

# Sepher Mishle (Proverbs)

## Chapter 12

Shavua Reading Schedule (12th sidrah) - Prov 12

בָּרוּךְ יְהוָה כִּי־בְּרֹא לְמַעַן כֵּן־בְּרֹא  
אֲחָב מִזֶּר אֶחָד בְּדִעַת וְשָׁגָן תָּבוֹחַת בְּעָרָה:

1. 'oheb musar 'oheb da`ath w'sone' thokachath ba`ar.

**Prov12:1** The one loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid.

<12:1> ὁ ἀγαπῶν παιδείαν ἀγαπᾷ αἰσθησιν, ὁ δὲ μισῶν ἐλέγχους ἄφρων.

1 ho agapōn paideian agapa aisthēsin,

The one loving instruction loves perception;

ho de misōn elegchous aphrōn.

but the one detesting reproofs is a fool.

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בְּטוֹב יְפִיק רְצֹן מִיהָנָה וְאִישׁ מִזְמֹות יָרְשִׁיעָה:

2. tob yaphiq ratson meYahūwah w'ish m'zimoth yar'shi'a.

**Prov12:2** A good man shall obtain favor from YHWH,

but He shall condemn a man who devises evil.

<2> κρείσσων ὁ εὑρών χάριν παρὰ κυρίῳ, ἀνὴρ δὲ παράνομος παρασιωπηθήσεται.

2 kreissōn ho heurōn charin para kyriō,

Better the one finding favor from YHWH;

anēr de paranomos parasiōpēthēsetai.

but a man who is a lawbreaker shall be silenced.

לֹא־יָכַן אָדָם בְּרֶשֶׁת וְשָׁרֵשׁ צָדִיקִים בְּלִימוֹת:

3. lo'-yikon 'adam b'resha` w'shoresh tsadiqim bal-yimot.

**Prov12:3** A man shall not be established by wickedness,

but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.

<3> οὐ κατορθώσει ἀνθρωπος ἐξ ἀνόμου, αἱ δὲ ῥίζαι τῶν δικαίων οὐκ ἔξαρθήσονται.

3 ou katorthōsei anthrōpos ex anomou,

shall not keep straight A man by a lawless deed;

hai de hrizai tōn dikaiōn ouk exarthēsetai.

but the roots of the just shall not be lifted away.

דִּיאָשֶׁת־חַיֵּל עֲטָרָת בְּעֵלָה וּכְرָקֶב בְּעַצְמוֹתָיו מְבִישָׁה:

4. 'esheth-chayil `atereth ba`lah uk'raqab b`ats'mothayu m'bishah.

**Prov12:4** An excellent wife is the crown of her husband,

but she who shames him is like rottenness in his bones.

<4> γυνὴ ἀνδρεία στέφανος τῷ ἀνδρὶ αὐτῆς·  
ώσπερ δὲ ἐν ξύλῳ σκάληξ, οὕτως ἄνδρα ἀπόλλυσιν γυνὴ κακοποιός.

4 **gynē andreia stephanos** tῷ andri autēs;  
wife A courageous is a crown to her husband;  
hōsper de en xylō skolēx, houtōs andra apollysin **gynē kakopoios**.  
but as in wood the worm, so her husband destroy wife an evil doing.

ה מְחַשְׁבָּות צִדְיקִים מְשֻׁפְטָת תְּחִכְלֹות רְשָׁעִים מְרַמָּה:  
5. **mach'sh'both tsadiqim mish'pat tach'buloth r'sha'im mir'mah.**

**Prov12:5** The thoughts of the righteous are just,  
but the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.

<5> λογισμοὶ δικαίων κρίματα, κυβερνῶσιν δὲ ἀσεβεῖς δόλους.

5 **logismoi dikaiōn krimata, kybernoisin de asebeis dolous.**  
The devices of the just are true judgments; devise but the impious treachery.

וְהַבָּרִי רְשָׁעִים אֶרְבָּדָם וּפְרִי יְשָׁרִים יָצַילֶם:  
6. **dib'rey r'sha'im 'erab-dam uphi y'sharim yatsilem.**

**Prov12:6** The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood,  
but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

<6> λόγοι ἀσεβῶν δόλιοι, στόμα δὲ ὄρθων ρύσεται αὐτούς.  
6 **logoi asebōn dolioi,**  
The words of the impious deceits;  
stoma de orthōn hrysetai autous.  
but the mouth of the upright shall rescue them.

ז הַפּוֹךְ רְשָׁעִים וְאֵין מִבֵּית צִדְיקִים רַעֲמֶד:  
7. **haphok r'sha'im w'eynam ubeyth tsadiqim ya'amod.**

**Prov12:7** The wicked are overthrown and are no more,  
but the house of the righteous shall stand.

<7> οὖ ἐὰν στραφῇ, ἀσεβὴς ἀφανίζεται, οἶκοι δὲ δικαίων παραμένουσιν.  
7 **hou ean straphē, asebēs aphanizetai,**  
Of which ever time should be overturned the impious he vanishes;  
oikoi de dikaiōn paramenousin.  
but the houses of the just remain.

