הַצְּדָקָה שְׁפָתָה הַרְשָׁעָה:

16. w`od ra'ithi tachath hashamesh m'qom hamish'pat shamah haresha`  
um'qom hatsedeq shamah harasha`.

**Ecc3:16** Furthermore, I have seen under the sun that in the place of justice  
there is wickedness and in the place of righteousness there is wickedness.

<16> Καὶ ἔπειτα εἶδον ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον τόπον τῆς κρίσεως, ἐκεῖ ὁ ἀσεβῆς,  
καὶ τόπον τοῦ δικαίου, ἐκεῖ ὁ ἀσεβῆς.

16 Kai eti eidon hypo ton hēlion topón tēs kriseōs,

And still I beheld under the sun the place of the of judgment –

ekei ho asebēs, kai topón tou dikaiou, ekei ho asebēs.

there the impious one; and a place of the just – there was the pious one.

וְזֶה כִּי אָמַרְתִּי אָנִי בַּלְבֵּד אֶת־הַצְּדִיק וְאֶת־הַרְשָׁעָה יִשְׁפְּט הָאֱלֹהִים  
כִּי־עַת לְכָל־חֲפֵץ וְעַל כָּל־הַמְעָשָׂה שָׁם:

17. 'amar'ti 'ani b'libi 'eth-hatsadiq w'eth-harasha` yish'pot ha'Elohim  
ki-`eth l'kal-chephets w'al kal-hama`aseh sham.

**Ecc3:17** I said in my heart, the Elohim shall judge the righteous and the wicked,  
for a time for every matter and for every deed is there.

<17> εἶπα ἐγὼ ἐν καρδίᾳ μου Σὺν τὸν δίκαιον καὶ σὺν τὸν ἀσεβὴν κρινεῖ ὁ θεός,  
ὅτι καιρὸς τῷ παντὶ πράγματι καὶ ἐπὶ παντὶ τῷ ποιήματι.

17 eipa egō en kardiā mou Syn ton dikaiōn kai syn ton asebē krinei ho theos,

I said in my heart, With the just and with the impious, the Elohim shall judge,

hoti kairos tō panti pragmati kai epi panti tō poiēmati.

for there is a season for every thing, and for every action.

וְזֶה כִּי אָמַרְתִּי אָנִי בַּלְבֵּד עַל־דְּבָרָת בְּנֵי הָאֱלֹהִים לְבַרְמָה

ולראות ששם-בכמה הינה להם:

**18. 'amar'ti 'ani b'lbi `al-dib'rath b'ney ha'adam l'baram ha'Elohim  
w'lir'oth sh'hem-b'hemah hemah lahem.**

**Ecc3:18** I said in my heart concerning the estate of the sons of men,  
the Elohim tests them so that they see for themselves that they are beasts.

**<18>** ἐκεῖ εἶπα ἐγὼ ἐν καρδίᾳ μου περὶ λαλιᾶς υἱῶν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου,  
ὅτι διαικρινεῖ αὐτοὺς ὁ θεός, καὶ τοῦ δεῖξαι ὅτι αὐτοὶ κτήνη εἰσὶν καὶ γε αὐτοῖς.

**18** ekei eipa egō en kardiā mou peri lalias huiōn tou anthrōpou,  
there I said in my heart, concerning the speech of the sons of man,  
hoti diakrinei autous ho theos, kai tou deixai hoti autoi ktēnē eisin  
that shall examine them the Elohim, and to show that they are beasts.

kai ge autois.

**And indeed to them.**

19 עַתָּה יְהוָה-אֱלֹהִים צִבְאָה לְעֵדָה  
וְמִקְרָה אֶחָד לְהֶם כִּמְתוֹת זוֹה בָּן מֹתָה זוֹה וְרוֹיחָ אֶחָד לְפָנָל  
וּמוֹתָר הָאָדָם מִן-הַבְּהִמָּה אֵין כִּי חֲפָל חֲבָל:

**19. ki miq'reh b'ney-ha'adam umiq'reh hab'hemah**  
**umiq'reh 'echad lahem k'moth zeh ken moth zeh w'ruch 'echad lakol**  
**umothar ha'adam min-hab'hemah 'avin ki hakol habel.**

**Ecc3:19** For that which happens to the sons of men and that which happens to beasts; even one thing that which happens to them: as one dies so dies the other; indeed, they have all one breath and there is no advantage for man over beast, for all is vanity.

«**19** ὅτι συνάντημα υἱῶν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου καὶ συνάντημα τοῦ κτήνους,  
συνάντημα ἔν αὐτοῖς· ὡς ὁ θάνατος τούτου, οὕτως ὁ θάνατος τούτου,  
καὶ πνεῦμα ἔν τοῖς πᾶσιν· καὶ τί ἐπερίσσευσεν ὁ ἄνθρωπος παρὰ τὸ κτῆνος;  
οὐδέν, ὅτι τὰ πάντα ματαιότης.

**19** hoti synantēma huiōn tou anthrōpou kai synantēma tou ktēnous,  
that the event of the sons of man, and the event of the beast is  
synantēma hen autois; hōs ho thanatos toutou, houtōs ho thanatos toutou,  
the event one to them; as the death of this one, also the death of this other one;  
kai pneuma hen tois pasin; kai ti eperisseusen ho anthrōpos para to ktēnos?  
and breath one to all. And what abounded the man more than the cattle?  
ouden, hoti ta panta mataiotēs.  
Nothing. For all things are folly.

**ב חבל הולך אל-מקום אחד חבל היה מן-העפר**

**רְחֵבֶל שָׁב אַל-הַעֲפָר:**

**20. hakol holek 'el-maqom 'echad hakol hayah min-he`aphar w'hakol shab 'el-he`aphar.**

**Ecc3:20** All go to one place. All are of the dust and all return to the dust.

¶**20** τὰ πάντα πορεύεται εἰς τόπον ἔνα· τὰ πάντα ἐγένετο ἀπὸ τοῦ χοός,  
καὶ τὰ πάντα ἐπιστρέφει εἰς τὸν χοῦν.

**20** ta panta poreuetai eis topon hena; ta panta egeneto apo tou choos,  
All things go to place one; all things came from the dust,

**kai ta panta epistrephei eis ton choun;**  
and **all things return** to the dust.

**כִּאֵם יְהֹוָה רַיִךְ בְּנֵי הָאָדָם הַעֲלָה הִיא לְמַעַלָּה  
וַיַּרְא כִּבְחָמָה סִירְדָת הִיא לְמַטָּה לְאָרֶץ:**

**21. mi yode`a ruach b'ney ha'adam ha`olah hi' l'ma`lah  
w'ruach hab'hemah hayoredeth hi' l'matah la'arets.**

**Ecc3:21** Who knows that the spirit of the sons of man that goes upward and the spirit of the beast that goes downward to the earth?

•**21** καὶ τίς οἶδεν πνεῦμα υἱῶν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου εἰ ἀναβαίνει αὐτὸς εἰς ἄνω,  
καὶ πνεῦμα τοῦ κτίζοντος εἰ καταβαίνει αὐτὸς κάτω εἰς γῆν;

21 kai tis oiden pneuma huiōn tou anthrōpou ei anabainei auto eis anō,  
And who has known the spirit of the sons of man, if it ascends itself upward?  
kai pneuma tou ktēnous ei katabainei auto katō eis gēn?  
and the spirit of the beast, if it goes down itself below into the earth?

**כב וְרִאֵתִי כִּי אֵין טוֹב מְאַשֵּׁר יִשְׂמַח הָאָדָם בְּמַצְשָׁיו**  
**כִּי־הִיא חֶלְקָוּ כִּי מֵי יִבְרִאֵנוּ לְרֹאֹת בָּמָה שְׁיִהִיה אֲחָרֵינוּ:**

22. w'ra'ithi ki 'eyn tob me'asher yis'mach ha'adam b'ma`asayu  
 ki-hu' chel'go ki mi y'bi'enu lir'oth b'meh sheyih'yeh 'acharayu.

**Ecc3:22** Therefore I have seen that nothing is better than that man should rejoice in his works, for that is his lot. For who shall bring him to see what shall occur after him?

〈22〉 καὶ εἶδον ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν ἀγαθὸν εἰ μὴ ὁ εὐφρανθήσεται ὁ ἄνθρωπος  
ἐν ποιήμασιν αὐτοῦ, ὅτι αὐτὸς μερὶς αὐτοῦ·  
ὅτι τίς ἄξει αὐτὸν τοῦ ἴδεῖν ἐν ὧ ἐὰν γένηται μετ' αὐτόν;

**22** kai eidon hoti ouk estin agathon ei mē ho euphranthēsetai ho anthrōpos  
And I saw that there is no good, except where shall be glad man  
en poiēmasin autou, hoti auto meris autou;

**beti tis exei auten tau idein en hā cap genētei met' auten?**

## Chapter 4

וְרַשְׁבָתִי אָנִי וְאֶרְאֶה אֶת־כָל־הַעֲשָׂקִים  
 אֲשֶׁר נִעֲשִׂים תְחִת הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ וְהַגֵּה דְמַעַת הַעֲשָׂקִים  
 וְאֵין לָהֶם מְנַחֶם וּמִיד עַשְׂקֵיכֶם כֵּם וְאֵין לָהֶם מְנַחֶם:

1. w'shab'ti 'ani wa'er'eh 'eth-kal-ha`ashuqim 'asher na`asim tachath hashamesh  
 w'hinneh dim`ath ha`ashuqim w'eyn lahem m'nachem umiyad `osh'qeyhem koach  
 w'eyn lahem m'nachem.

**Ecc4:1** So I returned, and considered at all the oppressions that are done under the sun.  
 And behold the tears who were oppressed, and that they had no comforter  
 and at the hand of those oppressed them there was power, but they had no comforter.

«4:1» Καὶ ἐπέστρεψα ἐγὼ καὶ εἶδον σὺν πάσας τὰς συκοφαντίας  
 τὰς γινομένας ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον· καὶ ἵδού δάκρυον τῶν συκοφαντουμένων,  
 καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν αὐτοῖς παρακαλῶν, καὶ ἀπὸ χειρὸς συκοφαντούντων αὐτοὺς ἵσχυς,  
 καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν αὐτοῖς παρακαλῶν.

1 Kai epestrepsa egō kai eidon syn pasas tas sykophantias  
 And I turned and I beheld all the exortions,  
 tas ginomenas hypo ton hēlion;  
 the ones happening under the sun.  
 kai idou dakruon tōn sykophantoumenōn,  
 And behold, the tear of the ones being extored,  
 kai ouk estin autois parakalōn,  
 and there is not one comforting them.  
 kai apo cheiros sykophantountōn autous ischys,  
 And by the hand of ones extorting them was by strength  
 kai ouk estin autois parakalōn.  
 there is not one comforting them.

וְרַשְׁבָתִי אָנִי אֶת־הַמְתִים שֶׁבֶר מְתוֹ מִן־הַחַיִם  
 בְּרַשְׁבָתִי אָנִי אֶת־הַמְתִים שֶׁבֶר מְתוֹ מִן־הַחַיִם  
 אֲשֶׁר הַמָּה חַיִם עַדְנָה:

2. w'shabeach 'ani 'eth-hamethim shek'bar methu min-hachayim  
 'asher hemah chayim `adenah.

**Ecc4:2** So I praised the dead who are already dead more than the living  
 which they are still living.

«2» καὶ ἐπήνεσα ἐγὼ σὺν τοὺς τεθνηκότας τοὺς ἥδη ἀποθανόντας ὑπὲρ τοὺς ζῶντας,  
 ὅσοι αὐτὸλ ζῶσιν ἕως τοῦ νῦν.

2 kai epēnesa egō syn tous tethnēkotas tous ēdē apothanontas

And I praised all of the ones having died of the ones already dying

hyper tous zōntas, hosoi autoi zōsin heōs tou nyn;

more than the living, as many as they live until the present.

וְרֹטוֹב מִשְׁנִיכֶם אֵת אֲשֶׁר־עַד לֹא חִיה  
אֲשֶׁר לֹא־רָא אֵת־הַמְעֵשָׂה הַרְעָא אֲשֶׁר נִعְשָׂה תְּחִתַּת הַשְּׁמֶן:

3. w'tob mish'nehem 'eth 'asher-'aden lo' hayah

'asher lo'-ra'ah 'eth-hama`aseh hara` 'asher na`asah tachath hashamesh.

Ecc4:3 Yes, better is he than both they, which has not yet been,  
who has not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

<3> καὶ ἀγαθὸς ὑπὲρ τοὺς δύο τούτους ὅστις οὕπω ἐγένετο,  
ὅς οὐκ εἶδεν σὺν τῷ ποίημα τῷ πονηρὸντὸ πεποιημένον ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον.

3 kai agathos hyper tous duo toutous hostis oupō egeneto,

And better above these two which not yet was born,

hos ouk eiden syn to poiēma to ponēron to pepoiēmenon hypo ton hēlion.

which knew not all the action evil being done under the sun.

ד וְקָאֵרְתִּי אֲנִי אֶת־כָּל־עַמָּל וְאַתָּה כָּל־כְּשֻׁרוֹן הַמְעֵשָׂה  
כִּי هִיא קְנָאת־אִישׁ מְרֻעָה גָּמְזָה הַבָּל וּרְעוּת רַוִּיחַ:

4. w'ra'ithi 'ani 'eth-kal-'amal w'eth kal-kish'ron hama`aseh

ki hi' qin'ath-'ish mere`ehu gam-zeh hebel ur`uth ruach.

Ecc4:4 I have seen that every labor and every success of the work,  
that it is the envy of a man against his neighbor. This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

<4> Καὶ εἶδον ἐγὼ σὺν πάντα τὸν μόχθον καὶ σὺν πᾶσαν ἀνδρείαν τοῦ ποιήματος,  
ὅτι αὐτὸ ζῆλος ἀνδρὸς ἀπὸ τοῦ ἔταίρου αὐτοῦ·

καὶ γε τοῦτο ματαιότης καὶ προάίρεσις πνεύματος.

4 Kai eidon egō syn panta ton mochthon kai syn pasan andreian tou poiēmatos,

And I beheld all the effort, and all courage of action;

hoti auto zēlos andros apo tou hetairou autou;

for the same zeal of man is from his companion.

kai ge touto mataiotēs kai proairesis pneumatatos.

And indeed this is folly and resolve of spirit.

ה חֲקֵסִיל חַבֵּק אֶת־יִדְיוֹ וְאֶכְלֶל אֶת־בָּשָׂרוֹ:

5. hak'sil chobeq 'eth-yadayu w'okel 'eth-b'saro.

Ecc4:5 The fool folds his hands and consumes his own flesh.

«5» ὁ ἄφρων περιέλαβεν τὰς χεῖρας αὐτοῦ καὶ ἔφαγεν τὰς σάρκας αὐτοῦ.

5 ho aphrōn perielaben tas cheiras autou kai ephagen tas sarkas autou.

The fool embraces his hands, and eats his flesh.

וְטוֹב מֶלֶא כַף בְּחֵת מִמֶּלֶא חֲפִינִים עָמֵל וּרְעִוָת רִיחָה:

6. tob m'lo' kaph nachath mim'lo' chaph'nayim `amal ur'uth ruach.

Ecc4:6 Better is one handful of quietness than both hands full of labor and vexation of spirit.

«6» ἀγαθὸν πλήρωμα δρακὸς ἀναπαύσεως ὑπὲρ πλήρωμα δύο δρακῶν μόχθου καὶ προαιρέσεως πνεύματος.

6 agathon plērōma drakos anapauseōs hyper plērōma duo drakōn mochthou

Better full a handful of rest, than full two handfuls a trouble

kai proaireseōs pneumatos.

and resolve of spirit.

וְשָׁבַתִּי אָנָי וְאֶרְאֶה הַכְּלָל תְּחֵת הַשְּׁמֶשׁ:

7. w'shab'ti 'ani wa'er'eh hebel tachath hashamesh.

Ecc4:7 Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun.

«7» Καὶ ἐπέστρεψα ἐγὼ καὶ εἶδον ματαιότητα ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον.

7 Kai epestrepsa egō kai eidon mataiotēta hypo ton hēlion.

And I turned, and I saw folly under the sun.

חִישׁ אֶחָד וְאֵין שְׁנִי גַם בֵן וְאֶח אַיִן-לוּ  
וְאֵין קֵץ לְכָל-עַמְלָיו גַם-עִינֵיו לְא-תִשְׁבַע עַשֵּר וְלִמְרֵי אָנָי עַמְלָי  
וּמְחַפֵר אֶת-נֶפֶשִי מִטּוּבָה גַם-זֹה הַכְּלָל וְעַנְיָן רָע הַגָּא:

8. yesh 'echad w'eyn sheni gam ben wa'ach 'eyn-lo

w'eyn qets l'kal-'amalo gam-'eynayu lo'-this'ba` 'oshet ul'mi 'ani `amel  
um'chaser 'eth-naph'shi mitobah gam-zeh hebel w`in'yan ra` hu.

Ecc4:8 There is one alone, and there is not a second; yea, he has neither a son nor a brother, yet there is no end of all his labor; even his eyes are not satisfied with riches; and he says, For whom do I labor and bereave my soul of good? This also is vanity and it is an evil task.

«8» ἔστιν εἷς, καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν δεύτερος, καὶ γε υἱὸς καὶ ἀδελφὸς οὐκ ἔστιν αὐτῷ,  
καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν περασμὸς τῷ παντὶ μόχθῳ αὐτοῦ,  
καὶ γε ὁθαλμὸς αὐτοῦ οὐκ ἐμπίπλαται πλούτου. καὶ τίνι ἐγὼ μοχθῶ  
καὶ στερίσκω τὴν ψυχήν μου ἀπὸ ἀγαθωσύνης;  
καὶ γε τοῦτο ματαιότης καὶ περισπασμὸς πονηρός ἔστιν.

8 estin heis, kai ouk estin deuteros, kai ge huios

There is one alone, and there is not a second; and indeed, son

kai adelphos ouk estin autō;

nor indeed a brother there is no to him.

kai ouk estin perasmos tō panti mochthō autou,

And there is no limit to all his effort;

kai ge ophthalmos autou ouk emiplatai ploutou.

and indeed his eye is not satisfied of riches;

kai tini egō mochthō kai steriskō tēn psychēn mou apo agathōsynēs?

and saying, Why do I make an effort, and deprive my soul of goodness?

kai ge touto mataiotēs kai perispasmos ponēros estin.

And indeed, this folly and distraction an evil is.

ט טובים הַשְׁנִים מִן־הָאֶחָד אֲשֶׁר יֵשׁ־לָהּם שְׁכָר טוֹב בְּעַמְלָם:

9. tobim hash'nayim min-ha'echad 'asher yesh-lahem sakar tob ba'amalam.

Ecc4:9 Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor.

<9> ἀγαθὸς οὐδὲν δύο ὑπὲρ τὸν ἔνα, οἶς ἔστιν αὐτοῖς μισθὸς ἀγαθὸς ἐν μόχθῳ αὐτῶν.

9 agathoi hoi duo hyper ton hena, hois estin autois misthos agathos en mochthō autōn;

Better the two than the one, in which there is to them wage a good in their effort.

ר כי אָמִינוּ פָלִי הָאֶחָד יְקִים אֶת־חֶבְרוֹ  
וְאִילוּ הָאֶחָד שְׂפִול וְאֵין שְׁנִי לְהַקִּימָוּ:

10. ki 'im-yipolu ha'echad yaqim 'eth-chabero

w'ilō ha'echad sheyipol w'eyn sheni lahaqimo.

Ecc4:10 For if they fall, the one shall lift up his companion.

But woe to him, the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up.

<10> ὅτι εἴαν πέσωσιν, οὐ εἰς ἐγερεῖ τὸν μέτοχον αὐτοῦ,

καὶ οὐαὶ αὐτῷ τῷ ἐνί, ὅταν πέσῃ καὶ μὴ ἢ δεύτερος τοῦ ἐγεῖραι αὐτόν.

10 hoti ean pesōsin, ho heis egerei ton metochon autou,

For if they should fall, the one shall rise his partner.

kai ouai autō tō henī, hotan pesē

But woe to him, to the one, whenever he should fall

kai mē ē deuteros tou egeirai auton.

and there should not be a second to raise him.

רֹא גָם אָמִינוּ שְׁכָבִי שְׁנִים וְחַם לְהָם וְלָאֶחָד אֵיךְ יִחְמָם:

11. gam 'im-yish'k'bu sh'nayim w'cham lahem ul'echad 'eyak yecham.

Ecc4:11 Also, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone?

<11> καὶ γε εἴαν κοιμηθώσιν δύο, καὶ θέρμη αὐτοῖς· καὶ οὐ εἰς πῶς θερμανθῆ;

11 kai ge ean koimēthōsin duo, kai thermē autois;  
And also if should go to bed two and heat themselves,  
kai ho heis pōs thermanthē?  
then the one, how shall he heat himself?

בְּאֶלְעָזֵר בְּאַלְעָזֵר עֲלֵיכֶם אֶלְעָזֵר אֶלְעָזֵר 12  
וְאֶלְעָזֵר אֶלְעָזֵר וְאֶלְעָזֵר אֶלְעָזֵר  
בְּוֹאָמֵן יִתְקַפֵּה הַאֲחָד הַשְׁנִים יַעֲמֹד נְגַדֵּל  
וְהַחִיט הַמְשֻׁלֵּשׁ לֹא בְמְהֻרָה יִפְתַּח:

12. w'im-yith'q'pho ha'echad hash'nayim ya'am'du neg'do  
w'hachut ham'shulash lo' bim'herah yinatheq.

Ecc4:12 And if one prevail against him, two shall stand in front of him.  
A threefold cord is not quickly torn apart.

<12> καὶ ἐὰν ἐπικραταιωθῇ ὁ εἶς, οἱ δύο στήσονται κατέναντι αὐτοῦ,  
καὶ τὸ σπαρτίον τὸ ἔντριτον οὐ ταχέως ἀπορραγήσεται.

12 kai ean epikrataiōthē ho heis, hoi duo stēsontai katenanti autou,  
And if one prevails against the one, the two shall stand against him.  
kai to spartion to entriton ou tacheōs aporragēsetai.  
And the cord three-stranded shall not be quickly ripped apart.

יְהִי שְׁלֹשׁ עֲלֵיכֶם עֲלֵיכֶם עֲלֵיכֶם 13  
וְאֶלְעָזֵר אֶלְעָזֵר אֶלְעָזֵר  
יְהִי טוֹב יְלִד מִסְכָּן וְחִכָּם מִלְּלָד זָקָן  
וְכִסֵּל אָשָׁר לֹא-יִדְעַ לְהַזְהֵר עָזָב:

13. tob yeled mis'ken w'chakam mimelek zaqen uk'sil 'asher lo'-yada` l'hizaher `od.

Ecc4:13 Better is a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king  
who no longer knows to be warned.

<13> Ἀγαθὸς παῖς πένης καὶ σοφὸς ὑπὲρ βασιλέα πρεσβύτερον καὶ ἄφρονα,  
ὅς οὐκ ἔγνω τοῦ προσέχειν ἔτι.

13 Agathos pais penēs kai sophos hyper basilea presbyteron kai aphrona,  
Better child a needy and wise, than king an older and foolish  
hos ouk egnō tou prosechein eti;  
who does not know to take heed any longer.

וְאֶלְעָזֵר אֶלְעָזֵר אֶלְעָזֵר 14  
יְהִי כִּירְמָבֵית הַסּוּרִים יִצְאַ לְמַלְלָד כִּי גַם בְּמַלְכִיתוֹ נֹלֵד רָשׁ:

14. ki-mibeyth hasurim yatsa' lim'lok ki gam b'mal'kutho nolad rash.

Ecc4:14 For from out of the house of the imprisoned he has come to become king,  
although he was born poor in his kingdom.

<14> ὅτι ἐξ οἴκου τῶν δεσμίων ἐξελεύσεται τοῦ βασιλεῦσαι,  
ὅτι καὶ γε ἐν βασιλείᾳ αὐτοῦ ἐγεννήθη πένης.

14 hoti ex oikou tōn desmiōn exeleusetai tou basileusai,

For from out of the house of the prisoners he shall come forth to reign,  
hoti kai ge en basileią autou egennēthē penēs.  
for even indeed in his kingdom he was needy.

טוֹרָאִיתִי אֶת־כָּל־הַחַיִם הַמְהֻלְכִים תְּחִתְּ הַשְׁמֵשׁ עִם הַיֶּלֶד הַשְׁנִי  
אֲשֶׁר יַעֲמֹד תְּחִקְרֵוּ: 15

15. ra'ithi 'eth-kal-hachayim ham'hal'kim tachath hashamesh  
`im hayeled hasheni 'asher ya`amod tach'tayu.

Ecc4:15 I have seen all the living which walk under the sun,  
with the second child who shall stand up instead of him.

<15> εἶδον σὺν πάντας τοὺς ζῶντας τοὺς περιπατοῦντας ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον  
μετὰ τοῦ νεανίσκου τοῦ δευτέρου, ὃς στήσεται ἀντ’ αὐτοῦ,

15 eidon syn pantas tous zontas tous peripatountas hypo ton hēlion

I beheld all of the living, of the ones walking under the sun,  
meta tou neaniskou tou deuterou, hos stēsetai ant' autou,  
with the young of the second generation who shall stand in place of him.

טֶז אַיּוֹן־קָצֵן לְכָל־הָעָם לְכָל אֲשֶׁר־הָיָה לִפְנֵי הָם גַּם  
הַאֲחַרְוּנִים לֹא יִשְׁמְחוּ־בָּו כִּירְגַּמְּזָה הַבָּל וּרְגִזּוֹן רִוחֵה: 16

16. 'eyn-qets l'kal-ha`am l'kol 'asher-hayah liph'neyhem gam  
ha'acharonim lo' yis'm'chu-bo ki-gam-zeh hebel w'ra`yon ruach.

Ecc4:16 There is no end to all the people, to all who were before them, and they also  
that come after shall not rejoice with him, for this also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

<16> οὐκ ἔστιν περασμὸς τῷ παντὶ λαῷ, τοῖς πᾶσιν, ὅσοι ἐγένοντο ἐμπροσθεν αὐτῶν·  
καὶ γε οἱ ἔσχατοι οὐκ εὑφρανθήσονται ἐν αὐτῷ·  
ὅτι καὶ γε τοῦτο ματαιότης καὶ προαίρεσις πνεύματος.

16 ouk estin perasmos tō panti laq̄, tois pasin, hosoi egenonto emprosthen autōn;  
There is no limit to all the people, to all as many as was before them;

kai ge hoī eschatoi ouk euphranthēsontai en autō;  
and indeed, the last shall not be glad in himself.

hoti kai ge touto mataiotēs kai proairesis pneumatōs.

For even indeed this is folly and resolve of spirit.

יז שָׁמֵר בְּגַלְיַךְ כַּאֲשֶׁר תְּלַךְ אֶל־בֵּית הָאֱלֹהִים  
וּקְרוּב לְשָׁמֵעַ מִתְּחִת הַכְּסִילִים זָבֵח כִּירְאִנּוּם יוֹדְעִים לְעָשׂוֹת רָעָ:  
1. (4:17 in Heb.) sh'mor rag'leyak ka'asher telek 'el-beyth ha'Elohim

w'qarob lish'mo`a miteth hak'silim zabach ki-'eynam yod'`im la`asoth ra`.

**Ecc5:1** Guard your feet as you go to the house of the Elohim and draw near to hear more than to give a sacrifice of fools; for they do not know that they are doing evil.

<17> Φύλαξον πόδα σου, ἐν ὧ ἐὰν πορεύῃ εἰς οἶκον τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ ἔγγὺς τοῦ ἀκούειν· ὑπὲρ δόμα τῶν ἀφρόνων θυσία σου, ὅτι οὐκ εἴσιν εἰδότες τοῦ ποιῆσαι κακόν.

17 Phylaxon poda sou, en hō ean poreuē eis oikon tou theou,

Guard your foot whenever you should go into the house of Elohim

kai eggys tou akouein; hyper doma tōn aphronōn thysia sou,

and are near to hear! be above the gift of the fools sacrifice Let your,

hoti ouk eisin eidotes tou poiēsai kakon.

for they are not knowing to do bad.

## Chapter 5

אַל־תְּבַהֵל עַל־פִיך וְלֹכֶךָ אַל־יִמְהַר לְהֹצִיא  
דְבָר לְפִנֵי הָאֱלֹהִים כִּי הָאֱלֹהִים בְשָׁמִים  
וְאַתָּה עַל־הָאָרֶץ עַל־כֵן יִהְיוּ דְבָרִיך מְעֻטִים:

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 ἔξενέγκαι λόγον πρὸ προσώπου τοῦ θεοῦ· ὅτι δὲ θεὸς ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ ἄνω, καὶ σὺ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐπὶ τούτῳ 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 exenekai logon pro prosōpou tou theou;

to bring forth a word before the presence of the Elohim!

hoti ho theos en tō ouranō anō, kai sy epi tēs gēs,

For the Elohim is in the heavens upward, and you are upon the earth;

epi toutō estōsan hoi logoi sou oligoi.

Upon this be your words few!

בְּכִי בָא חַחְלוֹם בְּרַב עֲנֵין וּקְול בְּסִיל בְּרַב דְבָרִים:

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

בְּאַשְׁר תָּדֹר נֶדֶר לְאֱלֹהִים אֲלֵתָחֶר לְשָׁלָם  
כִּי אֵין חַפֵּץ בְּכִסְילִים אֵת אַשְׁר-תָּדֹר שָׁלָם:

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 fulfill it;  
for He has no delight in fools. Pay that which you have vowed!

<3> καθὼς ἀν εὐξῆς εὐχὴν τῷ θεῷ, μὴ χρονίσῃς τοῦ ἀποδοῦναι αὐτήν.  
ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν θέλημα ἐν ἀφροσιν, σὺν ὅσα ἔὰν εὐξῆς 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 euxē apodos.

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

ד טוֹב אַשְׁר לְאַתָּדֹר מִשְׁתָּדֹר וְלֹא תִשְׁלַמָּה:

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

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

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

4 agathon to mē euxasthai se ē to euxasthai se kai mē apodounai.

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

ה אַל-תִּתְנַז אַת-פִּיךְ לְחַטִּיא אַת-בְּשַׁרְךָ  
וְאַל-תֹּאמֶר לְפָנֵי הַמְלָאָךְ כִּי שְׁגֹגָה הִיא לְמַה יִקְצַּר  
הָאֱלֹהִים עַל-קוֹלְךָ וְחַבֵּל אַת-מַעֲשָׂה רַדְךָ:

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 yiqtosha 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> μὴ δῶς τὸ στόμα σου τοῦ ἔξαμαρτῆσαι τὴν σάρκα σου  
καὶ μὴ εἴπῃς πρὸ προσώπου τοῦ θεοῦ ὅτι Ἀγνοιά ἐστιν,  
ἴνα μὴ ὀργισθῇ ὁ θεὸς ἐπὶ φωνῆ σου καὶ διαφθείρῃ τὰ ποιήματα χειρῶν σου.

**5 mē dōs** to stoma sou tou examartēsai tēn sarka sou

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

kai **mē eipēs** pro prosōpou 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 **diaphtheirē** ta poiēmata cheirōn sou.

and should utterly destroy the things made by your hands.

וְכִי בָרָב חֲלוֹמוֹת וְהַבְלִים יְדָבְרִים הַרְבָּה כִּי אֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים יָרָא:  
7. (5:6 in Heb.) **ki b'rob chalomoth wahabrim**

**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 φοβού.

**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.

זֶעֶשׂ עַשְׂק רָשׁ וְגַזֵּל מִשְׁפָט וְצִדְקָה בַּמְדִינָה אֶל־תִּתְמַה  
עַל־הַחֲפֵץ כִּי גַּבְהָ מִצְלָה שְׁמִיר וְגַבְהִים עַלְיָהֶם:  
8. (5:7 in Heb.) **'im-'osheq rash w'gezel mish'pat**

**watsedeq tir'eh bam'dinah 'al-tith'mah `al-hachephets**

**ki gaboh me`al gaboh shomer ug'bohim alehem.**

**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> Ἐὰν συκοφαντίαν πένητος καὶ ἀρπαγὴν κρίματος  
καὶ δικαιοσύνης ὄδης ἐν χώρᾳ, μὴ θαυμάσῃς ἐπὶ τῷ πράγματι.  
ὅτι ὑψηλὸς ἐπάνω ὑψηλού φυλάξαι καὶ ὑψηλοὶ ἐπ' αὐτούς.

**7 Ean sykophantian penētos kai harpagēn krimatos**

If extortion of the needy and seizure by lawsuit

kai dikaiosynēs idēs en chōrā,  
and judicial right you should see in a place,  
mē thaumasēs epi tō 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.

**חַוִּיתְרוֹן אָרֶץ בְּכָל הַיּוֹם מֶלֶךְ לְשָׁדָה נָעַבְדָּה:**

**9. (5:8 in Heb.) w'yith'ron 'erets bakol hi' melek I'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 ἔστι, βασιλεὺς τοῦ ἀγροῦ είργασμένου.

**8 kai perisseia gēs en panti esti,**

**And the abundance of the earth for all is;**

**basileus tou agrou eargasmenou.**

even **the king** needs the oil.

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ט אהב כף לא-ישבע כף  
ו-מיר אהב בקמן לא תבואה גם זה הבל:

**10. (5:9 in Heb.) 'oheb keseph lo'-yis'ba` keseph  
umi-'oheb behamon lo' th'bua'h 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 Ἀγαπῶν ἀργύριον οὐ πλησθήσεται ἀργυρίου·  
καὶ τίς ἡγάπησεν ἐν πλήθει αὐτῶν γένημα; καί γε τοῦτο ματαιότης.

**9** Ἀγαπῶν ἀργυρίον οὐ πλέσθεται ἀργυρίου;

**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.

**יב** בְּרִבּוֹת הַטּוֹבָה רַבָּה אָוְכֶלֶיךְ  
**וְמַה-**כְּשַׁרוֹן לְבָעֵלֶיךְ כִּי אַמְ-רָאִית עִנְגָּיו:

**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 ὄρᾶν ὀφθαλμοῖς αὐτοῦ;

**10 en plēthei tēs agathōsynēs eplēthyntēsan 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?

וְעַבְדָּתִים כָּל־עֲבָדָתֵי אֱלֹהִים וְעַבְדָּתֵי אֱלֹהִים  
רְאֵתִים מִתְּבוֹקָה שֶׁנְתָּהָרְבָּה אֲמָמָט וְאֲמָמָת בְּרִיבָּה יְאַכֵּל  
וְהַשְׁבָּע לְעַשְׂרֵה אַרְגָּנוֹת מִנְחָה לוֹ לִישָׁוֹן:

**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» γλυκὺς ὅπνος τοῦ δούλου, εἰ ὀλίγον καὶ εἰ πολὺ φάγεται·  
καὶ τῷ ἐμπλησθέντι τοῦ πλούτησαι οὐκ ἔστιν ἀφίων αὐτὸν τοῦ ὄπνωσαι.

**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 tō emplēsthenti tou ploutēsai ouk estin aphiōn auton tou hypnōsai.**  
And to the one being filled to be rich there is none allowing him to sleep.

וְעַשְׂרֵה חֹלוֹה רְאֵתִי תְּהַת הַשְׁמֶשׁ  
רֵישׁ רְעֵה כָּלְבָּד לְבָעֵלִיו לְרַעֲתָה:

**13. (5:12 in Heb.) yesh ra`ah cholah ra`ithi tachath hashamesh**  
**`oshер 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, ἣν εἶδον ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον,  
πλούτον 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 tō par' autou eis kakian autou,**  
riches being kept by him, for his hurt.

וְעַשְׂרֵה כָּלְבָּד כָּלְבָּד כָּלְבָּד כָּלְבָּד  
רְאֵתִים מִתְּבוֹקָה שֶׁנְתָּהָרְבָּה אֲמָמָט וְאֲמָמָת בְּרִיבָּה יְאַכֵּל  
וְהַולְיד בֵּן וְאִין בַּיָּדוֹ מְאוּמָה:

**14. (5:13 in Heb.) w'abad ha`oshер 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 ἔγεννησεν υἱόν, καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ἐν χειρὶ αὐτοῦ οὐδέν.

13 kai apoleitai ho ploutos ekeinos en perispasmō ponērō,  
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.

בָּשָׂר שְׂעִיר תְּבִשֵּׂת עַמּוֹד יְשֻׁב לְלִכְתָּבָא  
יְד כְּאֶשֶּׁר רְצָא מִבְּطָן אַמּוֹד עַרְוָם יְשֻׁב לְלִכְתָּבָא  
וְמַאֲמָה לֹא-יִשְׁא בְּעַמְלֹךְ שְׂיָלָךְ בְּיַדְךָ:

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> καθὼς ἐξῆλθεν ἀπὸ γαστρὸς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ γυμνός,  
ἐπιστρέψει τοῦ πορευθῆναι ὡς ἦκει καὶ οὐδὲν οὐ λήμψεται ἐν μόχθῳ αὐτοῦ,  
ἴνα πορευθῇ ἐν χειρὶ αὐτοῦ.

14 kathōs exēlthen apo gastrōs mētros autou gymnos,  
As he came forth from the womb of his mother naked,  
epistrepsei tou poreuthēnai hōs hēkei kai ouden ou lēmpsetai en mochthō autou,  
he shall return to go as he comes, and nothing shall he take in his effort,  
hina poreuthē en cheiri autou.  
that it should go with him in his hand.

עַמְלָךְ שְׂיָלָךְ בְּיַדְךָ כְּאֶשֶּׁר רְצָא מִבְּטָן אַמּוֹד  
טו וְגַם-זֹה רַעַת חֹלֶה כָּל-עַמְתָּה שְׁבָא כֵּן יַלְךָ  
וְמַה-יִתְרֹן לוֹ שְׂיָעַמְלָךְ לְרוֹחָךְ:

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> καὶ γε τοῦτο πονηρὰ ἀρρωστίᾳ· ὥσπερ γὰρ παρεγένετο,  
οὕτως καὶ ἀπελεύσεται, καὶ τίς περισσείᾳ αὐτῷ, ἢ μοχθεῖ εἰς ἄνεμον;

15 kai ge touto ponera 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?

**טז גם כל-ירמיו בחשך יאכל וкусם הרבה וחליו וקצת:** 16

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

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

¶**16** καὶ γε πᾶσαι αἱ ἡμέραι αὐτοῦ ἐν σκότει καὶ πένθει καὶ θυμῷ πολλῶ καὶ ἀρρωστίᾳ 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 **thymō pollō** kai arrōstiā kai cholō.  
and **rage much**, and **sickness**, and **bitter anger**.

**יז** חנכה אֲשֶׁר־רְאִיתִי אָנָּגִי טוֹב אֲשֶׁר־יִפְחַה לְאַכְול־וְלִשְׁתָות  
וְלִרְאֹת טוֹבָה בְּכָל־עַמְלׂו שִׁיעַמֵּל פְתַחַת־הַשְּׁמֶשׁ מִסְפֵר יְמִינְתִּיו  
**אֲשֶׁר־גַּתְנוּ־לָנוּ הָאֱלֹהִים כִּי־הִיא חַלְקָנוּ:**

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> Ἰδοὺ ὁ εἰδόν ἐγὼ ἀγαθόν, ὁ ἔστιν καλόν, τοῦ φαγεῖν καὶ τοῦ πιεῖν  
καὶ τοῦ ἴδεῖν ἀγαθωσύνην ἐν παντὶ μόχθῳ αὐτοῦ,  
ῳ ἐὰν μοχθῇ ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον ἀριθμὸν ἡμερῶν ζωῆς αὐτοῦ,  
ῶν ἔδωκεν αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός· ὅτι αὐτὸς 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 mochthō autou,**  
**and to see goodness in all his effort**  
**hō ean mochthē hypo ton hēlion**  
**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.**

“**የኢትዮጵያ** የወዕስ በቃልና እና የገዢ-ሆኑን የወጪ በቃልና እና የገዢ-ሆኑን 18  
የተከራከሩ ተከራካሪ ይችላል” ነው እና የሚከተሉት የተለያዩ የተዘረዘሩ የመጀመሪያ  
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רֵיחַ גָם כָל־הָאָדָם אֲשֶׁר נִתְנוּ־לֽוֹ הָאֱלֹהִים עַשֶּׂר וְנִכְסִים  
וְהַשְׁלִיטוֹ לְאֶכְלָל מִמְפֵן וְלִשְׁאַת אֶת־חַלְקָוּ  
וְלִשְׁמַח בְּעַמְלָוּ זֶה מִתְהַלֵּל הָאֱלֹהִים הִיא:

**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'ilis'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 πᾶς ὁ ἀνθρώπος, ὃ ἔδωκεν αὐτῷ ὁ θεὸς πλοῦτον καὶ ὑπάρχοντα  
καὶ ἔξουσίασεν αὐτὸν τοῦ φαγεῖν ἀπ' αὐτοῦ καὶ τοῦ λαβεῖν τὸ μέρος αὐτοῦ  
καὶ τοῦ εὑφρανθῆναι ἐν μόχθῳ αὐτοῦ, τοῦτο δόμα θεοῦ ἔστιν.

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 mochthō autou, touto doma theou estin.  
and to be glad in his effort; this a gift of Elohim is.

בְּכִי חָאָלָהִים מַעֲנָה בְּשִׁמְחָת לְבוֹ: יט  
יְתִכְרֵי לֹא חֲרֵבָה יוֹצֵר אֶת־רִימֵי חַיָּיו:  
עַז בְּקָרְבָּן שְׁלֹמֹךְ אֶת־עַזְבָּן כְּלִילָה 19  
עַז בְּקָרְבָּן שְׁלֹמֹךְ אֶת־עַזְבָּן כְּלִילָה:

**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 περισπᾷ αὐτὸν ἐν εὐφροσύνῃ καρδίας αὐτοῦ.

19 hoti ou polla mnēsthēsetai tas hēmeras tēs zōēs autou;  
For he shall not much remember the days of his life,  
hoti ho theos perispā auton en euprosynē kardias autou.  
for the Elohim distracts him in the gladness of his heart.

## Chapter 6

אָרֶשׁ רֻעָה אֲשֶׁר רָאִיתִי תְּחַת הַשְּׁמֶשׁ וְרַבָּה הִיא עַל־הָאָדָם:  
**1. yesh ra`ah 'asher ra'ithi tachath hashamesh w'rabbah hi' `al-ha'adam.**

**Ecc6:1** There is an evil which I have seen under the sun and it is great among men

<6:1> "Εστιν πονηρία, ἣν εἶδον ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον, καὶ πολλή ἔστιν ἐπὶ τὸν ἄνθρωπον.

1 Estin ponēria, hēn eidon hypo ton hēlion, kai pollē estin epi ton anthrōpon;  
There is a wickedness which I beheld under the sun, and it is abundant with men.

בְּאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר יִתְּן־לּוֹ הָאֱלֹהִים עַשֶּׂר וְנִכְסִים וְכָבוֹד  
וְאִגְנֵנוּ חִסְרָה לְנֶפֶשׁוּ מִכָּל אֲשֶׁר־יִתְּאֹה  
וְלֹא־יִשְׁלִיטֵנוּ הָאֱלֹהִים לְאֶכְלָל מִפְנֵי  
כִּי אִישׁ נָכְרִי יִאֱכַלֵּנוּ זֶה הַבָּל וְחַלִּי רָע הַזֹּאת:

2. 'ish 'asher yiten-lo ha'Elōhim 'asher un'kasim w'kabod  
w'eynenu chaser l'naph'sho mikol 'asher-yith'aueh  
w'lo'-yash'litenu ha'Elōhim le'ekol mimenu  
ki 'ish nak'ri yo'kalenu zeh hebel wachali ra` hu'.

Ecc6:2 a man to whom the Elohim has given to him riches and wealth and honor  
so that he lacks nothing for his soul of all that he desires;  
yet the Elohim does not give him power to eat from them, for a foreign man eats it.  
This is vanity and it is an evil disease.

2 anēr, hō dōsei autō ho theos plouton kai hyparchonta kai doxan,  
καὶ ἀνὴρ, ὃς δώσει αὐτῷ ὁ Θεὸς πλοῦτον καὶ ὑπάρχοντα καὶ δόξαν,  
καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ὑστερῶν τῇ ψυχῇ αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ πάντων, ὃν ἐπιθυμήσει,  
καὶ οὐκ ἔξουσιάσει αὐτῷ ὁ Θεὸς τοῦ φαγεῖν ἀπὸ αὐτοῦ,  
ὅτι ἀνὴρ ξένος φάγεται αὐτόν· τοῦτο ματαιότης καὶ ἀρρωστία πονηρά ἔστιν.

2 anēr, hō dōsei autō ho theos plouton kai hyparchonta kai doxan,  
A man to whom shall give to him the Elohim wealth, and possessions, and glory,  
kai ouk estin hysterōn tē psychē autou apo pantōn, hōn epithymēsei,  
and there is nothing lacking to his soul from all things which he shall desire;  
kai ouk exousiasei autō ho theos tou phagein ap' autou,  
yet shall not give authority to him the Elohim to eat from it;  
hoti anēr xenos phagetai auton; touto mataiotēs kai arrōstia ponēra estin.  
for a man, a stranger, shall eat it. And this folly and sickness an evil is.

גַּם־יוֹלִיד אִישׁ מָאָה וָשָׁנִים רְבּוֹת יְחִיה  
וּרְבָּה שִׁיחִיו יְמִיר־שָׁנִיו וְנֶפֶשׁוּ לְאַתְּשָׁבָע מִן־הַטּוֹבָה  
וְגַם־קְבּוֹרָה לְאַדְּהִתָּה לוֹ אָמְרָתִי טֻב מִפְנֵי הַנְּפָלָה:

3. 'im-yolid 'ish me'ah w'shanim rabboth yich'yeh  
w'rab sheyh'yu y'mey-shanayu w'naph'sho lo'-this'ba` min-hatobah  
w'gam-q'burah lo'-hay'thah lo 'amar'ti tob mimenu hanaphel.

Ecc6:3 If a man begets a hundred children and lives many years,

so that the days of his years are many, but his soul is not filled with good, and also that he have no burial; I say, that an untimely birth is better than he,

«3» ἐὰν γεννήσῃ ἀνὴρ ἔκατὸν καὶ ἔτη πολλὰ ζήσεται,  
καὶ πλῆθος ὅ τι ἔσονται ἡμέραι ἐτῶν αὐτοῦ,  
καὶ ψυχὴ αὐτοῦ οὐκ ἐμπλησθήσεται ἀπὸ τῆς ἀγαθωσύνης,  
καὶ γε ταφὴ οὐκ ἐγένετο αὐτῷ, εἶπα Ἀγαθὸν ὑπὲρ αὐτὸν τὸ ἔκτρωμα,

3 ean gennēsē anēr hekaton kai etē polla zēsetai,

If should engender a man a hundred, and years many shall live,  
kai plēthos ho ti esontai hēmerai etōn autou,  
and abundant however shall be the days of his years,  
kai psychē autou ouk emplēsthēsetai apo tēs agathōsynēs,  
that his soul shall not be filled up from goodness,  
kai ge taphē ouk egeneto autō, eipa Agathon hyper auton to ektrōma,  
and indeed no burial there be for him. I said, Better for him the miscarriage.

ד בֵּית־בָּהֶבֶל בָּא וּבְחִשְׁבָּה גַּלְּה וּבְחִשְׁבָּה שְׁמוֹ יְכַפֵּה:

4. ki-bahebel ba' ubachoshek yelek ubachoshek sh'mo y'kuseh.

Ecc6:4 for he comes in with vanity and goes out in darkness;  
and his name shall be covered in darkness.

«4» ὅτι ἐν ματαιότητι ἥλθεν καὶ ἐν σκότει πορεύεται,  
καὶ ἐν σκότει ὄνομα αὐτοῦ καλυφθήσεται,  
4 hoti en mataiotēti ēlthen kai en skotei poreuetai,  
For in folly he came, and in darkness he goes,  
kai en skotei onoma autou kalyphthēsetai,  
and in darkness his name shall be covered.

ה גַּם־שְׁמָשׁ לְאֶרְאָה וְלֹא יָדַע נָחָת לְזַה מִזֵּה:

5. gam-shemesh lo'-ra'ah w'lo' yada` nachath lazeh mizeh.

Ecc6:5 Also he has not seen the sun, nor known anything;  
this has more rest than the other.

«5» καὶ γε ἦλιον οὐκ εἶδεν καὶ οὐκ ἔγνω, ἀνάπαυσις τούτῳ ὑπὲρ τοῦτον.

5 kai ge hēlion ouk eiden kai ouk egnō, anapausis toutō hyper touton.

And indeed the sun he knew not, and knows not rest this one over this other one.

וְאַלְוָה חַיָּה אֶלְף שָׁנִים פְּעִמִים  
וְטוּבָה לֹא רָא חַלְא אֶל-מָקוֹם אֶחָד חַבֵּל הַזְּלָקָה:

6. w'ilu chayah 'eleph shanim pa'amayim  
w'tobah lo' ra'ah halo' 'el-maqom 'echad habol holek.

Ecc6:6 Yes, though he lives a thousand years twice,

Yet he has seen no good. Do not all go to one place?

«6» καὶ εἰ ἔζησεν χιλίων ἑτῶν καθόδους καὶ ἀγαθωσύνην οὐκ εἶδεν,  
μὴ οὐκ εἰς τόπον ἕνα τὰ πάντα πορεύεται;

6 kai ei ezēsen chiliōn etōn kathodous kai agathōsynēn ouk eiden,

And if he lived a thousand years of returns, and goodness he knows not,  
mē ouk eis topon hena ta panta poreuetai?  
is it not unto place one all shall go?

7 עַל־עֲמָל הָאָדָם לְפִיהוּ וְגַם־הַנֶּפֶשׁ לֹא תִּמְלַא:  
:בְּכָל־עֲמָל הָאָדָם עַל־עֲמָל הָאָדָם לְפִיהוּ וְגַם־הַנֶּפֶשׁ לֹא תִּמְלַא:

7. **kal-`amal ha'adam l'phihu w'gam-hanephesh lo' thimale'.**

**Ecc6:7 All a man's labor is for his mouth and yet the soul is not filled.**

«7» Πᾶς μόχθος τοῦ ἀνθρώπου εἰς στόμα αὐτοῦ, καὶ γε ἡ ψυχὴ οὐ πληρωθήσεται.

7 Pas mochthos tou anthrōpou eis stoma autou, kai ge hē psychē ou plērōthēsetai.

Every effort of man is for his mouth, and indeed the soul shall not be filled.

8 עַל־עֲמָל מֵהִיּוֹתָר לְחִכָּם מִן־הַכְּסִיל מֵהִלְעָנִי  
חֲכִימָה־יִוְתָר לְחִכָּם מִן־הַכְּסִיל מֵהִלְעָנִי  
יָדַע לְהַלְךְ נֶגֶד הַחַיִים:

8. **ki mah-yother lechakam min-hak'sil mah-le`ani yode`a lchalok neged hachayim.**

**Ecc6:8 For what advantage does the wise more than the fool?**

What advantage does the poor have, that knows to walk before the living?

«8» ὅτι τίς περισσεία τῷ σοφῷ ὑπὲρ τὸν ἄφρονα;  
διότι ὁ πένης οἶδεν πορευθῆναι κατέναντι τῆς ζωῆς.

8 hoti tis perisseia tō sophō hyper ton aphrona?

For what advantage to the wise over the fool,

dioti ho penēs oiden poreuthēnai katenanti tēs zōēs.

for the needy knows to go in front of life?

ט טוב מַרְאָה עִינִים מִהְלָךְ־נֶפֶשׁ גַּם־זֶה הַבָּל וּרְעוּת רַוחַ:

9. **tob mar'eh `eynayim mehalak-naphesh gam-zeh hebel ur'uth ruach.**

**Ecc6:9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the soul.**

This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

«9» ἀγαθὸν ὄραμα ὁφθαλμῶν ὑπὲρ πορευόμενον ψυχῆ.  
καὶ γε τοῦτο ματαιότης καὶ προαίρεσις πνεύματος.

9 agathon horama ophthalmōn hyper poreuomenon psychē.

Better vision of eyes, than that which wanders in soul;

kai ge touto mataiotēs kai proairesis pneumatatos.

for indeed this is folly and resolve of spirit.

וְאֵיךְ יָכַל לְדִין עִם שְׁהַתְּקִيف מִמֶּנּוּ  
 וְמֵה דֹּשֶׁתְּהִיה כִּבְרִיר נִקְרָא שְׁמוֹ וְנוֹדוּעַ אֲשֶׁר־הַוָּא אָדָם  
 10. **mah-shehayah k'bar niq'ra' sh'mo w'noda` 'asher-hu' 'adam**  
**w'lo'-yukal ladin `im shehataqiph mimenu.**

**Ecc6:10** That which has been called already his name, and it is known what it is man; for he is not able to contend with him who is stronger than he.

<10> Εἰ τι ἐγένετο, ἥδη κέκληται ὄνομα αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐγνώσθη ὃ ἔστιν ἀνθρωπός, καὶ οὐ δυνήσεται τοῦ κριθῆναι μετὰ τοῦ ἴσχυροῦ ὑπὲρ αὐτόν·

**10 Ei ti egeneto, edē keklētai onoma autou,**

If anything becomes, already has been called its name;

kai egnōsthē ho estin anthrōpos,

and it is known what man is,

kai ou dynēsetai tou krithēnai meta tou ischyrou hyper auton;

and he is not able to judge against the one stronger than he.

רְאָכִי יְשָׁדְּבָרִים הַרְבָּה מְרֻבִּים הַבָּל מַה־יִתֵּר לְאָדָם:  
 11. **ki yesh-d'barim har'beh mar'bim habel mah-yother la'adam.**

**Ecc6:11** For there are many words that increase vanity. What is the advantage to a man?

<11> ὅτι εἰσὶν λόγοι πολλοὶ πληθύνοντες ματαιότητα. τί περισσὸν τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ;

**11 hoti eisin logoi polloi plēthynontes mataiotēta. ti perisson tō anthrōpō?**

For there are matters many multiplying folly. What extra is to man?

רְאָכִי מִרְיוֹתָע מַה־טוֹב לְאָדָם  
 בְּחִים מִסְפֵּר יְמִינָהִי הַבָּלוּ וַיַּעֲשֵׂם כַּצֵּל  
 אֲשֶׁר מִרְיָגִיד לְאָדָם מַה־יִהִיה אֲחָרָיו תְּחַת הַשְּׁמֶשׁ:  
 12. **ki mi-yode`a mah-tob la'adam**

**bachayim mis'par y'mey-chayey heb'lo w'ya`asem katsel**

**'asher mi-yagid la'adam mah-yih'yeh 'acharayu tachath hashamesh.**

**Ecc6:12** For who knows what is good for a man in this life, the number of the days of his vain life? He shall spend them as a shadow.

For who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

<12> ὅτι τίς οἶδεν τί ἀγαθὸν τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ ἐν τῇ ζωῇ  
 ἀριθμὸν ἡμερῶν ζωῆς ματαιότητος αὐτοῦ; καὶ ἐποίησεν αὐτὰς ἐν σκιᾷ.  
 ὅτι τίς ἀπαγγελεῖ τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ τί ἔσται ὀπίσω αὐτοῦ ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον;

**12 hoti tis oiden ti agathon tō anthrōpō en tē zōē arithmon hēmerōn**

For who knows what is good to man in life, during the number of the days  
 zōēs mataiotētos autou? kai epoiēsen autas en skia;  
 of the life of his folly? And he spent them as a shadow;  
 hoti tis apaggelei tō anthrōpō ti estai opisō autou hypo ton hēlion?  
 for who shall report to man what shall be after him under the sun?

## Chapter 7

בְּשָׁם מִשְׁמָן טֹב וַיּוֹם חֶמְרוֹת מֵיּוֹם הַיּוֹלֶד: Ecc7:1

**1. tob shem mishemen tob w'yom hamaweth miyom hiual'do.**

**Ecc7:1** A good name is better than a good ointment,  
 and the day of one's death is better than the day of one's birth.

<7:1> Ἀγαθὸν ὄνομα ὑπὲρ ἔλαιον ἀγαθὸν  
 καὶ ἡμέρα τοῦ θανάτου ὑπὲρ ἡμέραν γενέσεως αὐτοῦ.

**1 Agathon onoma hyper elaion agathon**

A good name is above oil good,

kai hēmera tou thanatou hyper hēmeran geneseōs autou.  
 and the day of the death above the day of his birth.

בְּטוּב לְלֹכֶת אֶל־בֵּית־אָבֶל מֶלֶכֶת אֶל־בֵּית מִשְׁתָּחָה  
 בְּאַשְׁר הוּא סֻוף כָּל־הָאָדָם וְהַחַי יִתְּן אֶל־לְבוֹ: 2

**2. tob laleketh 'el-beyth-'ebel mileketh 'el-beyth mish'teh  
 ba'asher hu' soph kal-ha'adam w'hachay yiten 'el-libo.**

**Ecc7:2** It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting,  
 for that is the end of every man, and the living takes it to heart.

<2> ἀγαθὸν πορευθῆναι εἰς οἶκον πένθους ἢ ὅτι πορευθῆναι εἰς οἶκον πότου,  
 καθότι τοῦτο τέλος παντὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, καὶ ὁ ζῶν δώσει εἰς καρδίαν αὐτοῦ.

**2 agathon poreuthēnai eis oikon penthou ē hoti poreuthēnai eis oikon potou,**

It is good to go into a house of mourning, than to go into a house of a banquet;

kathoti touto telos pantos tou anthrōpou,

in so far as this is the end of every man;

kai ho zōn dōsei eis kardian autou.

and the living man shall give good to his heart.

גַּטּוּב כְּעֵס מִשְׁחָק כִּידְבָּרָע פְּנִים יִרְטָב לְבָב: 3

**3. tob ka`as mis'choq ki-b'rō` a panim yitab leb.**

**Ecc7:3** Sorrow is better than laughter, for by the sadness of a face a heart is made better.

<3> ἀγαθὸν θυμὸς ὑπὲρ γέλωτα, ὅτι ἐν κακίᾳ προσώπου ἀγαθυνθήσεται καρδία.

**3 agathon thymos hyper gelōta,**

Better is rage than laughter,  
hoti en kakię prosōpou agathynthēsetai kardia.  
for by hurt of countenance shal be made better the heart.

דָּלֶב חֲכָמִים בְּבֵית אַבְלָל וְלֶב כְּסִילִים בְּבֵית שְׁמַחָה:  
4. leb chakamim b'beyth 'ebel w'leb k'silim b'beyth sim'chah.

Ecc7:4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning,  
while the heart of fools is in the house of pleasure.

<4> καρδία σοφῶν ἐν οἴκῳ πένθους, καὶ καρδία ἀφρόνων ἐν οἴκῳ εὐφροσύνης.

4 kardia sophōn en oikō penthou,  
The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning;  
kai kardia aphronōn en oikō euprosynēs.  
and the heart of fools is in the house of gladness.

הַטּוֹב לְשָׁמַע גַּעֲרָת חֲכָם מֵאִישׁ שָׁמַע שִׁיר כְּסִילִים:  
5. tob lish'mo`a ga`arath chakam me'ish shome`a shir k'silim.

Ecc7:5 It is better to hear to the rebuke of a wise than for a man to hear the song of fools.

<5> ἀγαθὸν τὸ ἀκοῦσαι ἐπιτίμησιν σοφοῦ ὑπὲρ ἄνδρα ἀκούοντα ἄσμα ἀφρόνων.

5 agathon to akousai epitimēsin sophou hyper andra akouonta ̄sma aphronōn;  
It is good to hear the reproach of the wise, than for a man to hear songs of fools.

וְכִי בְּקוֹל הַסִּירִים תַּחַת הַפְּסִיל וְגַם־זֶה הַבָּל:  
6. ki k'qol hasirim tachath hasir ken s'choq hak'sil w'gam-zeh habel.

Ecc7:6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool;  
and this also is vanity.

<6> ὅτι ὡς φωνὴ τῶν ἀκανθῶν ὑπὸ τὸν λέβητα, οὕτως γέλως τῶν ἀφρόνων.  
καὶ γε τοῦτο ματαιότης.

6 hoti hōs phōnē tōn akanthōn hypo ton lebēta,  
As the sound of the thorn-bushes burning under the kettle,  
houtōs gelōs tōn aphronōn; kai ge touto mataiotēs.  
so the laughter, the one of the fools; and indeed this is folly.

זְכִי הַעֲשָׂק יְהוֹלֵל חֲכָם וַיַּאֲבֹד אֶת־לֶב מִתְנָה:  
7. ki ha`osheq y'holel chakam wi'abed 'eth-leb matanah.

Ecc7:7 For oppression makes a wise man mad, and a bribe destroys the heart.

<7> ὅτι ἡ συκοφαντία περιφέρει σοφὸν καὶ ἀπόλλυσι τὴν καρδίαν εὔτονίας αὐτοῦ.

7 hoti hē sykophantia periphrei sophon  
For extortion drives mad the wise man,

**kai apolysi tēn kardian eutonias autou.**

**and destroys the heart of his magnanimity.**

**ח טוב אחראית כבר מרשותו טוב ארך-דרות מגבה-דרות:**

**8. tob 'acharith dabar mere'shitho tob 'erek-ruach mig'bah-ruach.**

**Ecc7:8** Better is the end of a matter than its beginning; patience of spirit is better than haughtiness of spirit.

«8» ἀγαθὴ ἐσχάτη λόγων ὑπέρ ἀρχῆν αὐτοῦ,  
ἀγαθὸν μακρόθυμος ὑπὲρ ὑψηλὸν πνεύματι.

**8 agathē eschatē logōn hyper archēn autou,**  
**Better the last of matters than its beginning;**  
**agathon makrothymos hyper huyēlon pneumati.**  
**better the lenient than high spirit.**

**ט אל-תבהל ברוחך לכעוס כי כעס בחיק כסילים ינוח:**

9. 'al-t'bahel b'ruchak lik'os ki ka`as b'cheyq k'silim yanuach.

**Ecc7:9 Do not be hasty in your spirit to be vexed, for anger rests in the bosom of fools.**

**9** μὴ σπεύσῃς ἐν πνεύματι σου τοῦ θυμοῦσθαι,  
ὅτι θυμὸς ἐν κόλπῳ ἀφρόνων ἀναπαύσεται.  
**9 mē speusēs en pneumiati sou tou thymousthai,**  
**You should not hasten in your spirit to be e-**  
**hoti thymos en kolpō aphronōn anapauseτai.**  
**for rage in the bosom of fools shall rest.**

**וְאֵל-תֹאמֶר מַה הִיא שְׁחָנִים חֲרָאשָׁגִים הִיא טּוֹבִים מֵאָלָה  
כִּי לֹא מְחֻכָּה שְׁאָלָת עַל-זָה:**

**10. 'al-to'mar meh hayah shehayamim hari'shonim hayu tobim me'eleh  
ki lo' mechak'mah sha'al'at `al-zeh.**

**Ecc7:10** Do not say, Why is it that the former days were better than these?  
For it is not from wisdom that you ask about this.

«**10** μὴ εἴπῃς Τί ἐγένετο ὅτι αἱ ἡμέραι αἱ πρότεραι ἦσαν ἀγαθαὶ ὑπὲρ ταύτας;  
ὅτι οὐκ ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐπηρώτησας περὶ τούτου.

10 mē eipēs Ti egeneto hoti hai hēmerai hai proterai ēsan agathai hyper tautas?

**You should not say, What happened that the days former were good over these?**

**hoti ouk en sophia epērōtēsas peri toutou.**

for **not** in wisdom you asked concerning this.

այս շնորհակալութեան մասին պատճեն է առաջարկ կատարեած է 11

רִא טוֹבָה חֲכֶמֶת עַם־נְחָלָה וַיְתַר לְרֹאֵי הַשְׁמָשׁ:

11. tobah chak'mah `im-nachalah w'yo'ther l'ro'ey hashamesh.

Ecc7:11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance and an advantage to those who see the sun.

<11> ἀγαθὴ σοφία μετὰ κληροδοσίας καὶ περισσεία τοῖς θεωροῦσιν τὸν ἥλιον·

11 agathē sophia meta klērodosias kai perisseia tois theōrousin ton hēlion;

is good Wisdom with an allotment and abundance to the ones viewing the sun.

בְּעֵד יְהוָה כָּל־עַמּוֹד תְּהִלָּה כָּל־עַמּוֹד תְּהִלָּה  
יבְּקִי בְּצָל הַחֲכָמָה בְּצָל הַכְּסָפָן 12  
וַיְתַרְוּן הַעֲתָה הַחֲכָמָה תְּחִיה בְּעַלְיהָ:

12. ki b'tsel hachak'mah b'tsel hakaseph  
w'yith'ron da`ath hachak'mah t'chayeh b'aleyah.

Ecc7:12 For wisdom is in a shadow, and money is in a shadow;  
but the excellency of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to them that have it.

<12> ὅτι ἐν σκιᾷ αὐτῆς ἡ σοφία ὡς σκιὰ τοῦ ἀργυρίου,  
καὶ περισσεία γνώσεως τῆς σοφίας ζωοποιήσει τὸν παρ’ αὐτῆς.

12 hoti en skia autēs hē sophia hōs skia tou argyriou,  
For in its shadow wisdom is as the shadow of the silver;  
kai perisseia gnōseōs tēs sophias  
and the advantage of the knowledge of wisdom  
zōopoiēsei ton par' autēs.  
shall restore to life the one having it.

גַּרְאֵה אֶת־מַעֲשָׂה הָאֱלֹהִים כִּי מִרְאֵל לְתַקֵּן אֲתָּה אֲשֶׁר עִזָּתָּךְ 13  
13. r'eh 'eth-ma`aseh ha'Elohim ki mi yukal l'thaqen 'eth 'asher 'iu'tho.

Ecc7:13 Consider the work of the Elohim, for who is able to straighten what He has bent?

<13> ὅτι τὰ ποιήματα τοῦ θεοῦ·  
ὅτι τίς δυνήσεται τοῦ κοσμῆσαι ὃν ἀν ὁ θεός διαστρέψῃ αὐτόν;

13 ide ta poiēmata tou theou;  
Behold the actions of the Elohim!

hoti tis dynēsetai tou kosmēsai hon an ho theos diastrepsē auton?

For who shall be able to adorn what ever the Elohim should turn from him?

בְּיוֹם טוֹבָה הַיִה בְּטוֹב  
וְבַיּוֹם רָעָה רָאֵה גַם אֲתָּה לְעַמְתָּה זוּה עֲשָׂה הָאֱלֹהִים  
עַל־דְּבָרָת שֶׁלָּא יִמְצָא הָאָדָם אֲחָרָיו מְאוּמָה:

**14. b'yom tobah heyeh b'tob**

**ub'yom ra`ah r'eh gam 'eth-zeh l`umath-zeh `asah ha'Elohim  
`al-dib'rath shelo' yim'tsa' ha'adam 'acharayu m'umah.**

**Ecc7:14 In the day of prosperity be joyful,**

**but in the day of adversity consider the Elohim also has made this along with this  
on the matter that man shall not find anything that shall be after him.**

<14> ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ἀγαθωσύνης ζῆθι ἐν ἀγαθῷ καὶ ἐν ἡμέρᾳ κακίας ἴδε·  
καὶ γε σὺν τοῦτῳ σύμφωνον τούτῳ ἐποίησεν ὁ Θεὸς περὶ λαλιᾶς,  
ἵνα μὴ εὑρῇ ὁ ἄνθρωπος ὀπίσω αὐτοῦ μηδέν.

**14 en hēmerā agathōsynēs zēthi en agathō kai en hēmerā kakias ide;**

**In the day of goodness live in good! and look out in the day of evil ! Behold!**

**kai ge syn touto symphōnon toutō epoiēsen ho theos peri lalias,**

**and indeed with one harmony with these caused Elohim concerning speech,**

**hina mē heurē ho anthrōpos opisō autou mēden.**

**that should not find man after him anything.**

נְתַנְתָּנוּ לְעֵדָה כְּלֹמְדָה וְעֵדָה כְּלֹמְדָה 15  
בְּעֵדָה כְּלֹמְדָה וְעֵדָה כְּלֹמְדָה:  
וְעֵדָה כְּלֹמְדָה וְעֵדָה כְּלֹמְדָה

**טו אֶת-הַכָּל רְאֵיתִי בַּרְמִי חֲבָלִי יְשׁ צָדִיק אָבֶד בְּצָדְקוֹ  
וְיְשׁ רְשָׁע מְאַרְיךְ בְּרֻעָתוֹ:**

**15. 'eth-hakol ra'ithi bimey heb'li yesh tsadiq 'obed b'tsid'qo  
w'yesh rasha` ma'arik b'ra`atho.**

**Ecc7:15 I have seen everything in the days of my vanity;  
there is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness  
and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his wickedness.**

<15> Σὺν τὰ πάντα εἶδον ἐν ἡμέραις ματαιότητός μου·  
ἔστιν δίκαιος ἀπολλύμενος ἐν δικαίῳ αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἔστιν ἀσεβὴς μένων ἐν κακίᾳ αὐτοῦ.

**15 Syn ta panta eidon en hēmerais mataiotētos mou;**

**All things I beheld in days of my folly.**

**estin dikaios apollymenos en dikaiō autou,**

**There is a just man being destroyed in his justice,**

**kai estin asebēs menōn en kakiā autou.**

**and there is an impious man abiding in his evil.**

בְּעֵדָה כְּלֹמְדָה וְעֵדָה כְּלֹמְדָה 16  
טז אֶל-תְּהִי צָדִיק חֲרֵבָה וְאֶל-תְּהִקָּם יוֹתֵר לְפָה תְּשַׁׁמְמָה:

**16. 'al-t'hi tsadiq har'beh w'al-tith'chakam yother lamah tishomem.**

**Ecc7:16 Do not be excessively righteous and do not be overly wise.**

**Why should you destroy yourself?**

<16> μὴ γίνου δίκαιος πολὺ καὶ μὴ σοφίζου περισσά, μήποτε ἐκπλαγῆς.

**16 mē ginou dikaios poly kai mē sophizou perissa,**

**Do not become righteous super, nor discern extra,**

**mēpote ekplagēs.**

lest at any time you should be overwhelmed!

יז אל־תִּרְשַׁע הָרְבָה וְאֶל־תִּהְיָ סָכֵל לְפָה תָּמִית בְּלֹא עֲתָה:  
17. 'al-tir'sha` har'beh w'al-t'hi sakal lamah thamuth b'lō` iteak.

Ecc7:17 Do not be excessively wicked and do not be a fool.

Why should you die before your time?

<17> μὴ ἀσεβήσῃς πολὺ καὶ μὴ γίνου σκληρός, ἵνα μὴ ἀποθάνῃς ἐν οὐ καιρῷ σου.

17 mē asebēsēs poly kai mē ginou sklēros,

You should not be impious super, and do not become hard,  
hina mē apothanēs en ou kairō sou.  
that you should not die in your time!

רְחֵטָב אֲשֶׁר תָּאַחַז בָּזָה וְגַם־מִזָּה אֶל־פָּנָח אֶת־יִדְךָ  
כִּי־יָרָא אֱלֹהִים יַצֵּא אֶת־בְּלָם:  
18. tob 'asher te'echoz bazez w'gam-mizez 'al-tanach 'eth-yadeak  
ki-y're' 'Elohim yetse' 'eth-kulam.

Ecc7:18 It is good that you should take hold of this;

yes, also from this withdraw not your hand:

for the one who fears Elohim comes forth of them all.

<18> ἀγαθὸν τὸ ἀντέχεσθαι σε ἐν τούτῳ, καὶ γε ἀπὸ τούτου μὴ ἀνῆσ τὴν χεῖρά σου,  
ὅτι φοβούμενος τὸν θεὸν ἔξελεύσεται τὰ πάντα.

18 agathon to antechesthai se en toutō,

It is good for you to hold fast by this;

kai ge apo toutou mē anēs tēn cheira sou,

and indeed of this you should not defile your hand.

hoti phoboumenos ton theon exeleusetai ta panta.

For to the ones fearing Elohim all things shall go forth.

רְתַחְקָמָה תָּעַז לְחַכְמָם מַעֲשָׂרָה שְׁלִירִיטִים אֲשֶׁר חַי בָּעֵיר:  
19. hachak'mah ta`oz lechakam me`asarah shalitim 'asher hayu ba`ir.

Ecc7:19 Wisdom strengthens a wise man more than ten rulers who are in a city.

<19> Ἡ σοφία βοηθήσει τῷ σοφῷ ὑπὲρ δέκα ἔξουσιάζοντας τοὺς ὄντας ἐν τῇ πόλει.

19 Hē sophia boēthēsei tō sophō

Wisdom shall give help to the wise one

hyper deka exousiazontas tous ontas en tē polei;

over ten exercising authority of the ones being in the city.

כִּי אָדָם אֵין צַדִּיק בָּאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר יַעֲשֶׂה־טוֹב וְלֹא יַחֲטָא:  
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**20. ki 'adam 'eyn tsadiq ba'arets 'asher ya`aseh-tob w'lo' yecheta'.**

**Ecc7:20** For there is not a righteous man on the earth who does good and sins not.

<20> ὅτι ἀνθρωπος οὐκ ἔστιν δίκαιος ἐν τῇ γῇ,  
ὅς ποιήσει ἀγαθὸν καὶ οὐχ ἀμαρτήσεται.

**20 hoti anthrōpos ouk estin dikaios en tē gē, hos poiēsei agathon kai ouch hamartēsetai.**

For man there is no just on the earth who shall do good and shall not sin.

עֲשֵׂה יְמִינָךְ כַּא גַם לְכָל־הָדָרִים אֲשֶׁר יֹדַבְרוּ אֶל־תְּתִן לְבָקָר  
אֲשֶׁר לֹא־תִשְׁמַע אֶת־עַבְדֶךָ מִקְלָלָךָ:

**21. gam l'kal-had'barim 'asher y'daberu 'al-titen libeak  
'asher lo'-thish'ma` 'eth-`ab'd'ak m'qal'leak.**

**Ecc7:21** Also give not your heart to all words that are spoken;  
lest you hear your servant curse you.

<21> καί γε εἰς πάντας τοὺς λόγους, οὓς λαλήσουσιν,  
μὴ θῆσι καρδίαν σου, ὅπως μὴ ἀκούσῃς τοῦ δούλου σου καταρωμένου σε,  
21 kai ge eis pantas tous logous, hous lalēsousin,

And indeed unto all the words which they shall speak,

mē thēs kardian sou,

you should not put them to your heart,

hopōs mē akousēs tou doulou sou katarōmenou se,

so that you should not hear your servant cursing you.

עֲשֵׂה לְעַלְמָנָיו כַּא גַם רְבּוֹת יֹדַע לְבָקָר אֲשֶׁר קָלְלָת אֶחָרִים:

**22. ki gam-p`amim rabboth yada` libeak 'asher gam-'at' qilal'at 'acherim.**

**Ecc7:22** For also your own heart knows  
that you yourself have also cursed others many times.

<22> ὅτι πλειστάκις πονηρεύσεται σε  
καὶ καθόδους πολλὰς κακώσει καρδίαν σου, ὅτι ὡς καί γε σὺ κατηράσω ἔτέρους.

**22 hoti pleistikis ponēreusetai se**

For very often he shall act wickedly against you,

kai kathodous pollas kakōsei kardian sou,

and returning many times he shall inflict your heart;

hoti hōs kai ge sy katerasō heterous.

that as also indeed you cursed others.

עֲשֵׂה לְעַלְמָנָיו כַּא גַם רְבּוֹת יֹדַע לְבָקָר אֲשֶׁר קָלְלָת אֶחָרִים:  
כִּי־כַּל־זֹה נִסְתִּיתִ בְּחַכְמָה אֲמְרָתִי אֲחַפְמָה וְהִיא רְחוֹקָה מִמְפֵרִי:

**23. kal-zoh nisithi bachak'mah 'amar'ti 'ech'kamah w'hi' r'choqah mimeni.**

**Ecc7:23** I tested all this with wisdom, and I said, I shall be wise, but it was far from me.

<23> Πάντα ταῦτα ἐπείρασα ἐν τῇ σοφίᾳ· εἰπα Σοφισθήσομαι,

23 Panta tauta epeirasa en tē sophiā; eipa Sophisthēsomai,

All these things I tested in wisdom. I said, I shall be discerning,

כְּדָרוֹק מַה-שְׁחִיתָה וְעַמְקָעֵם מֵי יְמַצְאֶנוּ  
24. rachoq mah-shehayah w'amoq `amoq mi yim'tsa'enu.

Ecc7:24 That which is far off, and exceeding deep. Who can discover it?

<24> καὶ αὐτὴ ἐμακρύνθη ἀπ' ἐμοῦ μακρὰν ὑπὲρ ὁ ἥν,  
καὶ βαθὺ βάθος, τίς εὑρήσει αὐτό;

24 kai autē emakrynthē ap' emou makran hyper ho ēn,  
but it was far from me. Far above what was,  
kai bathy bathos, tis heurēsei auto?  
and a deep depth – who shall find it?

כְּהַסְבּוֹתִי אָנִי וְלֹבֶן לְדֻעָת וְלִתְוֹר וּבְקַשׁ חֲכָמָה וְחַשְׁבּוֹן  
וְלְדֻעָת רְשָׁע פֶּסֶל וְחַפְכוּלָות הַזְּלָלֹות:  
25. sabothi 'ani w'libi lada`ath w'lathur ubaqesh chak'mah w'chesh'bon  
w'lada`ath resha` kesel w'hasik'luth holeloth.

Ecc7:25 I applied my heart to know, to investigate and to seek wisdom  
and the reason of things, and to know the evil of folly and the foolishness of madness.

<25> ἐκύκλωσα ἔγώ, καὶ ἡ καρδία μου τοῦ γνῶναι  
καὶ τοῦ κατασκέψασθαι καὶ ζητῆσαι σοφίαν καὶ ψῆφον  
καὶ τοῦ γνῶναι ἀσεβοῦς ἀφροσύνην καὶ σκληρίαν καὶ περιφοράν.

25 ekyklōsa egō, kai hē kardia mou tou gnōnai  
circled about I and my heart to know,  
kai tou kataskepsasthai kai zētēsai sophian kai psēphon  
and to survey, and to seek wisdom, and the reckoning of things,  
kai tou gnōnai asebous aphrosynēn kai sklērian kai periphoran.  
and to know the impious man's foolishness, and rioting, and deviation.

כוּ וּמוֹצָא אָנִי מִרְמָנוֹת אֶת-הָאֲשָׁה אֲשֶׁר-הִיא מַצּוּדִים  
וְחַרְמִים לְבָה אֲסּוּרִים יְדִיכָה טֹב לְפָנֵי הָאֱלֹהִים יִמְלֹט מִפְנֵה  
וְחוֹטְאָי יַלְכֵד בָּה:

26. umotse' 'ani mar mimaweth 'eth-ha'ishah 'asher-hi' m'tsodim wacharamim libah  
'asurim yadeyah tob liph'ney ha'Elohim yimalet mimenah w'chote' yilaked bah.

Ecc7:26 And I found more bitter than death the woman whose heart is snares and nets,

whose hands are chains. He who is good before the Elohim shall escape from her, but the sinner shall be captured by her.

<26> καὶ εὐρίσκω ἐγὼ αὐτὴν, καὶ ἔρω πικρότερον ὑπὲρ θάνατον, σὺν τὴν γυναῖκα, ἥτις ἔστιν θηρεύματα καὶ σαγῆναι καρδία αὐτῆς, δεσμοὶ εἰς χεῖρες αὐτῆς· ἀγαθὸς πρὸ προσώπου τοῦ θεοῦ ἔξαιρεθήσεται ἀπ’ αὐτῆς, καὶ ἀμαρτάνων συλλημφθήσεται ἐν αὐτῇ.

26 kai heuriskō egō autēn, kai erō pikroteron hyper thanaton,  
And I find her to be, and I shall prounce to be more bitter than death –  
syn tēn gynaika, hētis estin thēreumata kai sagēnai kardia autēs,  
with the woman in which is snares and dragonets her heart,  
desmoi eis cheires autēs; agathos pro prosōpou tou theou  
and a bond in her hands. He that is good before the face of Elohim  
exairethēsetai ap' autēs, kai hamartanōn syllēmphthēsetai en autē.  
shall be delivered from her; and the one sinning shall be seized with her.

בְּזִרְאָה זֶה מִצְאָתִי אַמְرָה קְהֻלָּת אֲחָת לְמַצְאָה שְׁבָרוֹן: 27

27. r'eh zeh matsa'thi 'am'rah qoheleth 'achath l'achath lim'tso' chesh'bon.

Ecc7:27 Behold, this I have found, says the Preacher,  
counting one by one, to find out the sum,

<27> ἵδε τοῦτο εὑρον, εἶπεν ὁ Ἐκκλησιαστής, μία τῷ μιᾷ τοῦ εὑρεῖν λογισμόν,  
27 ide touto heuron, eipen ho Ekklēsiastēs, mia tē miā tou heurein logismon,  
Behold! this I found, said the ecclesiastic, counting one by one, to find a device,

כְּחָשֵׁר עֲוֹד-בְּקָשָׁה נִפְשֵׁר וְלֹא מִצְאָתִי אַדְם  
אַחֲרֵי מִצְאָתִי וְאַשְׁה בְּכָל-אַלְהָה לֹא מִצְאָתִי:

28. 'asher `od-biq'shah naph'shi w'lo' matsa'thi 'adam 'echad me'eleph matsa'thi  
w'ishah b'kal-'eleh lo' matsa'thi.

Ecc7:28 which yet my soul seek, but have not found.  
I have found one man among a thousand,  
but I have not found a woman among all these.

<28> ὃν ἔτι ἔζητησεν ἡ ψυχή μου καὶ οὐχ εὑρον·  
ἀνθρωπον ἔνα ἀπὸ χιλίων εὑρον καὶ γυναῖκα ἐν πᾶσι τούτοις οὐχ εὑρον.

28 hon eti ezētēsen hē psychē mou kai ouch heuron;  
which anxiously sought my soul, and I did not find.  
anthrōpon hena apo chiliōn heuron  
Even man one from out of a thousand did I find.  
kai gynaika en pasi toutois ouch heuron.  
And a woman among all these I did not find.

וְאַתָּה יְחִידָךְ-עַד יְהוָה קָדוֹשׁ הוּא וְאַתָּה יְחִידָךְ קָדוֹשׁ-עַד 29

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**29. I'bad r'eh-zeh matsa'thi 'asher `asah ha'Elohim 'eth-ha'adam yashar w'hemah biq'shu chish'bonoth rabbim.**

**Ecc7:29 Behold, I have found only this, that the Elohim made men upright, but they have sought out many devices.**

•**29** πλὴν ἵδε τοῦτο εὐρον, ὁ ἐποίησεν ὁ θεὸς σὺν τὸν ἄνθρωπον εὐθῆ, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἐζήτησαν λογισμοὺς πολλούς.

**29** plēn ide touto heuron, ho epoiēsen ho theos syn ton anthrōpon euthē,  
Except behold! this I found, that the Elohim dealt with the man upright.  
kai autoi ezētēsan logismous pollois.  
And they sought devices many.

# Chapter 8

**אָמֵן כְּחַכְמָם וּמֵי יְוָדָעַ פִּשְׁר דֶּבֶר חֲכָמָת אָדָם תָּאִיר פָּנָיו  
וְעַז פָּנָרוּ רְשָׁגָנוֹ:**

**1. mi k'hechakam umi yode`a pesher dabar chak'math 'adam ta'ir panayu w'oz panayu y'shune'.**

**Ecc8:1 Who is as the wise man and who knows the interpretation of a matter? A man's wisdom makes his face, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.**

**<8:1>** Τίς οἶδεν σοφούς; καὶ τίς οἶδεν λύσιν ρήματος;  
σοφία ἀνθρώπου φωτιεῖ πρόσωπον αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀναιδῆς προσώπῳ αὐτοῦ μισηθήσεται.  
**1 Tis oiden sophous? kai tis oiden lysin hrēmatos?**

**Who knows the wise? And who knows the**

**WHO KNOWS THE WISE? AND WHO KNOWS THE REASONING OF A SAYING?**

**sophia antin opou phiothei prosopon autou,**  
**wisdom A man's shall lighten his o-**

**wisdom** A man's shame lightens his countenance,  
but pride adds to his infamy.

**καὶ ἀναλέσ προσόπῳ αὐτοῦ μισθησεται.**

and an impudent man's countenance shall be detested.

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**בְּאֶגְנִי פַּרְ-מֶלֶךְ שָׁמֹור וְעַל דְּבָרַת שְׁבוּעַת אֱלֹהִים:**

**2. 'ani pi-melek sh'mor w'`al dib'rath sh'bu`ath 'Elohim.**

**Ecc8:2** I say, Keep the command of the king, even on the matter of the oath of Elohim.

〈2〉 στόμα βασιλέως φύλαξον καὶ περὶ λόγου ὄρκου θεοῦ μὴ σπουδάσῃς.

2 stoma basileōs phylaxon kai peri logou horkou theou

**the mouth of a king Watch! even because of the word of the oath of Elohim.**

**mē spoudasēs;**

**not hurriedly**

וְאֵלֶּה תָּבַחֵל מִפְנֵיו תָּלֵךְ אֶל־תְּעַמֵּד בְּדָבָר רֹעֶה עֲזָבָה וְאַתָּה כִּי־כֵן יְהִי־צְדָקָתְּךָ

גַּאֲלֵה תָּבַחֵל מִפְנֵיו תָּלֵךְ אֶל־תְּעַמֵּד בְּדָבָר רֹעֶה כִּי־כֵן יְהִי־צְדָקָתְּךָ:

3. 'al-tibahel mipanayu telek 'al-ta`amod b'dabar ra` ki kal-'asher yach'pots ya`aseh.

Ecc8:3 Do not be hasty to go out of his sight.

Do not join in an evil matter, for he shall do whatever he pleases.

<3> ἀπὸ προσώπου αὐτοῦ πορεύσῃ, μὴ στῆσῃ ἐν λόγῳ πονηρῷ· ὅτι πᾶν, ὃ ἔαν θελήσῃ, ποιήσει,

3 apo prosōpou autou poreusē, mē stēs en logō ponērō;  
from his face You should go. You should not stand in matter an evil,  
hoti pan, ho ean thelēsē, poiēsei,  
for what ever he wants, he does.

רְבָאָשָׁר הַבָּרֶםְלָקְשָׁלְטָן וְמִי יָאָמַר־לֹז מַה־תְּעַשָּׂה:

4. ba'asher d'bar-melek shil'ton umi yo'mar-lo mah-ta`aseh.

Ecc8:4 Where the word of the king is, there is power,  
who shall say to him, What are you doing?

<4> καθὼς βασιλεὺς ἔξουσιάζων, καὶ τίς ἔρει αὐτῷ Τί ποιήσεις;

4 kathōs basileus exousiazōn, kai tis erei autō Ti poiēseis?

As a king exercising authority, and who shall say to him, What do you do?

הַשּׁוֹמֵר מִצְוָה לֹא יְדֻעַ הַבָּרֶךְ רֹעֶה וְעַת וּמְשֻׁפֵּט יְדֻעַ לְבָב חָכָם:

5. shomer mits'wah lo' yeda` dabar ra` w`eth umish'pat yeda` leb chakam.

Ecc8:5 Whoever keeps the commandment shall know no evil thing,  
for a wise heart knows both time and judgment.

<5> ὁ φυλάσσων ἐντολὴν οὐ γνώσεται ὥνημα πονηρόν,  
καὶ καιρὸν κρίσεως γνώσκει καρδία σοφοῦ·

5 ho phylassōn entolēn ou gnōsetai hrēma ponēron,  
The one keeping the commandment shall not know matter an evil.

kai kairon kriseōs ginōskei kardia sophou;  
And the time of judgment knows the heart of the wise.

וְכִי לְכָל־חַפֵּץ יְשַׁעַת וּמְשֻׁפֵּט כִּירְבָּעַת הָאָדָם רַבָּה עַלְיוֹן:

6. ki l'kal-chephets yesh `eth umish'pat ki-ra`ath ha'adam rabbah `alayu.

Ecc8:6 Because to every purpose there is time and procedure,  
Therefore the evil of man is great upon him.

<6> ὅτι παντὶ πράγματι ἔστιν καιρὸς καὶ κρίσις,

ὅτι γνῶσις τοῦ ἀνθρώπου πολλὴ ἐπ’ αὐτόν·

6 hoti panti pragmati estin kai krasis,  
For every thing there is a season and judgment;  
hoti gnōsis tou anthrōpou pollē ep' auton;  
for knowledge of man is vast unto him.

7 עַל-כִּי-אָרְגֵּנְבָּו יְדָעַ מַה-שְׁיִהְיָה כִּי כִּי-אָשָׁר יְהִי מִי יָגִיד לֹךְ:

7. ki-'eynenu yode'a mah-sheyih'yeh ki ka'asher yih'yeh mi yagid lo.

Ecc8:7 For he does not know that which shall be; for who can tell him when it shall be?

<7> ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν γνώσκων τί τὸ ἐσόμενον, ὅτι καθὼς ἔσται τίς ἀναγγελεῖ αὐτῷ;

7 hoti ouk estin ginōskōn ti to esomenon,  
For there is not one knowing what shall be being;  
hoti kathōs estai tis anaggelei autō?  
for as it shall be, who shall announce him?

8 אֲתִי-עַל כִּי-אָרְגֵּנְבָּו יְדָעַ מַה-שְׁיִהְיָה כִּי כִּי-אָשָׁר יְהִי מִי יָגִיד לֹךְ:

חָאִין אָדָם שְׁלִיט בָּרוּךְ לְכָלוֹא אֶת-הָרִיחָה  
וְאִין שְׁלַטּוֹן בַּיּוֹם הַמְּפוֹת וְאִין מְשֻלָּחַ בַּמְּלֹחָמָה  
וְלֹא-יִמְלֹט רְשָׁע אֶת-בְּעָלָיו:

8. 'eyn 'adam shalit baruach lik'lo' 'eth-haruach w'eyn shil'ton b'yom hamaweth  
w'eyn mish'lachath bamil'chamah w'lo'-y'malet resha` 'eth-b`alayu.

Ecc8:8 There is no man that has power over the spirit to retain the spirit;

neither has he power in the day of death:

and there is no discharge in that war, nor shall wickedness deliver its possessors.

<8> οὐκ ἔστιν ἀνθρωπος ἔξουσιάζων ἐν πνεύματι τοῦ κωλύσαι σὺν τὸ πνεῦμα.  
καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ἔξουσία ἐν ἡμέρᾳ τοῦ θανάτου,  
καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν ἀποστολὴ ἐν ἡμέρᾳ τῷ πολέμῳ,  
καὶ οὐ διασώσει ἀσέβεια τὸν παρ’ αὐτῆς.

8 ouk estin anthrōpos exousiazōn en pneumatī tou kōlysai syn to pneuma;  
There is no man exercising authority over spirit to restrain with the spirit;  
kai ouk estin exousia en hēmerā tou thanatou,  
and there is no exercising authority in the day of death;  
kai ouk estin apostolē en hēmera tō polemō,  
and there is no discharge the day of battle;  
kai ou diasōsei asebeia ton par' autēs.  
and shall not preserve impiety the thing for her.

9 קְדוּשָׁה-בָּעֵד כִּי-אָרְגֵּנְבָּו יְדָעַ מַה-שְׁיִהְיָה כִּי כִּי-אָשָׁר יְהִי מִי יָגִיד לֹךְ:

**ט אַת־כָּל־זֶה רְאִיתִי וְנַתֵּן אֹת־לְבִי לְכָל־מִצְשָׁה**

**אֲשֶׁר נִעְשָׂה תַּחַת הַשְׁמֵשׁ עַת אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁלַט הָאָדָם בְּאָדָם לְרֹעֵל:**

**9. 'eth-kal-zeh ra'ithi w'nathon 'eth-libi l'kal-ma`aseh  
'asher na`asah tachath hashamesh `eth 'asher shalat ha'adam b'adam l'ra` lo.**

**Ecc8:9** All this I have seen and applied my heart to every deed that has been done under the sun: there is a time in which a man rules over a man for the evil to him.

¶**9** καὶ σὺν πᾶν τοῦτο εἶδον καὶ ἔδωκα τὴν καρδίαν μου εἰς πᾶν ποίημα,  
ὅ πεποίηται ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον, τὰ ὅσα ἔξουσιάσατο ὁ ἄνθρωπος  
ἐν ἀνθρώπῳ τοῦ κακῶσαι αὐτόν.

9 kai syn pan touto eidon kai edōka tēn kardian mou eis pan poiēma,  
And with all this I beheld; and I gave my heart to every action  
ho pepoiētai hypo ton hēlion, ta hosa exousiasato  
which I had done under the sun; the things, as much as exercises authority  
ho anthrōpos en anthrōpō tou kakōsai auton;  
a man to a man to inflict evil on him.

וַיַּבְכֵן רָאיהִי רְשָׁעִים קָבָרִים וּבָאִי וּמִמְקֻומִים קָדוֹשׁ יַהֲלִיכִי  
וַיַּשְׂתַּחַוו בָּעִיר אֲשֶׁר כָּנַדְעָשׂוּ גַּם־זָה חַבְלָל:

**10. ub'ken ra'ithi r'sha`im q'burim waba'u umim'qom qadosh y'haleku w'yish'tak'chu ba`ir 'asher ken-`asu gam-zeh habel.**

**Ecc8:10** And so I have seen the wicked buried, and they came and went from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they did thus. This is also vanity.

¶ **10** καὶ τότε εἶδον ἀσεβεῖς εἰς τάφους εἰσαχθέντας,  
καὶ ἐκ τόπου ἀγίου ἐπορεύθησαν καὶ ἐπηγνέθησαν ἐν τῇ πόλει,  
ὅτι οὕτως ἐποίησαν. καὶ γε τοῦτο ματαιότης.

10 kai tote eidon asebeis eis taphous eisachthentas,  
And then I beheld the impious into the tombs being brought,  
kai ek topou hagiou eporeuthēsan kai epēnethēsan en tē polei,  
and from out of the holy place; and they went and were praise-  
hoti houtōs epoiēsan. kai ge touto mataiotēs.  
because they did thus. And indeed this is folly.

**יא** אֲשֶׁר אֵין-נָעַשָּׂה פְתִגָּם מֵעֵשָׂה הַרְבָּה מִהָּרָה  
**על-**כֵן מַלְאָ לֵב בְּנֵי-הָאָדָם בְּהָם לְעֹשָׂות רָע:

**11. 'asher 'eyn-na`asah phith'gam ma`aseh hara`ah m'herah  
`al-ken male' leb b'ney-ha'adam bahem la`asoth ra`.**

**Ecc8:11** Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed quickly,

therefore the heart of the sons of men among them are given fully to do evil.

<11> ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν γινομένη ἀντίρρησις ἀπὸ τῶν ποιούντων τὸ πονηρὸν ταχύ· διὰ τοῦτο ἐπληροφορήθη καρδία σὺν τῷ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐν αὐτοῖς τῷ ποιῆσαι τὸ πονηρόν.

11 hoti ouk estin ginomenē antirrēsis apo tōn poiountōn to ponēron tachy;  
Because there is no existing objection for the ones doing evil quickly,  
dia touto eplērophorēthē kardia huiōn tou anthrōpou  
therefore by this have full assurance the heart of the sons of man  
en autois tou poiēsai to ponēron.  
in themselves to do evil.

יב אָשֵׁר חָטָא עַשְׂתָּה רֹעֶה מֵאָתָה יִמְאַרְיךָ לֹז כִּי גַּם־יֹדֵעַ אָנָּי  
אָשֵׁר יְהִי־טוֹב לִירָאֵי הָאֱלֹהִים אָשֵׁר יִרְאֵו מַלְפִּנֵּינוּ 12

12. 'asher chote' `oseh ra` m'ath uma'arik lo ki gam-yode`a 'ani  
'asher yih'yeh-tob l'irai ha'Elohim 'asher yir'u mil'phanayu.

Ecc8:12 Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and his days prolonged to him,  
yet surely I know that it shall be well for those who fear the Elohim, who fear before Him.

<12> ὃς ἥμαρτεν, ἐποίησεν τὸ πονηρὸν ἀπὸ τότε καὶ ἀπὸ μακρότητος αὐτῷ· ὅτι καὶ γε γινώσκω ἐγὼ ὅτι ἔσται ἀγαθὸν τοῦς φοβουμένους τὸν θεόν, ὅπως φοβῶνται ἀπὸ προσώπου αὐτοῦ·

12 hos hēmartēn, epoiēsen to ponēron apo tote kai apo makrotētos autō;  
The one who sinned did evil from then, and of their duration.  
hoti kai ge ginōskō egō hoti estai agathon tois phoboumenois ton theon,  
For also even I know that there is good to the ones fearing the Elohim,  
hopōs phobōntai apo prosōpou autou;  
so that they should fear from in front of him.

יג וְטוֹב לְאִיהִיה לְרַשֵּׁע וּלְאִירְאִיךָ יָמִים קְצִל  
אָשֵׁר אִרְגְּנוּ יְרָא מַלְפִּנֵּי אֱלֹהִים: 13

13. w'tob lo'-yih'yeh larasha` w'lo'-ya'ari'k yamim katsel  
'asher 'eynenu yare' miliph'ney 'Elohim.

Ecc8:13 But it shall not be well for the evil man and he shall not lengthen his days  
like a shadow, because he does not fear before Elohim.

<13> καὶ ἀγαθὸν οὐκ ἔσται τῷ ἀσεβεῖ, καὶ οὐ μακρυνεῖ ἡμέρας ἐν σκιᾷ ὃς οὐκ ἔστιν φοβούμενος ἀπὸ προσώπου τοῦ θεοῦ.

13 kai agathon ouk estai tō asebei,  
But good it shall not be to the impious,  
kai ou makrynei hēmeras en skia

and he shall not prolong his days which are as a shadow;  
 hos ouk estin phoboumenos apo prosōpou tou theou.  
 for he is not fearing from before Elohim.

עַל־הָבֵל אֲשֶׁר נִعְשָׂה עַל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁצַדִּיקִים  
 אֲשֶׁר מְגִיעַ אֲלֵהֶם כְּמִעְשָׂה הַרְשָׁעִים וַיֵּשׁ רְשָׁעִים שְׁמָגִיעַ אֲלֵהֶם  
 כְּמִעְשָׂה הַצְדִּיקִים אָמַרְתִּי שְׁגָמֶזֶה הַבֵּל:

**14.** yesh-hebel 'asher na`asah `al-ha'arets 'asher yesh tsadiqim 'asher magi`a 'alehem  
 k'ma`aseh har'sha`im w'yesh r'sha`im shemagi`a 'alehem k'ma`aseh hatsadiqim  
 'amar'ti shegam-zeh habel.

**Ecc8:14** There is a vanity which is done on the earth, that is, there are righteous men to whom it happens according to the deeds of the wicked. And there are evil men to whom it happens according to the deeds of the righteous. I say that this also is vanity.

<14> ἔστιν ματαιότης, ἣ πεποίηται ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ὅτι εἰσὶ δίκαιοι  
 ὅτι φθάνει πρὸς αὐτοὺς ὡς ποίημα τῶν ἀσεβῶν, καὶ εἰσὶν ἀσεβεῖς  
 ὅτι φθάνει πρὸς αὐτοὺς ὡς ποίημα τῶν δικαίων· εἶπα ὅτι καὶ γε τοῦτο ματαιότης.

**14 estin mataiotēs, hē pepoiētai epi tēs gēs,**

There is a folly which is done upon the earth;

hoti eisi dikaioi hoti phthanei pros autous

that there are just ones that attain unto them,

hōs poiēma tōn asebōn, kai eisin asebeis hoti phthanei pros autous

as the action of the impious; and there are impious that attain to them,

hōs poiēma tōn dikaiōn; eipa hoti kai ge touto mataiotēs.

as the action of the just. I said that, Indeed also this is folly.

טוֹרְשָׁבָחָתִי אָנָי אֶת־הַשְּׁמֶךָה אֲשֶׁר אֵין־טֻוב לְאָדָם תְּחַת הַשְּׁמֶךָ  
 כִּי אִם־לֹא־כּוֹל וְלִשְׁתּוֹת וְלִשְׁמוֹחַ וְהַוָּא יְלֹונֵי  
 בְּעַמְלֹז יְמִי חַיּוֹ אֲשֶׁר־נָתַן־לֹז הָאֱלֹהִים תְּחַת הַשְּׁמֶךָ:

**15.** w'shibach'ti 'ani 'eth-hasim'chah 'asher 'eyn-tob la'adam tachath hashemesh  
 ki 'im-le'ekol w'lish'toth w'lis'moach w'hu' yil'wenu ba'amalo y'mey chayayu  
 'asher-nathan-lo ha'Elohim tachath hashamesh.

**Ecc8:15** So I commended pleasure, for there is nothing good for a man under the sun except to eat and to drink and to be glad; for that shall stand by him in his labor for the days of his life which the Elohim has given him under the sun.

<15> καὶ ἐπήνεσα ἐγὼ σὺν τὴν εὐφροσύνῃ, ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν ἀγαθὸν τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ  
 ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον ὅτι εἰ μὴ τοῦ φαγεῖν καὶ τοῦ πιεῖν καὶ τοῦ εὑφρανθῆναι,

καὶ αὐτὸ συμπροσέσται αὐτῷ ἐν μόχθῳ αὐτοῦ ἡμέρας ζωῆς αὐτοῦ,  
ὅσας ἔδωκεν αὐτῷ ὁ θεὸς ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον.

**15** kai epēnesa egō syn tēn euphrosynēn,

**And I praised with the gladness,**

**hoti ouk estin agathon tō anthrōpō hypo ton hēlion**

**because there is no good thing to man under the sun,**

**hoti ei mē tou phagein kai tou piein kai tou euphranthēnai,**

were it not to eat, and to drink, and to be glad.

**kai auto symprosestai autō en mochthō autou hēmeras zōēs autou,**

**And it shall adhere to him in his effort all the days of his life,**

**hosas edōken autō ho theos hypo ton hēlion.**

**as gave to him the Elohim under the sun.**

**טז** **כִּי** **אָשֵׁר** **נְתַתִּי** **אֶת־לְבִי** **לְדִעָת** **חֲכֹמָה**  
**וּלְرֹאָת** **אֶת־חָכְמִינִין** **אָשֵׁר** **נְצָשָׁה** **עַל־הָאָרֶץ**  
**כִּי** **גַם** **בַּיּוֹם** **וּבְלִילָה** **שְׁנָה** **בָּעִירֵינוּ** **אַיִלְגָּבָה** **רָאָה:**

**16. ka'asher nathati 'eth-libi lada`ath chak'mah w'lis'oth 'eth-ha`in'yan**  
**'asher na`asah `al-ha'arets ki gam bayom ubalay'lah shenah b`eynayu 'eynenu ro'eh.**

**Ecc8:16** When I gave my heart to know wisdom and to see the business that is done on the earth: (for even by day or by night he does not see sleep in his eyes),

«16» Ἐν οἷς ἔδωκα τὴν καρδίαν μου τοῦ γνῶναι σοφίαν  
καὶ τοῦ ἴδεῖν τὸν περισπασμὸν τὸν πεποιημένον ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς,  
ὅτι καί γε ἐν ἡμέρᾳ καὶ ἐν νυκτὶ ὑπνον ἐν ὀφθαλμοῖς αὐτοῦ οὐκ ἔστιν βλέπων,

**16 En hois edōka tēn kardian mou tou gnōnai sophian**

**Whereupon I gave my heart to know wisdom,**

**kai tou idein ton perispasmon ton pepoiēmenon epi tēs gēs,**

**and to behold** the distraction being done **upon** the earth.

**hoti kai ge en hēmerā kai en nykti hypnon en ophthalmois autou ouk estin blepōn,**

**For also at day and at night sleep with his eyes a person is not seeing.**

**17. w'ra'ithi 'eth-kal-ma`aseh ha'Elohim ki lo' yukal ha'adam liim'tso' 'eth-hama`aseh**

'asher na`asah thachath-haschemesh b'shel 'asher ya`amol ha'adam l'baqesh  
w'lo' yim'tsa' w'gam 'im-yo'mar hechakam lada`ath lo' yukal lim'tso'.

**Ecc8:17** then I saw every work of the Elohim, that a man shall not be able to find the work that is done under the sun; because though man labors to seek it out, he shall not find it; and even if the wise man speaks of knowing it, yet he shall not be able to find it.

<17> καὶ εἶδον σὺν πάντα τὰ ποιήματα τοῦ θεοῦ, ὅτι οὐ δυνήσεται ἄνθρωπος τοῦ εύρεν σὺν τῷ ποίημα τῷ πεποιημένον ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον.  
ὅσα ἀν μοχθήσῃ ὁ ἄνθρωπος τοῦ ζητῆσαι, καὶ οὐχ εύρήσει.  
καὶ γε ὅσα ἀν εἴπῃ ὁ σοφὸς τοῦ γνῶναι, οὐ δυνήσεται τοῦ εύρεν.

17 kai eidon syn panta ta poiēmata tou theou, hoti ou dynēsetai anthrōpos  
And I beheld with all the actions of the Elohim, that shall not be able man  
tou heurein syn to poiēma to pepoiēmenon hypo ton hēlion;  
to find out the action being done under the sun.  
hosa an mochthēsē ho anthrōpos tou zētēsai, kai ouch heurēsei;  
As long as should make an effort man to seek, even he shall not find it.  
kai ge hosa an eipē ho sophos tou gnōnai,  
And indeed, as long as should speak the wise to know it,  
ou dynēsetai tou heurein.  
he shall not be able to find it.

## Chapter 9

קְרֵבִים וְחַכְמִים וְעֲבָדִים בַּיָּד אֱתָלֶת־בָּבֶר אֶת־כָּל־זֹה  
אֲשֶׁר חִזְקִים וְחַכְמִים וְעֲבָדִים בַּיָּד  
הָאָלָהִים גַּם־אֶבֶה גַּם־שְׁנָאָה אֵין יוֹדֵעַ הָאָדָם הַכָּל לְפָנֶיהָם:

1. ki 'eth-bal-zeh nathati 'el-libi w'labur 'eth-bal-zeh 'asher hatsadiqim  
w'hachakamim wa`abadeyhem b'yad ha'Elohim gam-'ahabah gam-sin'ah  
'eyn yode'a ha'adam hakol liph'neym.

**Ecc9:1** For all this I have taken to my heart even to explain all this, that the righteous men, and wise men, and their deeds are in the hand of the Elohim.  
Man does not know whether it shall be love or hatred by all that is before them.

<9:1> "Οτι σὺν πᾶν τοῦτο ἔδωκα εἰς καρδίαν μου,  
καὶ καρδία μου σὺν πᾶν εἶδεν τοῦτο, ὡς οἱ δίκαιοι καὶ οἱ σοφοί  
καὶ ἐργασίαι αὐτῶν ἐν χειρὶ τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ γε ἀγάπην  
καὶ γε μῖσος οὐκ ἔστιν εἰδὼς ὁ ἄνθρωπος· τὰ πάντα πρὸ προσώπου αὐτῶν,  
1 Hoti syn pan tutto edōka eis kardian mou, kai kardia mou syn pan eiden touto,  
For all this I gave to my heart, and my heart all beheld this.

hōs hoi dikaioi kai hoi sophoi kai ergasiai autōn en cheiri tou theou,  
As the just, and the wise, even their works are in the hand of the Elohim.  
kai ge agapēn kai ge misos ouk estin eidōs ho anthrōpos;  
Indeed even love, indeed even hatred, there is no knowing man

ta panta pro prosōpou autōn,  
all the things before them.

וְכֹל־אֲשֶׁר־לְכָל־מִקְרָה אֶחָד לְצַדִּיק וְלַרְשָׁע לְטוֹב  
וְלַטְהֹר וְלַטְמָא וְלַזְבָּח וְלַאֲשֶׁר־אֵינו־זָבֵח כְּטוֹב כְּחַטָּא  
הַגְּשָׁבָע כְּאֲשֶׁר־שְׁבוּעָה יְרָא:

2. **hakol ka'asher lakol miq'reh 'echad latsadiq**  
**w'larasha` latob w'latahor w'latame' w'la'zobeach**  
**w'la'asher 'eynenu zobeach katob kachote' hanish'ba` ka'asher sh'bu`ah yare'.**

**Ecc9:2** All things come alike to all.

There is one event to the righteous and to the wicked; to the good, to the clean  
and to the unclean; to him that sacrifices, and to him that sacrifices not.

As is the good man, so is the sinner; and he who swears is as he who fears an oath.

κ<sup>2</sup> ματαιότης ἐν τοῖς πᾶσιν. συνάντημα ἐν τῷ δικαίῳ καὶ τῷ ἀσεβεῖ,  
τῷ ἀγαθῷ καὶ τῷ κακῷ καὶ τῷ καθαρῷ καὶ τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ  
καὶ τῷ θυσιάζοντι καὶ τῷ μὴ θυσιάζοντι.  
ὡς ὁ ἀγαθός, ὡς ὁ ἀμαρτάνων· ὡς ὁ ὄμνύων, καθὼς ὁ τὸν ὄρκον φοβούμενος.

2 **mataiotēs en tois pasin.** synantēma hen tō dikaiō kai tō asebei,  
Folly is in all things; event there is one to the just, and to the impious;  
tō agathō kai tō kakō kai tō katharō kai tō akathartō  
to the good and to the bad; and to the clean and to the unclean;  
kai tō thysiazonti kai tō mē thysiazonti; hōs ho agathos,  
and to the one sacrificing and to the one not sacrificing; as is the good,  
hōs ho hamartanōn; hōs ho omnyōn, kathōs ho ton horkon phoboumenos.  
as is the one sinning; as the one swearing by the oath, as is the one fearing.

וְכֹל־אֲשֶׁר־נִעֲשָׂה תְּחִתְהַנְּמֵשׁ  
כִּירְמִקְרָה אֶחָד לְכָל וְגַם לְבָנֵי־הָאָדָם מְלָא־רָע  
וְהוֹלְלוֹת בְּלַבְבָם בְּחַיֵיהֶם וְאֶחָרָיו אֶל־הַמְתִים:

3. **zeh ra` b'kol 'asher-na `asah tachath hashemesh**  
**ki-miq'reh 'echad lakol w'gam leb b'ney-ha'adam male'-ra`**  
**w'holeloth bil'babam b'chayeyhem w'acharayu 'el-hamethim.**

**Ecc9:3** This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is one fate for all men.  
Furthermore, the heart of the sons of men are full of evil and insanity is in their hearts  
throughout their lives. After that they go to the dead.

κ<sup>3</sup> τοῦτο πονηρὸν ἐν παντὶ πεποιημένῳ ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον, ὅτι συνάντημα

Ἐν τοῖς πᾶσιν· καὶ γε καρδία υἱῶν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπληρώθη πονηροῦ,  
καὶ περιφέρεια ἐν καρδίᾳ αὐτῶν ἐν ζωῇ αὐτῶν, καὶ ὁπίσω αὐτῶν πρὸς τοὺς νεκρούς.

3 touto ponēron en panti pepoiēmenō hypo ton hēlion, hoti synantēma hen tois pasin;

This evil is in all being done under the sun, for there is event one to all.

kai ge kardia huiōn tou anthrōpou eplērōthē ponērou,

And indeed the heart of the sons of man are filled with evil;

kai peripherēia en kardiā autōn en zōē autōn, kai opisō autōn pros tous nekrouς.

and madness in their heart during their life, and after them they go to the dead.

עַל כִּי־מֵאֲשֶׁר יָבֹהֶר אֶל כָּל־הַחַיִם יְשִׁבְתָּה  
כִּי־לְכָל־בָּהִים הַוָּא טֹב מִן־הַאֲרִיה הַמְּתָה:  
4. ki-mi 'asher yibacher 'el kal-hachayim yesh bitachon  
ki-l'keleb chay hu' tob min-ha'ar'yeh hameth.

Ecc9:4 For whoever is joined with all the living, there is hope;  
for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

«4» ὅτι τίς ὅσ κοινωνεῖ πρὸς πάντας τοὺς ζῶντας;  
ἔστιν ἐλπίς, ὅτι ὁ κύων ὁ ζῶν, αὐτὸς ἀγαθὸς ὑπὲρ τὸν λέοντα τὸν νεκρόν.

4 hoti tis hos koinōnei pros pantas tous zōntas?

For someone who participates with all the living

estin elpis, hoti ho kyōn ho zōn, autos agathos hyper ton leonta ton nekron.  
there is hope; for the dog living himself is good over the lion dead.

בְּעַל־כִּי־מֵאֲשֶׁר יָבֹהֶר כִּי־גַּשְׁפָּחָה זִקְרָם:  
הַכִּי־הַחַיִם יוֹדְעִים שִׁמְתוֹ וְהַמְּתִים אִינָם יוֹדְעִים מִאוּמָה  
וְאַיְזָעָד לָהֶם שְׁכָר כִּי־גַּשְׁפָּחָה זִקְרָם:  
5. ki hachayim yod'im sheyamuthu w'hamethim 'eynam yod'im m'umah  
w'eyn-'od lahem sakar ki nish'kach zik'ram.

Ecc9:5 For the living know that they shall die; but the dead do not know anything,  
nor have they any longer a reward, for their memory is forgotten.

«5» ὅτι οἵ ζῶντες γνώσονται ὅτι ἀποθανοῦνται,  
καὶ οἵ νεκροὶ οὐκ εἰσιν γνώσκοντες οὐδέν·  
καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν αὐτοῖς ἔπι μισθός, ὅτι ἐπελήσθη ἡ μνήμη αὐτῶν.

5 hoti hoi zōntes gnōsontai hoti apothanountai,

For the living shall know that they shall die;

kai hoi nekroi ouk eisin ginōskontes ouden;

but the dead are not knowing anything;

kai ouk estin autois eti misthos, hoti epelēsthē hē mnēmē autōn;

and there is not to them any longer a wage, for was forgotten their remembrance.

וְאַיְזָעָד לָהֶם שְׁכָר כִּי־גַּשְׁפָּחָה זִקְרָם  
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וְחַלֵק אֵין-לָהֶם עוֹד לְעוֹלָם בְּכָל אָשֶר-גִנְעָשָׂה תְּחִתַּת הַשָּׁמֶן:

וְגַם אֲהַבְתֶּם גַּם-שְׁנָאָתֶם גַּם-קְנָאָתֶם כִּי בְּרַא אֱבָדָה

תְּחִתַּת אַיִלְעָמָד וְעַל-עַל אַיִלְעָמָד תְּחִתַּת אַיִלְעָמָד:

**6. gam 'ahabatham gam-sin'atham gam-qin'atham k'bar 'abadah  
w'cheleq 'eyn-lahem `od l`olam b'kol 'asher-na`asah tachath hashamesh.**

**Ecc9:6** Also their love, their hate and their zeal have already perished, and they shall no any longer have a portion for ever in all that is done under the sun.

«**6**» καὶ γε ἀγάπη αὐτῶν καὶ γε μῆσος αὐτῶν καὶ γε ζῆλος αὐτῶν ἥδη ἀπώλετο,  
καὶ μερὶς οὐκ ἔστιν αὐτοῖς ἔτι εἰς αἰώνα ἐν παντὶ τῷ πεποιημένῳ ὑπὸ τὸν ήλιον.

**6 kai ge agapē autōn kai ge misos autōn**

**And indeed their love, and indeed their hatred,**

**kai ge zēlos autōn ēdē apōleto,**

and indeed their zeal already perished;

**kai meris ouk estin autois eti eis aiōna**

and portion there is no to them any longer into the eon,

**en panti tō pepoiēmenō hypo ton hēlion.**

**in all things being done under the sun.**

**ז' ע' אכלה בשמחה לחם ושתה בלב-טוב ייבך  
כ' כבר רצח האלים את-מעשיך:**

**7. Iek 'ekol b'sim'chah lach'meak ushatheh b'leb-tob yeyneak  
ki k'bar ratsah ha'Elohim 'eth-ma `asevok.**

**Ecc9:7** Go then, eat your bread in happiness and drink your wine with a cheerful heart; for the Elohim has already approved your works.

<7> Δεῦρο φάγε ἐν εὐφροσύνῃ ἄρτον σου

ເຂົ້າໃຈວ່າມີກຳນົດຫຼັງຈາກນີ້

## 7 Deurophage en euphosynē artor

Come, eat with gladness of your bread.

kaj pie en kardia agathē oinon sou.

and drink with heart a good your wine!

**hoti ēdē eudokēsen ho theos ta poiēmata sou.**  
**for already the Elohim thought well of your actions**

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**ח בְּכָל־עַת יְהִי בְּגִדֵּךְ לְבָנִים וּשְׁמָן עַל־רֹאשֶׁךְ אֶל־יְחִסָּר:**

**3. *biblo-eth-wib-nu b'gadouch l'havim u'shamon* *el-yechish el-yesh'ar***

**Fec8:8** Let your garments be white at every time, and let not oil be lacking on your head.

〈8〉 ἐν παντὶ καιρῷ ἔστωσαν ὑμάτιά σου λευκά,  
καὶ ἔδαιον ἐπὶ κεφαλήν σου υἱὸν ὑπέστησά τοι

### **8 en pantī kairō estōsan himatia sou leuka**

In every time let be your garments white,  
kai elaion epi kephalēn sou mē hysterēsatō.  
and oil upon your head let not be lacking!

ט ראה חיים עם-אשה אָשֶׁר-אַהֲבָתָם כָל-יְמֵי חַיִּים הַבָּלֶךְ  
אָשֶׁר נָתַן-לְךָ תְּחִתַּת הַשְׁמָשׁ כָל יְמֵי חַיִּים  
כִּי הוּא חַלְקָךְ בְּחַיִּים וּבְעַמְלָךְ אָשֶׁר-אַתָּה עַמְלֵל תְּחִתַּת הַשְׁמָשׁ

9. r'eh chayim `im-`ishah 'asher-'ahab'at kal-y'mey chayey heb'lek  
'asher nathan-l'ak tachath hashemesh kol y'mey heb'lek  
ki hu' chel'q'k bachayim uba`amal'ak 'asher-'atah `amel tachath hashamesh.

**Ecc9:9** Look upon life with the woman whom you love all the days of the life of your vanity which He has given to you under the sun, all the days of your vanity; for this is your reward in life and in your labor in which you have labored under the sun.

**〈9〉** ἵδε ζωὴν μετὰ γυναικός, ἃς ἡγάπησας, πάσας ἡμέρας ζωῆς ματαιότητός σου τὰς δοθείσας σοι ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον, πάσας ἡμέρας ζωῆς ματαιότητός σου,  
ὅτι αὐτὸς μερίς σου ἐν τῇ ζωῇ σου καὶ ἐν τῷ μόχθῳ σου, φί σὺ μοχθεῖς ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον.

**9** ide zōēn meta gynaikos, hēs ēgapēsas, pasas hēmeras zōēs mataiotētos sou  
And behold life with the wife which you loved all the days of the life of your folly!  
tas dotheisas soi hypo ton hēlion, pasas hēmeras zōēs mataiotētos sou,  
the ones being given to you under the sun, all the days of the life of your folly.

hoti auto meris sou en tē zēē sou

**For it is your portion in your life**

**kai en tō mochthō sou. hō sy mochtheis hypo ton hēlion.**

**and in your effort wherein you made an effort under the sun.**

**וְכֹל אֲשֶׁר תִּמְצָא רַדֵּךְ לְעֲשֹׂת בְּכֶחֶךְ עֲשָׂה כִּי אֵין מַעֲשָׂה  
וְחַשְׁבּוֹן וְדַעַת וְחַכְמָה בְּשַׂאול אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה הַלְּךְ שָׁמָה: ס**

**10. kol 'asher tim'tsa' yad'ak la`asoth b'kochak `aseh ki 'eyn ma`aseh w'chesh'bon w'da`ath w'chak'mah biSh'ol 'asher 'atah holek shamah.**

**Ecc9:10** Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no activity nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom in Sheol where you are going there.

<10> πάντα, ὅσα ἀν εὗρη ἡ χείρ σου τοῦ ποιῆσαι, ὡς ἡ δύναμις σου ποίησον,  
ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν ποίημα καὶ λογισμὸς καὶ γνῶσις  
καὶ σοφία ἐν ἄδη, ὅπου σὺ πορεύῃ ἔκει.

**10 panta, hosa an heurē hē cheir sou tou poiēsai, hōs hē dynamis sou poiēson,**  
**All as much as should find your hand to do, as is in your power you do;**  
**hoti ouk estin poiēma kai logismos kai gnōsis**

for there is no action, nor device, nor knowledge,  
 kai sophia en hadnē, hopou sy poreuē ekei.  
 nor wisdom in Hades, of where you should go there.

וְאֵשֶׁבְתִּי וְרָאָה תְּחִתַּהַשְׁמֶשׁ כִּי לֹא לִקְלִים הַמְּרוֹזׁ וְלֹא  
 לְגִבּוֹרִים הַמְּלֻחָּמָה וְגַם לֹא לְחִכּוּמִים לְחַם וְגַם לֹא לְנִבְנִים  
 עַשְׂרֵן וְגַם לֹא לִיְדָעִים חַן כִּירְעַת וְפָגָע יִקְרַח אֶת־כָּלָם:

11. shab'ti w'ra'oh thachath-hashemesh ki lo' laqalim hamerots  
 w'lo' lagiborim hamil'chamah w'gam lo' lachakamim lechem  
 w'gam lo' lan'bonim `osher w'gam lo' layod'`im chen ki-`eth  
 waphega` yiq'reh 'eth-kulam.

**Ecc9:11** I returned, and saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift  
 and the battle is not to the warriors, and neither is yet bread to the wise  
 nor yet wealth to the understanding nor yet favor to men of skill;  
 for time and event meets with them all.

<11> Ἐπέστρεψα καὶ εἶδον ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον ὅτι οὐ τοῖς κούφοις ὁ δρόμος  
 καὶ οὐ τοῖς δυνατοῖς ὁ πόλεμος καὶ γε οὐ τοῖς σοφοῖς ἄρτος  
 καὶ γε οὐ τοῖς συνετοῖς πλοῦτος καὶ γε οὐ τοῖς γινώσκουσιν χάρις,  
 ὅτι καιρὸς καὶ ἀπάντημα συναντήσεται τοῖς πᾶσιν αὐτοῖς.

11 Epestrepsa kai eidon hypo ton hēlion hoti ou tois kouphois ho dromos  
 I turned, and I beheld under the sun, that not to the light of foot is the race;  
 kai ou tois dynatois ho polemos kai ge ou tois sophois artos  
 and not to the mighty ones in battle; and indeed not to the wise is the bread;  
 kai ge ou tois synetois ploutos  
 and indeed not to the discerning ones is the riches;  
 kai ge ou tois ginōskousin charis,  
 and indeed not to the ones knowing favor;  
 hoti kairos kai apantēma synantēsetai tois pasin autois.  
 for a season and a meeting shall meet with them all.

בְּמִצְוַדָּה רָעָה וּכְצַפְרִים הָאֲחֻזּוֹת בְּפַח  
 כַּהֲם יוֹקְשִׁים בְּנֵי הָאָדָם לְעֵת רָעָה כְּשַׁתְּפּוֹל עַלְיָהֶם פְּתָאָם:

12. ki gam lo'-yeda` ha'adam 'eth-`ito kadagim shene'echazim  
 bim'tsodah ra`ah w'katsiparim ha'achuzoth bapach  
 kahem yuqqashim b'ney ha'adam l`eth ra`ah k'shetipol `aleyhem pith'om.

**Ecc9:12** for man also does not know his time:

as fish that are taken in an evil net and as birds trapped in a snare,  
like them are the sons of men ensnared at an evil time when it suddenly falls on them.

<12> ὅτι καὶ γε οὐκ ἔγνω ὁ ἀνθρώπος τὸν καιρὸν αὐτοῦ·  
ώς οἱ ἵχθυες οἱ θηρευόμενοι ἐν ἀμφιβλήστρῳ κακῷ  
καὶ ὡς ὄρνεα τὰ θηρευόμενα ἐν παγύδι, ὡς αὐτὰ παγιδεύονται οἱ υἱοὶ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου  
εἰς καιρὸν πονηρόν, ὅταν ἐπιπέσῃ ἐπ' αὐτοὺς ἄφνω.

12 hoti kai ge ouk egnō ho anthrōpos ton kairon autou;  
And indeed does not know man his season.

hōs hoi ichthues hoi thēreuomenoi en amphiblēstrō kakō  
As fishes being hunted with casting-net a hurtful,  
kai hōs ornea ta thēreuomena en pagidi,  
as birds being hunted with a snare –  
hōs auta pagideuontai hoi huioi tou anthrōpou eis kairon ponēron,  
as them shall be ensnared the sons of man in season an evil,  
hotan epipesē ep' autous aphnō.  
whenever it should fall upon them suddenly.

וְגַם־זֹה רָאִיתִי חֲכָמָה תְּחַת הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ וְגַדּוֹלָה הִיא אֵלֶיךָ 13

13. gam-zoh ra'ithi chak'mah tachath hashamesh ug'dolah hi' 'elay.

Ecc9:13 this wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it is great unto me.

<13> Καὶ γε τοῦτο εἶδον σοφίαν ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον, καὶ μεγάλη ἐστὶν πρός με·

13 Kai ge touto eidon sophian hypo ton hēlion, kai megalē estin pros me;  
And indeed this I beheld – wisdom under the sun, and it is great to me.

וְסַבֵּב אֹתָה וְבָנָה עַלְיהֶן מַצּוּדִים גְּדוּלִים 14  
רַד עִיר קָטְנָה וְאַנְשִׁים בָּה מַעַט וּבָאָדָלִים מֶלֶךְ גְּדוֹלָה

14. `ir q'tanah wa'anashim bah m'at uba'-eleyah melek gadol  
w'sabab 'othah ubanah `aleyah m'tsodim g'dolim.

Ecc9:14 There was a small city with few men in it and a great king came against it,  
and besieged it and built great siegeworks against it.

<14> πόλις μικρὰ καὶ ἄνδρες ἐν αὐτῇ ὀλίγοι, καὶ ἐλθῃ ἐπ' αὐτὴν βασιλεὺς μέγας  
καὶ κυκλώσῃ αὐτὴν καὶ οἰκοδομήσῃ ἐπ' αὐτὴν χάρακας μεγάλους·

14 polis mikra kai andres en autē oligoi,  
city If there were a small, and the men in it few;

kai elthē ep' autēn basileus megas kai kyklōsē autēn  
and there should come against it king a great, and he shall encircle it,  
kai oikodomēsē ep' autēn charakas megalous;  
shall build against it siege mounds great;

וְסַבֵּב אֹתָה וְבָנָה עַלְיהֶן מַצּוּדִים גְּדוּלִים 15

בְּחִכְמָתוֹ וְאַדְםַ לֹּא זָכַר אֶת־הָעִיר בְּחִכְמָתוֹ טוֹ וְמֵצָא בָּהּ אֲרִשׁ מִסְכָּן חִכָּם וּמְלֻטָּה־הָוּא אֶת־הָעִיר בְּחִכְמָתוֹ: 16

**15.** *umatsa' bah 'ish mis'ken chakam umilat-hu' 'eth-ha`ir b'chak'matho w'adam lo' zakar 'eth-ha'ish hamis'ken hahu'.*

**Ecc9:15** But there was found in it a poor wise man  
and he delivered the city by his wisdom. Yet no man remembered that poor man.

<15> καὶ εὑρη ἐν αὐτῇ ἄνδρα πένητα σοφόν,  
καὶ διασώσει αὐτὸς τὴν πόλιν ἐν τῇ σοφίᾳ αὐτοῦ.  
καὶ ἄνθρωπος οὐκ ἐμνήσθη σὺν τοῦ ἀνδρὸς τοῦ πένητος ἐκείνου.

15 kai heurē en autē andra penēta sophon,  
and there should be found in it man a needy wise;  
kai diasōsei autos tēn polin en tē sophią autou;  
and shall deliver he himself the city in his wisdom;  
kai anthrōpos ouk emnēsthē syn tou andros tou penētos ekeinou.  
but man remembered not with man needy that.

טז וְאָמַרְתִּי אָנָּי תֹּבוֹה חִכְמָה מִגְבּוֹרָה  
וְחִכְמָת הַמִּסְכָּן בְּזִוִּיה וְדַבְּרָיו אַרְנָם נְשָׁמָעוּם: 16

**16.** *w'amar'ti 'ani tobah chak'mah mig'burah  
w'chak'math hamis'ken b'zuyah ud'barayu 'eynam nish'ma'im.*

**Ecc9:16** So I said, Wisdom is better than strength.  
But the wisdom of the poor man is despised and his words are not heeded.

<16> καὶ εἶπα ἔγώ Ἀγαθὴ σοφία ὑπὲρ δύναμιν.  
καὶ σοφία τοῦ πένητος ἐξουδενωμένη, καὶ λόγοι αὐτοῦ οὐκ εἰσιν ἀκουόμενοι.

16 kai eipa egō Agathē sophia hyper dynamin;  
And I said, is good Wisdom over power.  
kai sophia tou penētos exoudenōmenē,  
But the wisdom of the needy man is being treated with contempt,  
kai logoi autou ouk eisin akouomenoi.  
and his words are not being listened to.

יז דְּבָרֵי חֲכָמִים בְּנֵחֶת נְשָׁמָעוּמִים מִזְעָקָת מוֹשֵׁל בְּקָסִילִים: 17

**17.** *dib'rey chakamim b'nachath nish'ma'im miza'aqath moshel bak'silim.*

**Ecc9:17** The words of the wise men are heard in quietness  
than the cry of a ruler among fools.

<17> λόγοι σοφῶν ἐν ἀναπάυσει ἀκούονται  
ὑπὲρ κραυγὴν ἐξουσιαζόντων ἐν ἀφροσύναις.

17 logoi sophōn en anapausei akouontai

Words of the wise being at rest are heard  
hyper **kraugēn** exousiazontōn en aphrosynais.  
above a cry of ones being authority in follies.

יְהוָה טוֹבָה חֲכַמָּה מִכְלֵי קָרְבָּן וְחַוטָּא אֶחָד יַאֲבֹד טוֹבָה הַרְבָּה:  
18. **tobah chak'mah mik'ley q'rabb w'chote' echad y'abed tobah har'beh.**

**Ecc9:18** Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.

<18> ἀγαθὴ σοφία ὑπὲρ σκεύη πολέμου,  
καὶ ἀμαρτάνων εἴς ἀπολέσει ἀγαθωσύνην πολλήν.

18 agathē sophia hyper skeuē polemou,  
is good Wisdom over weapons of war;  
kai hamartanōn heis apolesei agathōsynēn pollēn.  
over but sinning one shall destroy goodness much.

## Chapter 10

אֶתְכָּבֵד מְרוֹת יְבָאֵישׁ יְבִיעֵשׁ שְׁמָן רֹקֶם  
יְקַר מִחְכַּמָּה מִכְבּוֹד סְכָלוֹת מַעַט:  
Ecc10:1

1. **z'bubey maweth yab'ish yabi`a shemen roqeach**  
**yaqar mechak'mah mikabod sik'luth m`at.**

**Ecc10:1** Dead flies cause the ointment of the perfumer to stink and ferment,  
so a little foolishness is weightier than wisdom and than honor.

<10:1> Μυῖαι θανατοῦσαι σαπριοῦσιν σκευασίαν ἐλαίου ἡδύσματος.  
τύμιον ὀλίγον σοφίας ὑπὲρ δόξαν ἀφροσύνης μεγάλης.

1 **Muihai thanatousai sapriousin skeuasian elaiou hēdysmatois;**  
**A fly put to death shall rot a concoction oil of luscious;**  
**timion oligon sophias hyper doxan aphrosynēs megalēs.**  
**is valuable A little wisdom over glory of folly great.**

בְּלֵב חֲכָם לִימִינֹו וְלֵב כְּסִיל לְשָׁמָאלֹו:  
Ecc10:2

2. **leb chakam limino w'leb k'sil lis'mo'lo.**

**Ecc10:2** A wise man's heart is toward his right hand,  
but the foolish man's heart is toward the left.

<2> καρδία σοφοῦ εἰς δεξιὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ καρδία ἄφρονος εἰς ἀριστερὸν αὐτοῦ.

2 **kardia sophou eis dexion autou, kai kardia aphronos eis aristeron autou;**  
**A heart of a wise man is at his right hand; and the heart of a fool is at his left.**

בְּלֵב חֲכָם לִימִינֹו וְלֵב כְּסִיל לְשָׁמָאלֹו  
Ecc10:3

גַּוְגָם־בְּדֶרֶךְ כַּשְׁהַסְכֵּל הַלְּקֵד לְבֹו חִסְרֵב וְאָמֵר לְפָל סְכֵל הַוָּא:

3. w'gam-baderek b'shehasakal holek libo chaser w'amar lakol sakal hu'.

Ecc10:3 And also in the way in which a fool walks, his heart fails, and he demonstrates to everyone that he is a fool.

<3> καὶ γε ἐν ὁδῷ ὅταν ἀφρων πορεύηται,  
καρδία αὐτοῦ ὑστερήσει, καὶ ἡ λογιεῖται πάντα ἀφροσύνη ἔστιν.

3 kai ge en hodō hotan aphrōn poreuētai,  
And indeed in the way whenever a fool goes  
kardia autou hysterēsei, kai ha logieitai panta aphrosynē estin.  
of his heart, he shall fail, and which he considers all is folly.

אַתָּה-כֵּן יְעַזְּבֵל עַל-צְבָא אַתָּה-עַל-עֲמָד אַתָּה-עַל-עֲמָד  
רָאָמַרְתְּךָ הַמּוֹשֵׁל תַּעֲלֵה עַלְיָה מִקְוָמֶךָ אֶל-תִּנְחַזֵּ  
כִּי מְרֻפֵּא גְּנִים חֲטָאים גָּדוֹלִים:

4. 'im-ruach hamoshel ta`aleh `aleyak m'qom'ak 'al-tanach  
ki mar'pe' yaniach chata'im g'dolim.

Ecc10:4 If the spirit of the ruler rises up against you, do not leave your place, for composure quiets great offenses.

<4> ἐὰν πνεῦμα τοῦ ἐξουσιάζοντος ἀναβῇ ἐπὶ σέ, τόπον σου μὴ ἀφῆς,  
ὅτι ἵαμα καταπαύσει ἀμαρτίας μεγάλας.

4 ean pneuma tou exousiazontos anabē epi se,  
If spirit of the one exercising authority should ascend against you,  
topon sou mē aphēs, hoti iama katapausei hamartias megalas.  
your place you should not leave; for a cure shall put to rest sins great.

הַרְשָׁת רָעָה רָאִיתִי פְּתַח הַשְּׁמֶשׁ כְּשֶׁגֶן שְׁפֵצָא מִלְּפָנֵי הַשְּׁלִיטִים:  
5. yesh ra`ah ra'ihi tachath hashamesh kish'gagah sheyotsa' miliph'ney hashalit.

Ecc10:5 There is an evil I have seen under the sun,  
as an error which goes forth from the ruler's presence.

<5> ἔστιν πονηρία, ἣν εἶδον ὑπὸ τὸν ἥλιον,  
ώς ἀκούσιον, δὲ ἐξῆλθεν ἀπὸ προσώπου τοῦ ἐξουσιάζοντος.

5 estin ponēria, hēn eidon hypo ton hēlion,  
There is a wickedness which I beheld under the sun,  
hōs akousion, ho exēlthen apo prosōpou tou exousiazontos;  
as an unintentional act came forth from the person of one exercising authority.

וְנִתְן הַסְכֵּל בּוֹמְרוֹמִים רַבִּים וְעַשְׂרִים בְּשִׁפְלָה רַשְׁבָּהוּ:  
6. nitan hasekel bam'romim rabbim wa`ashirim bashephel yeshebu.

Ecc10:6 folly is set in many high positions, and the rich men sit in low places.

<6> ἐδόθη ὁ ἄφρων ἐν ὕψεσι μεγάλοις, καὶ πλούσιοι ἐν ταπεινῷ καθήσονται.

6 edothē ho aphrōn en huuesi megalois, kai plousioi en tapeinō kathēsontai;  
was put The fool in heights great, and the rich in low shall settle.

וְאִתֵּה עֲבָדִים עַל־סֹוסִים וּשְׁרִים הַלְּכִים כַּעֲבָדִים עַל־הָאָרֶץ:  
7. ra'ithi `abadim `al-susim w'sarim hol'kim ka`abadim `al-ha'arets.

Ecc10:7 I have seen servants upon horses and princes walking as servants upon the land.

<7> εἶδον δούλους ἑφ' ἵππους καὶ ἄρχοντας πορευομένους ὡς δούλους ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς.

7 eidon doulous eph' hippous kai archontas poreuomenous hōs doulous epi tēs gēs.

I beheld servants upon horses, and rulers going as servants upon the ground.

חַפֵּר גֻּמֵּץ בּוֹ יַפּוֹל וּפְרַץ בְּדָר יִשְׁכַּנוּ נָחַשׁ:  
8. chopher gumats bo yipol uphorets gader yish'kenu nachash.

Ecc10:8 He who digs a pit may fall into it,  
and the one breaking a wall, a serpent may bite him.

<8> ὁ ὀρύσσων βόθρον ἐν αὐτῷ ἐμπεσεῖται,  
καὶ καθαιροῦντα φραγμόν, δῆξεται αὐτὸν ὄφες·

8 ho oryssōn bothron en autō empeseitai,  
The one digging a cesspool into it shall fall;  
kai kathairounta phragmon, dēxetai auton ophis;  
and the one demonishing a fence boundary, shall bite him a serpent.

ט מִפְרַע אֶבְנִים יַעֲצֵב בָּהָם בּוֹקֵעַ עֲצִים יִפְרַן בָּם:  
9. masi`a 'abanim ye`atseb bahem boqe`a `etsim yisaken bam.

Ecc10:9 He who removes stones may be hurt by them,  
and he who splits wood may be endangered by them.

<9> ἔξαιρων λίθους διαπονηθήσεται ἐν αὐτοῖς, σχίζων ξύλα κινδυνεύσει ἐν αὐτοῖς.

9 exairōn lithous diaponēthēsetai en autois,  
One lifting away stones shall work hard among them;  
schizōn xyla kindyneusei en autois.  
one splitting wood shall be exposed to danger in them.

וְאִמְדָּקָה הַבְּرַזֵּל וְהִוא לְאַפְנִים קָלְקָל  
וְתִילִים יַגְבֵּר וַיַּתְרֹן הַכְּשִׁיר חַקְמָה:  
10. 'im-qehah habar'zel w'hu' lo'-phanim qil'qal  
wachayalim y'gaber w'yith'ron hak'sheir chak'mah.

Ecc10:10 If the iron is blunt and he does not sharpen its edge,

then he must exert more strength. Wisdom has the advantage of giving success.

<10> ἐὰν ἐκπέσῃ τὸ σιδῆρον, καὶ αὐτὸς πρόσωπον ἐτάραξεν,  
καὶ δυνάμεις δυναμώσει, καὶ περισσεία τοῦ ἀνδρείου σοφία.

10 ean ekpesē to sidērion, kai autos prosōpon etaraxen,

If should fall off an iron implement, and he in countenance is disturbed,

kai dynamēis dynamōsei,

then his power he shall strengthen,

kai perisseia tou andreiou sophia.

and abundance is to the man of which is wisdom.

רִא אָמֵרֶת הַנְּחַשׁ בְּלוֹא־לְחַשׁ וְאֵין יִתְרֹז לְבָעֵל הַלְּשׁוֹן:

11. 'im-yishok hanachash b'lo'-lachash w'eyn yith'ron l'ba`al halashon.

Ecc10:11 If the serpent shall bite without enchantment,  
then there is no advantage for the owner of the tongue.

<11> ἐὰν δάκη ὁ ὄφεις ἐν οὐ ψιθυρισμῷ, καὶ οὐκ ἔστιν περισσεία τῷ ἐπάδοντι.

11 ean dakē ho ophis en ou psithyrismō,

If should bite the serpent with no enchanter whispering,

kai ouk estin perisseia tō epādonti.

then there is no advantage to the one charming.

יב דְּבָרִי פִּירְחָכָם חֵן וְשִׁפְתּוֹת כְּסִיל תְּבָלָעֲנוּ:

12. dib'rey phi-chakam chen w'siph'thoh k'sil t'bal'enu.

Ecc10:12 The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious,  
while the lips of a fool consume him;

<12> λόγοι στόματος σοφοῦ χάρις, καὶ χείλη ἀφρονος καταποντιοῦσιν αὐτόν.

12 logoi stomatos sophou charis, kai cheilē aphronos katapontiousin auton;

The words mouth of a wise carry favor; but the lips of a fool shall sink him;

יג תְּחִלָּת דְּבָרִי־פִּיהָ סְכָלוֹת וְאַחֲרִית פִּיהָ הַזְּלָלָות רָעָה:

13. t'chilath dib'rey-phihu sik'luth w'acharith pihu holeluth ra`ah.

Ecc10:13 the beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness:  
and the end of his mouth is evil madness.

<13> ἀρχὴ λόγων στόματος αὐτοῦ ἀφροσόνη,  
καὶ ἐσχάτη στόματος αὐτοῦ περιφέρεια πονηρά·

13 archē logōn stomatos autou aphrosonē,

the beginning of the words of his mouth are folly,

kai eschatē stomatos autou peripherēia ponēra;

and the end of his mouth madness is wicked.

טוֹבָה וְעַמְלָה עַמְלָה וְעַמְלָה וְעַמְלָה וְעַמְלָה 14

בְּזַעֲפָגָה וְבִזְעַמָּה עַל־יְדֵיכֶךָ כִּי־אַתָּה  
 יְדֵיכֶךָ לְאַיִלָּת הָאָדָם מִהַ-שְׁיָחִיד  
 וְאַשְׁר יְהִי מִאַחֲרָיו מֵרַגְּלָיו לֹא:

**14.** w'hasakal yar'beh d'barim lo'-yeda` ha'adam mah-sheyih'yeh  
 wa'asher yih'yeh me'acharayu mi yagid lo.

**Ecc10:14** Yet the fool makes many words;  
 A man knows not what shall be, and who can tell him what shall come after him?

<14> καὶ ὁ ἄφρων πληθύνει λόγους. οὐκ ἔγνω ὁ ἄνθρωπος τί τὸ γενόμενον,  
 καὶ τί τὸ ἐσόμενον ὅπιστα αὐτοῦ, τίς ἀναγγελεῖ αὐτῷ;

**14** kai ho aphrōn plēthynei logous. ouk egnō ho anthrōpos ti to genomenon,  
 And the fool multiplies words. does not know Man what the thing becoming is,  
 kai ti to esomenon opisō autou, tis anaggelei autō?  
 and what the thing shall be; for after him who shall announce to him?

טו עַמְלָה הַכְּסִילִים תִּגְעַנְוּ אַשְׁר לְלַכְתָּה אֶל־עִיר:  
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**15.** `amal hak'silim t'yag'enu 'asher lo'-yada` laleketh 'el-'ir.

**Ecc10:15** The toil of a fool wearies him that he does not know how to go to a city.

<15> μόχθος τῶν ἀφρόνων κοπώσει αὐτούς, ὃς οὐκ ἔγνω τοῦ πορευθῆναι εἰς πόλιν.

**15** mochthos tōn aphronōn kopōsei autous,  
 The effort of the fools shall trouble them  
 hos ouk egnō tou poreuthēnai eis polin.  
 as one who does not know how to go into the city.

טֹז אֶרְ-לְךָ אָרְצָ שְׁמַלְכָּךְ נָעַר וּשְׁרִיךְ בְּבָקָר יִאֱכַלְוּ:  
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**16.** 'i-lak 'erets shemal'kek na`ar w'sarayi'k baboqer yo'kelu.

**Ecc10:16** Woe to you, O land, when your king is a lad and your princes eat in the morning.

<16> οὐαὶ σοι, πόλις, ὃς ὁ βασιλεὺς σου νεώτερος  
 καὶ οἱ ἀρχοντές σου ἐν πρωίᾳ ἐσθίουσιν.

**16** ouai soi, polis, hēs ho basileus sou neōteros  
 Woe to you, O city of which your king is younger,  
 kai hoī archontes sou en proīa esthiousin;  
 and your rulers in the morning eat.

יז אַשְׁרִיךְ אָרְצָ שְׁמַלְכָּךְ בְּנֵ-חוֹרִים  
 וּשְׁרִיךְ בְּעֵת יִאֱכַלְוּ בְּגֻבָּרָה וְלֹא בְּשַׂתְּרָה:  
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**17.** 'ash'reyak 'erets shemal'kek ben-chorim  
 w'sarayik ba`eth yo'kelu big'burah w'lo' bash'thi.

**Ecc10:17** Blessed are you, O land, when your king is the son of nobles, and your princes eat in due time for strength and not for drunkenness.

<17> μακαρία σύ, γῆ, ἃς ὁ βασιλεύς σου υἱὸς ἐλευθέρων καὶ οἱ ἄρχοντές σου πρὸς καιρὸν φάγονται ἐν δυνάμει καὶ οὐκ αἰσχυνθήσονται.

17 makaria sy, gē, hēs ho basileus sou huios eleutherōn

Blessed is your land of which your king is a son of free nobles, kai hoi archontes sou pros kairon phagontai en dynamei kai ouk aischynthēsontai. and your rulers at a proper time shall eat in force, and shall not be ashamed.

18 :אַתָּה תְּבִלֵּתִים רַמֶּךָ הַמִּקְרָה וּבְשִׁפְלָהִים יַדְלֵף הַבַּיִת :

18. ba`atsal'tayim yimak ham'qareh ub'shiph'luth yadayim yid'loph habayith.

**Ecc10:18** The building decays through slothfulness; and through idleness of the hands, the house leaks.

<18> ἐν ὀκνηρίαις ταπεινωθήσεται ἡ δόκωσις, καὶ ἐν ἀργίᾳ χειρῶν στάξει ἡ οἰκία.

18 en oknēriais tapeinōthēsetai hē dokōsis,

By slothful neglect shall be lowered a building;

kai en argia cheirōn staxei hē oikia.

and in idleness of hands shall drip the house.

:עֲשֵׂת-אַתָּה תְּבִלֵּתִים רַמֶּךָ הַמִּקְרָה וּבְשִׁפְלָהִים יַדְלֵף הַבַּיִת 19

רַטְלְשֹׁחָק עֲשֵׂים לְחֵם וּבְנֵין רַשְׁמָה חַיִים וְחַסְףִּים יַעֲנֵה אֶת-הַכְּפָל :

19. lis'choq `osim lechem w'yayin y'samach chayim w'hakeseph ya`aneh 'eth-hakol.

**Ecc10:19** A bread is prepared for laughter, and wine makes life merry; but money answers all things.

<19> εἰς γέλωτα ποιοῦσιν ἄρτον, καὶ οἶνος καὶ ἔλαιον τοῦ εὐφραίνει ζῶντας, καὶ τοῦ ἀργυρίου ἐπακούσεται σὺν τὰ πάντα.

19 eis gelōta poiouisin arton, kai oinos kai elaion tou euphrainei zōntas,

For laughter they made bread, and wine and olive oil to be glad for the living;

kai tou argyriou epakousetai syn ta panta.

and of the money all shall heed.

:עֲשֵׂת-אַתָּה תְּבִלֵּתִים רַמֶּךָ הַמִּקְרָה וּבְשִׁפְלָהִים יַדְלֵף הַבַּיִת 20

רַטְלְשֹׁחָק עֲשֵׂים לְחֵם וְבַחֲדָרִי מְשֻׁבֶּךָ כְּגֻם בְּמַדְעָךְ מֶלֶךְ אַל-תְּקַלֵּל וּבְחֲדָרִי מְשֻׁבֶּךָ

אַל-תְּקַלֵּל עַשְׂרֵה כִּי עֹזֶף הַשְּׁמִים יוֹלִיךְ אֶת-הַקּוֹל :

יבְּעֵל הַכְּנָפִים יַגְיֵד הַבָּר :

20. gam b'mada`ak melek 'al-t'qalel ub'chad'rey mish'kab'ak 'al-t'qalel `ashir ki `oph hashamayim yolik 'eth-haqol uba`al hak'naphayim yageyd dabar.

**Ecc10:20** Also do not curse a king in your thought, and in your bedrooms do not curse a rich man, for a bird of the heavens shall carry the sound,

and which has the wings may tell the matter.

<20> καὶ γε ἐν συνειδήσει σου βασιλέα μὴ καταράσῃ,  
καὶ ἐν ταμείοις κοιτώνων σου μὴ καταράσῃ πλούσιον·  
ὅτι πετεινὸν τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἀποίσει σὺν τὴν φωνήν,  
καὶ ὁ ἔχων τὰς πτέρυγας ἀπαγγελεῖ λόγον.

20 kai ge en syneidēsei sou basilea mē katarasē,  
And indeed in your conscience a king you should not curse;  
kai en tamieiois koitōnōn sou mē katarasē plousion;  
and in the closets of your bedroom you should not curse a rich man.  
hoti peteinon tou ouranou apoisei syn tēn phōnēn,  
For a winged creature of heaven shall carry your voice,  
kai ho echōn tas pterygas apaggelei logon.  
and the one having the wings shall report your word.

## Chapter 11

אַשְׁלַח לְחִמָּך עַל־פָּנֵי הַמִּם כִּירְבֹּב הַיּוֹם תִּמְצָאנוּ:  
בְּעִירָה עַל־עַדְתָּךְ שְׂמֹנָה וְגַם תְּמִימָה אֶל־עַדְתָּךְ  
Ecc11:1

1. shalach lach'm'ak `al-p'ney hamayim ki-b'rob hayamim tim'tsa'enu.

Ecc11:1 Cast your bread on the surface of the waters, for you shall find it after many days.

<11:1> Ἀπόστειλον τὸν ἄρτον σου ἐπὶ πρόσωπον τοῦ ὕδατος,  
ὅτι ἐν πλήθει τῶν ἡμερῶν εὑρήσεις αὐτόν.

1 Aposteilon ton arton sou epi prosōpon tou hydatos,  
Send your bread upon the face of the water!  
hoti en plēthei tōn hēmerōn heurēseis auton;  
for in a multitude of days you shall find it.

בְּתִזְעָדָלָק לְשָׁבָעָה וְגַם לְשָׁמֹנָה  
כִּי לֹא תִּדְعַ מַה־יִהְיֶה רָעָה עַל־הָאָרֶץ:  
2. ten-cheleq l'shib'ah w'gam lish'monah ki lo' theda` mah-yih'yeh ra`ah `al-ha'arets.

Ecc11:2 Give a portion to seven, or even to eight,  
for you do not know what evil shall be upon the earth.

<2> δὸς μερίδα τοῦς ἑπτὰ καὶ γε τοῦς ὀκτώ,  
ὅτι οὐ γινώσκεις τί ἔσται πονηρὸν ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν.

2 dos merida tois hepta kai ge tois oktō,  
Give a portion to seven, even indeed to eight!  
hoti ou ginōskeis ti estai ponēron epi tēn gēn.  
for you do not know what evil there shall be upon the earth.

בְּעִירָה עַל־עַדְתָּךְ שְׂמֹנָה וְגַם תְּמִימָה אֶל־עַדְתָּךְ  
3. :

ג אָמַר יְמִילָאֹ הַעֲבִים גַּשֵּׁם עַל־הָאָרֶץ יַרְיִקְנִי  
וְאַמְּרִי פּוֹל עַז בְּקָרוֹם וְאַم בְּצָפּוֹן מָקוֹם שְׂיִפוֹל הַעַז נִשְׁמָה יְהִוָּא:  
3. 'im-yimal'u he`abim geshem `al-ha'arets yariqu w'im-yipol `ets badarom  
w'im batsaphon m'qom sheyipol ha`ets sham y'hу'.

**Ecc11:3** If the clouds are full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth;  
and if a tree falls toward the south or toward the north,  
in the place where the tree falls, there it shall be.

<3> ἐὰν πληρωθῶσιν τὰ νέφη ὑετοῦ, ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν ἐκχέουσιν·  
καὶ ἐὰν πέσῃ ἔνδον ἐν τῷ νότῳ καὶ ἐὰν ἐν τῷ βορρᾷ,  
τόπῳ, οὗ πεσεῖται τὸ ἔνδον, ἐκεῖ ἔσται.

3 ean plērōthōsin ta nephē huetou, epi tēn gēn ekcheousin;  
If should be filled the clouds of rain, upon the earth they pour out;  
kai ean pesē xylon en tō notō kai ean en tō borraq,  
and if should fall a tree towards the south, or if towards the north,  
topō, hou peseitai to xylon, ekei estai.  
in the place where shall fall the tree there it shall be.

ד שָׁמֵר רֹוח לֹא יִזְרָע וְרֹאָה בְּעַבִּים לֹא יִקְצֹר:  
4. shomer ruach lo' yiz'ra` w'ro'eh be`abim lo' yiq'tsor.

**Ecc11:4** He who watches the wind shall not sow  
and he who looks at the clouds shall not reap.

<4> τηρῶν ἄνεμον οὐ σπερεῖ, καὶ βλέπων ἐν ταῖς νεφέλαις οὐ θερίσει,  
4 tērōn anemon ou sperei,  
Giving heed to the wind one does not sow,  
kai blepōn en tais nephelais ou therisei,  
and one looking into the clouds shall not harvest.

ה כִּאֲשֶׁר אִינָּךְ יוֹדֵע מַה־דָּرֶךְ הָרֹוח כְּעִצְמָמִים בְּבָטָן הַמָּלָא  
כִּכְחָה לֹא תַדַּע אַתְ־מַעַשָּׂה הָאֱלֹהִים אָשֶׁר יַעֲשֶׂה אַתְ־הַפְּלָל:  
5. ka'asher 'eyn'ak yode'a mah-derek haruach ka`atsamim b'beten ham'le'ah  
kakah lo' theda` 'eth-ma`aseh ha'Elohim 'asher ya`aseh 'eth-hakol.

**Ecc11:5** As you do not know what is the way of the spirit  
nor how the bones are formed in the womb of her who is with child,  
so you do not know the works of the Elohim who makes all things.

<5> ἐν οἷς οὐκ ἔστιν γινώσκων τίς ἡ ὁδὸς τοῦ πνεύματος.  
ώς ὁστᾶ ἐν γαστρὶ τῆς κυοφορούσης,  
οὕτως οὐ γνώσῃ τὰ ποιήματα τοῦ θεοῦ, ὅσα ποιήσει σὺν τὰ πάντα.

5 en hois ouk estin ginōskon tis hē hodos tou pneumatos.

Among the ones in whom there is no knowing what the way of the wind is,

hōs osta en gastri tēs kuophorousēs,  
as the bones in the womb of one being with child,  
houtōs ou gnōsē ta poiēmata tou theou,  
so you shall not know the actions of the Elohim,  
hosa poiēsei syn ta panta.  
as much as he shall do in all things.

**6. baboqer z'ra` 'eth-zar`ek w'la`ereb 'al-tanach yadeak  
ki 'eyn'ak yode` 'ey zeh yik'shar hazeh 'o-zeh w'im-sh'neyhem k'echad tobim.**

**Ecc11:6** Sow your seed in the morning and do not withhold your hand in the evening, for you do not know whether this shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

**«6»** ἐν πρωίᾳ σπεῖρον τὸ σπέρμα σου, καὶ εἰς ἐσπέραν μὴ ἀφέτω ἡ χείρ σου,  
ὅτι οὐ γινώσκεις ποῦν στοιχήσει, ἢ τοῦτο ἢ τοῦτο,  
καὶ ἐὰν τὰ δύο ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸν ἀγαθά.

6 en prōiā speiron to sperma sou, kai eis hesperan mē aphetō hē cheir sou,  
At morning sow your seed, and at evening do not relieve your hand!  
hoti ou ginōskeis poion stoichēsei, ē touto ē touto,  
for you do not know what shall line up – this here, this there  
kai ean ta duo epi to auto agatha.  
or if the two together are good.

**וימתוק האור וטוב לעיניים לראות את-הشمש:**

**7. u'mathoq ha'or w'tob la`eynayim lir'oth 'eth-hashamesh.**

**Ecc11:7** The light is pleasant, and it is good for the eyes to see the sun.

καὶ γλυκὺ τὸ φῶς καὶ ἀγαθὸν τοῦ ὄφθαλμοῖς τοῦ βλέπειν σὺν τὸν ἥλιον.

7 kai **glyky** to **phōs** kai **agathon** tois ophthalmois tou **blepein** syn ton **hēlion**;

**Moreover is sweet the light, and it is good to the eyes to see with the sun.**

ויזOPER אֶת-יְמֵי הַחַשֵּׁךְ כִּי-הָרְבָה יְהִי כָּל-שְׁבָא הַכְּלָל:  
חֲכִי אֶם-שְׁנִים הָרְבָה יְחִי הָאָדָם בְּכָלָם יִשְׁמַח  
בְּעֵזֶב אֶצְבָּעֶל קְמֹתָעֶל עַל-עַמְּשָׁע בְּעֵזֶב אֶצְבָּעֶל:

**8. ki 'im-shanim har'beh yich'yeh ha'adam b'kulam yis'mach  
w'yiz'kor 'eth-y'mey hachoshek ki-har'beh yih'yu kal-sheba' habel.**

**Ecc11:8** But if a man should live many years, let him rejoice in them all, and let him remember the days of darkness, for they shall be many.

## All that to come is vanity.

«8» ὅτι καὶ ἐὰν ἔτη πολλὰ ζήσεται ὁ ἄνθρωπος,  
ἐν πᾶσιν αὐτοῦ εὐφρανθήσεται καὶ μνησθήσεται τὰς ἡμέρας τοῦ σκότους,  
ὅτι πολλὰ ἔσονται· πᾶν τὸ ἐρχόμενον ματαιότης.

**8 hoti kai ean etē polla zēsetai ho anthrōpos, en pasin autois euphranthēsetai**  
**For even if years many shall live a man, in all them he shall be glad.**

**kai mnēsthēsetai tas hēmeras tou skotous,**  
**And shall be remembered the days of darkness,**  
**hoti pollai esontai; pan to erchomenon mataiotēs.**  
**for they shall be many. All coming is folly.**

ט שמח בחר בילדותיך ויטיבך לך בימי בחורותך  
והליך בדרכי לך ובמראה עגיך ודע  
כי על-כל-אלך יבראך האלhim במשפט:

9. s'mach bachur b'yal'dutheyak witib'ak lib'ak bimey b'churothek  
w'halek b'dar'key lib'ak ub'mar'ey `eyneyak w'da`  
ki `al-kal-'eleh y'b'i'ak ha'Elohim bamish'pat.

**Ecc11:9** Rejoice, young man, during your youth,  
and let your heart be pleasant during the days of your youth.  
And walk in the ways of your heart and in the sight of your eyes.  
But know that the Elohim shall bring you to judgment for all these things.

**¶9** Εύφραίνου, νεανίσκε, ἐν νεότητί σου,  
καὶ ἀγαθυνάτω σε ἡ καρδία σου ἐν ἡμέραις νεότητός σου,  
καὶ περιπάτει ἐν ὁδοῖς καρδίας σου ἄμωμος, καὶ ἐν ὄράσει ὁφθαλμῶν σου  
καὶ γνῶθι ὅτι ἐπὶ πᾶσι τούτοις ἄξει σε ὁ θεὸς ἐν κρίσει.

**9 Euphrainou, neaniske, en neotēti sou,**  
**Be glad, O young man, in your youth!**  
**kai agathynatō se hē kardia sou en hēmerais neotētos sou,**  
**and let do you good your heart in the days of your youth!**  
**kai peripatei en hodois kardias sou amōmos, kai en horasei ophthalmmōn sou**  
**And walk in the ways of your heart unblemished, and in the vision of your eyes!**  
**kai gnōthi hoti epi pasi toutoisi axei se ho theos en krisei.**  
**And know that in all these shall lead you the Elohim in equity!**

Սպառության մասին օրենքը հայտադրություն է կազմության մեջ՝ առաջարկություն ունենալու վեհականությամբ:

יְוָהָסֶר כַּעַס מִלְּבָד וְהַעֲבֵר רָעָה מִבְּשָׁרָךְ  
כִּירְחִילְדוֹת וְהַשְׁחָרוֹת הַבָּלֶל:

**10. w'haser ka`as milibreak w'ha`aber ra`ah mib'sarek  
ki-hayal'duth w'hashacharuth habel.**

**Ecc11:10** So, remove vexation from your heart and put away pain from your body, for childhood and the prime of life are vanity.

καὶ ἀπόστησον θυμὸν ἀπὸ καρδίας σου  
καὶ παράγαγε πονηρίαν ἀπὸ σαρκός σου, ὅτι ἡ νεότης καὶ ἡ ἄνοια ματαιώτης.

**10 kai apostēson thymon apo kardias sou**

**And leave rage from your heart,**

kai paragage ponērian apo sarkos sou, hoti hē neotēs kai hē anoia mataiotēs.

and pass off wickedness from your flesh! for youth and thoughtlessness are folly.

# Chapter 12

**א זכר את-בּוֹרָאֵיךְ בִּימֵי בְּחוּרַתְּךָ עַד אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יָבָאָג  
רַמֵּי הַרְעָה וְהַגְּרִיעָה שְׁנִים אֲשֶׁר תֹּאמֶר אֵין-לִי בְּחַם חַפְּצִים:**

**1. uz'kor 'eth-bor'eyak bimey b'churotheyak `ad 'asher lo'-yabo'u y'mey hara`ah w'higi`u shanim 'asher to'mar 'eyn-li bahem chephets.**

**Ecc12:1** Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth,  
while the evil days do not come, nor the years draw near when you shall say,  
I have no pleasure in them;

**<12:1>** καὶ μνήσθητι τοῦ κτίσαντός σε ἐν ἡμέραις νεότητός σου,  
ἔως ὅτου μὴ ἔλθωσιν ἡμέραι τῆς κακίας καὶ φθάσωσιν ἔτη,  
ἐν οἷς ἐρεῖς Οὐκ ἔστιν μοι ἐν αὐτοῖς θέλημα·

**1 kai mnēsthēti tou ktisantos se en hēmerais neotētos sou,**  
**And remember the one creating you in the days of your youth!**  
**heōs hotou mē elthōsin hēmerai tēs kakias kai phthasōsin etē,**  
**while should not come the days of evil, nor should arrive years**  
**en hois ereis Ouk estin moi en autois thelēma;**  
**in which you then say, There is not in me for them a want.**

**ב עד אָשֵר לְאַתְחִישׁ הַשְׁמֶשׁ וְהָאֹר וְהַיְהָם וְהַכּוֹכָבִים  
וּשְׁבוֹ הַעֲבִים אַחֲרַ הַגְּשָׁם:**

**2. `ad 'asher lo'-thech'shak hashemesh w'ha'or w'hayareach w'hakokabim  
w'shabu he`abim 'achar hagashem.**

**Ecc12:2** while not yet the sun and the light, the moon and the stars are darkened, and clouds return after the rain:

〈2〉 ἦν οὖ μὴ σκοτισθῆ ὁ ἥλιος καὶ τὸ φῶς  
καὶ ἡ σελήνη καὶ οἱ ἀστέρες, καὶ ἐπιστρέψωσιν τὰ νέφη ὅπίσω τοῦ ὑετοῦ.

**2 heōs hou mē skotisthē ho hēlios kai to phōs**

**While are not darkened the sun and the light,**

kai hē selēnē kai hoi asteres, kai epistrepsōsin ta nephē opisō tou huetou;

גַּם־יְמִינָה וְבָנָה כַּלְבֵּן כְּלֹתֶן וְעַמְּלֵן  
בְּיָמֵינוּ שָׁמָרִים בָּבִית וְהַתְּעִוָּתָן אֲנָשִׁים חַמְּלִים  
וּבְטַלְוּ הַטְּחָנוֹת כִּי מַזְטָה וְחַשְׁכָה חָרָאות בְּאֶרְבּוֹת:

**3. bayom sheyazu` u shom'rey habayith w'hith` au'thu 'an'shey hechayil ubat'lu hatochanoth ki mi`etu w'chash'ku haro'oth ba'aruboth.**

**Ecc12:3** in the day that the watchmen of the house shall tremble,  
and mighty men shall bow themselves, the grinders cease because they are few,  
and those who look through windows are darkened;

<3> ἐν ἡμέρᾳ, ἥτις ἀλευθωσιν φύλακες τῆς οἰκίας  
καὶ διαστραφῶσιν ἄνδρες τῆς δυνάμεως, καὶ ἥργησαν αἱ ἀλήθουσαι,  
ὅτι ὀλιγώθησαν, καὶ σκοτάσουσιν αἱ βλέπουσαι ἐν ταῖς ὁπαῖς.

**3 en hēmerā, hē ean saleuthōsin phylakes tēs oikias**  
in a day in which ever should be shaken the keepers of the house,  
kai diastraphōsin andres tēs dynameōs,  
and should be turned aside men of power,  
kai ērgēsan hai alēthousai, hoti ōligōthēsan,  
and are idle the grinding women because they are made few,  
kai skotasousin hai blepousai en tais opais;  
and shall darken the women looking out of the openings;

וְעַמְּלֵן כַּלְבֵּן תְּעַמְּלֵן יְמִינָה כְּלֹתֶן  
דְּסָגָרִי דְּלָתִים בְּשִׁוק בְּשִׁפְלָה קָול הַטְּחָנוֹת  
וְיָקָום לְקָול הַצְּפֹר וַיְשַׁחַד בְּלִי־בְּנוֹת הַשִּׁיר:

**4. w'sug'ru d'lathayim bashuq bish'phal qol hatachanah w'yaqum l'qol hatsipor w'yishachu kal-b'noth hashir.**

**Ecc12:4** and the doors on the street are shut as the sound of the grinding mill is low,  
and one shall arise at the sound of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be silenced.

<4> καὶ κλείσουσιν θύρας ἐν ἀγορᾷ ἐν ἀσθενείᾳ φωνῆς τῆς ἀληθούσης,  
καὶ ἀναστήσεται εἰς φωνὴν τοῦ στρουθίου,  
καὶ ταπεινωθήσονται πᾶσαι αἱ θυγατέρες τοῦ ἄσματος.

**4 kai kleisousin thyras en agorā**  
and they shall lock the doors in the market  
**en astheneiā phōnēs tēs alēthousēs,**  
in weakness of the sound of the woman grinding,  
**kai anastēsetai eis phōnēn tou strouthiou,**  
and one shall rise up to the sound of the sparrow,  
**kai tapeinōthēsontai pasai hai thygateres tou ἄσματος;**  
and shall be humbled all the daughters of song;

ה גם מְגַבֵּה יָרָא וְמַתְחִתִּים בַּדָּךְ וַיַּגַּע הַשְׁקָד וַיַּסְתַּבֵּל הַחֲגָב  
וַתִּפְרֹר הַאֲבִיָּנָה כִּי־הַלְּךָ הָאָדָם אֶל־בֵּית עֹלָמוֹ  
וְסַבְבוֹי בְּשִׂיק הַסְּפָדִים:

5. **gam migaboah yira'u w'chath'chatim baderek w'yane'ts hashaqed**  
**w'yis'tabel hechagab w'thapher ha'abionah ki-holek ha'adam 'el-beyth `olamo**  
**w'sab'bu bashuq hasoph'dim.**

**Ecc12:5** Also when they shall be afraid of a high place and of terrors in the way; the almond tree blossoms, the locust becomes burdensome, and desire shall fail: because man goes to his eternal house while the mourners go about in the street.

**<5>** καὶ γε ἀπὸ ὕψους δύφονται, καὶ θάμβοι ἐν τῇ ὁδῷ·  
καὶ ἀνθήσῃ τὸ ἀμύγδαλον, καὶ παχυνθῆ ἡ ἀκρίς,  
καὶ διασκεδασθῆ ἡ κάππαρις, ὅτι ἐπορεύθη ὁ ἄνθρωπος  
εἰς οἶκον αἰῶνος αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐκύκλωσαν ἐν ἀγορᾷ οἱ κοπτόμενοι.

5 kai ge apo huuous opsontai, kai thamboi en tē hodō;  
and indeed from the height they shall see, even stupefaction in the way;  
kai anthēsē to amygdalon, kai pachynthē hē akris,  
and shall bloom the almond, and shall thicken the locust,  
kai diaskedasthē hē kapparis, hoti eporeuthē ho anthrōpos eis oikon aiōnos autou,  
and shall be dispersed the caper; because went man to house his eternal;  
kai ekyklōsan en agorā hoi koptomenoi;  
and circled in the market the ones beating their chests in mourning;

**ועד אשר לא-ירחיק חבל הכסף ותרץ גלת הzechב  
ותשבר פד על-המופיע ונרטץ הגלגלאל-הבור:**

6. `ad 'asher lo'-yirchaq chebel hakeseph w'tharuts gulath hazahab  
w'thishaber kad `al-hamabu`a w'narots hagal'qal 'el-habor.

**Ecc12:6** while not yet the silver cord is loosed, and the golden bowl is crushed, or the pitcher is shattered at the fountain, or the wheel is broken at the cistern;

«**6**» ἦως ὅτου μὴ ἀνατραπῇ σχοινίον τοῦ ἀργυρίου,  
καὶ συνθλιβῇ ἀνθέμιον τοῦ χρυσίου, καὶ συντριβῇ ὑδρίᾳ ἐπὶ τὴν πηγήν,  
καὶ συντροχάσῃ ὁ τροχὸς ἐπὶ τὸν λάκκον,

6 heōs hotou mē anatrapē schoinion tou argyriou,  
until whenever should be prostrated the line of silver;  
kai synthlibē anthemion tou chrysiou,  
and should be broken the flower ornament of gold,  
kai syntribē hydria epi tēn pēgēn,  
and should be broken the water-pitcher at the spring,

kai syntrochasē ho trochos epi ton lakkon,  
and should have rolled the wheel unto the pit;

וְיָשַׁב הַעֲפָר עַל־הָאָרֶץ כִּשְׁחִיה  
וְהַרְיוֹת תִּשְׂוֹב אֶל־הָאֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר נִתְנָה:

7. w'yashob he`aphar `al-ha'arets k'shehayah  
w'haruach tashub 'el-ha'Elohim 'asher n'thanah.

Ecc12:7 then the dust shall return to the earth as it was,  
and the spirit shall return to the Elohim who gave it.

<7> καὶ ἐπιστρέψῃ ὁ χοῦς ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν, ὡς ἦν,  
καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα ἐπιστρέψῃ πρὸς τὸν θεόν, ὃς ἔδωκεν αὐτό.

7 kai epistrepsē ho chous epi tēn gēn, hōs ēn,  
then shall return the dust upon the earth as it was;  
kai to pneuma epistrepsē pros ton theon, hos edōken auto.  
and the spirit should return to the Elohim who gave it.

חַבֵּל חַבְלִים אָמַר הַקּוֹהֶלֶת הַכָּל הַכָּל:

8. habel habalim 'amar haqoheleth hakol habel.

Ecc12:8 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, all is vanity!

<8> ματαιότης ματαιοτήτων, εἰπεν ὁ Ἐκκλησιαστής, τὰ πάντα ματαιότης.

8 mataiotēs mataiotētōn, eipen ho Ekklesiastēs, ta panta mataiotēs.  
Folly of follies, said the ecclesiastic, all things are folly.

וְאַזְן וְחַקֵּר תְּקֹן מְשֻׁלִּים חַרְבָּה:  
טְרוּתָר שְׁחִיה קְהַלָּת חָכָם עוֹד לְמִדְרַכְתָּה אֶת־הָעָם

9. w'yoher shehayah qoheleth chakam `od limad-da`ath 'eth-ha`am  
w'izen w'chiquer tiqen m'shalim har'beh.

Ecc12:9 And more than that the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge;  
and he pondered, searched out and arranged many proverbs.

<9> Καὶ περισσὸν ὅτι ἐγένετο Ἐκκλησιαστὴς σοφός,  
ὅτι ἐδίδαξεν γνῶσιν σὺν τὸν ἄνθρωπον, καὶ οὓς ἐξιχνιάσεται κόσμιον παραβολῶν.

9 Kai perisson hoti egeneto Ekklesiastēs sophos,  
And it was extra that became the ecclesiastic wise,  
hoti edidaxen gnōsin syn ton anthrōpon,  
so that was that he taught knowledge with man,  
kai ous exichniasetai kosmion parabolōn.  
and which he shall trace composed parables.

וְאֵת שָׁמֶן וְאַתְּנִינָה כְּבָשָׂעָר אֲלֹהִים כְּבָשָׂעָר אֲלֹהִים 10

רְבָקֵשׁ קָדְחָת לְמַצֵּא דְּבָרִי־חַפֵּץ וְכַתּוֹב יְשָׁרֶת דְּבָרִי אַמְתָה:

10. biqesh qoheleth lim'tso' dib'rey-chephets w'kathub yosher dib'rey 'emeth.

Ecc12:10 The Preacher sought to find delightful words and to write words of truth rightly.

<10> πολλὰ ἔζητησεν Ἐκκλησιαστὴς τοῦ εὐρεῖν λόγους θελήματος καὶ γεγραμμένον εύθυτητος, λόγους ἀληθείας.

10 polla ezētēsen Ekklesiastēs tou heurein logous thelēmatos  
much sought The ecclesiastic to find of words a wanting,  
kai gegrinnenon euthytētos, logous alētheias.  
and writing of uprightness of words of truth.

וְאֵת שָׁמֶן וְאַתְּנִינָה כְּבָשָׂעָר אֲלֹהִים כְּבָשָׂעָר אֲלֹהִים 11

בְּעִילָה עַל־עַלְמָה כְּבָשָׂעָר אֲלֹהִים כְּבָשָׂעָר אֲלֹהִים

רְאֵת דְּבָרִי חַקְמִים בְּדָרְבָּנוֹת  
וְכָמְשָׁמְרוֹת נְטוּעִים בְּעַלְיָה אֲסֻפּוֹת נְתַנוּ מְרַעָה אֶחָד:

11. dib'rey chakamim kadar'bonoth  
ub'mas'm'roth n'tu'im ba'aley 'asupoth nit'nu mero`eh 'echad.

Ecc12:11 The words of wise are as goads, and as nails fastened  
by the masters of collections, which they are given by one Shepherd.

<11> Λόγοι σοφῶν ὡς τὰ βούκεντρα καὶ ὡς ἄλοι πεφυτευμένοι,  
οἵ παρὰ τῶν συναγμάτων ἐδόθησαν ἐκ ποιμένος ἐνὸς καὶ περισσὸν ἐξ αὐτῶν.

11 Logoi sophōn hōs ta boukentra kai hōs hēloī pephyteumenoi,  
The words of the wise are as the oxgoads, and as nails firmly planted;  
hoi para tōn synagmatōn edothēsan ek poimenos henos kai perisson ex autōn.  
ones which by agreement were given from shepherd one. And extra by them

וְאֵת שָׁמֶן וְאַתְּנִינָה כְּבָשָׂעָר אֲלֹהִים כְּבָשָׂעָר אֲלֹהִים 12

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יְבָרֵךְ מִהְפָּה בְּנֵי הַזָּהָר עֲשָׂוֹת סְפָרִים חֲרֵבָה אֵין קָז  
וְלֹהֵג חֲרֵבָה יִגְעַת בְּשָׁרָה:

12. w'yother mehemah b'ni hizaher `asoth s'pharim har'beh 'eyn qets  
w'lahag har'beh y'gi`ath basar.

Ecc12:12 And more than they, my son, be warned:  
the making of many scrolls has no end, and much study is weariness of the flesh.

<12> σὺνέ μου, φύλαξαι ποιῆσαι βιβλία πολλά·  
οὐκ ἔστιν περασμός, καὶ μελέτη πολλὴ κόπωσις σαρκός.

12 huie mou, phylaxai poiēsai biblia polla;  
O my son guard! To make scrolls many  
ouk estin perasmos, kai meletē pollē kopōsis sarkos.  
there is no limit; and meditation much is weariness of flesh.

**13. soph dabar hakol nish'ma` 'eth-ha'Elohim  
y'ra' w'eth-mits'wohayu sh'mor ki-zeh kal-ha'adam.**

**Ecc12:13** Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter.  
Fear the Elohim and keep His commandments, because this is the whole duty of man.

Τέλος λόγου τὸ πᾶν ἀκούεται  
Τὸν θεὸν φοβοῦ καὶ τὰς ἐντολὰς αὐτοῦ φύλασσε, ὅτι τοῦτο πᾶς ὁ ἄνθρωπος.

## 13 Telos logou to pan akouetai

**The end of of the whole matter, hear!**

**Ton theon phobou kai tas entolas autou phylasse, hoti touto pas ho anthrōpos.**  
**Fear the Elohim, and his commandments keep! for this is all man!**

**יד כי אתה קל מעצמה האל הים יבא במשפט על כל נעלם אמר טוב ואמר רע:**

**14. ki 'eth-kal-ma`aseh ha'Elōhim yabi' b'mish'pat `al kal-ne`lam 'im-tob w'im-ra`.**

**Ecc12:14** For the Elohim shall bring every work to judgment, over all that is hidden, whether it is good or it is evil.

¶**14** ὅτι σὺν πᾶν τὸ ποίημα ὁ θεὸς ἀξεῖ ἐν κρίσει  
ἐν παντὶ παρεωραμένῳ, ἐὰν ἀγαθὸν καὶ ἐὰν πονηρόν.

**14 hoti syn pan to poiēma ho theos axei en krisei**  
**For every action the Elohim shall lead into judgment,**  
**en panti pareōramenō, ean agathon kai ean ponēron.**  
**with all being looked over, if good and if evil.**