ח לְפִידְשָׁכְלוֹ יְהִקְלָלָאִישׁ וּנְצֹוְהָלִיב יְהִיָּה לְבוֹז:  
8. **l'phi-sik'lo y'hulal-'ish w'na`aweh-leb yih'yeh labuz.**

**Prov12:8** A man shall be praised according to his intelligence,  
but he who is of a crooked heart shall be despised.

<8> στόμα συνετοῦ ἐγκωμιάζεται ὑπὸ ἀνδρός, νωθροκάρδιος δὲ μυκτηρίζεται.

8 stoma synetou egkōmiazetai hypo andros,

The mouth of the discerning is lauded by a man;

nōthrokardios de myktērizetai.

but the dull of heart is sneered at.

ט טוב נקלה ועבד לו ממתכבד וחסר-לְחֵם:

9. tob niq'leh w`ebed lo mim'thakabed wachasar-lachem.

Prov12:9 Better is he who is lightly esteemed and has a servant  
than he who honors himself and lacks bread.

<9> κρείσσων ἀνὴρ ἐν ἀτιμίᾳ δουλεύων ἔαυτῷ  
ἢ τιμὴν ἔαυτῷ περιτιθεὶς καὶ προσδεόμενος ἄρτου.

9 kreissōn anēr en atimiā douleuōn heautō  
Better a man with dishonor serving himself,  
ē timēn heautō perititheis kai prosdeomenos artou.  
than value on himself one putting, and feeling want of bread.

י יודע צדיק נפש בְּהַמְתָּו וּרְחַמִּ רְשָׁעִים אֲכֹזָרִי:

10. yode`a tsadiq nephesh b'hem'to w'rachamey r'sha'im 'ak'zari.

Prov12:10 A righteous man has regard for the life of his cattle,  
but even the compassion of the wicked is cruel.

<10> δίκαιος οἰκτίρει ψυχὰς κτηνῶν αὐτοῦ,  
τὰ δὲ σπλάγχνα τῶν ἀσεβῶν ἀνελεήμονα.

10 dikaios oiktirei psychas ktēnōn autou,  
A just one pities the lives of his cattle;  
ta de splagchna tōn asebōn aneleēmona.  
but the feelings of compassion of the impious are unmerciful.

יא עבד אֲדָמָתוֹ יְשַׁבֵּעַ לְחֵם וּמְרֹאֶתֶן רַיְקִים חָסָר-לְבָבָךְ:

11. `obed 'ad'matho yis'ba`-lachem um'radeph reyqim chasar-leb.

Prov12:11 He who tills his land shall be satisfied of bread,  
but he who pursues worthless things lacks heart.

<11> ὁ ἐργαζόμενος τὴν ἔαυτοῦ γῆν ἐμπλησθήσεται ἄρτων,  
οἱ δὲ διώκοντες μάταια ἐνδεεῖς φρενῶν.

11 ho ergazomenos tēn heautou gēn emplēsthēsetai artōn,  
The one working his own ground shall be filled up with bread loaves;  
hoi de diōkontes mataia endeeis phrenōn.  
but the ones pursuing vain things are lacking of sense.

<11>a ὁς ἔστιν ἡδὺς ἐν οἴνων διατριβᾶς,  
ἐν τοῖς ἔαυτοῦ ὀχυρώμασιν καταλείψει ἀτιμίαν.

11ā hos estin hēdys en oinōn diatribais,  
The one who is pleasure-bent in wine drinking pastimes,  
en tois heautou ochyrōmasin kataleipsei atimian.  
in his own fortresses shall leave behind dishonor.

יב חָמֵד רְשָׁע מִצּוֹד רְעִים וְשֶׁרֶשׁ צַדִּיקִים יִתְּנֵן 12

12. chamad rasha` m'tsod ra`im w'shoresh tsadiqim yiten.

Prov12:12 The wicked man desires the booty of evil men,  
but the root of the righteous gives.

<12> ἐπιθυμίαι ἀσεβῶν κακαί, αἱ δὲ ῥίζαι τῶν εὐσεβῶν ἐν ὁχυρώμασιν.

12 epithymiai asebōn kakai,  
The desires of the impious are evil things;  
hai de hrizai tōn eusebōn en ochyrōmasin.  
but the roots of the pious are in fortresses.

וְגַם בְּפֶשֶׁע שְׁפָתִים מוֹקֵשׁ רָע וַיַּצֵּא מִצְרָח צַדִּיקָה 13

13. b'phesha` s'phathayim moqesh ra` wayetse' mitsarah tsadiq.

Prov12:13 An evil man is ensnared by the transgression of his lips,  
but the righteous shall escape from trouble.

<13> δι’ ἀμαρτίαν χειλέων ἐμπίπτει εἰς παγίδας ἀμαρτωλός,  
ἐκφεύγει δὲ ἐξ αὐτῶν δίκαιος.

13 di' hamartian cheileōn empiptei eis pagidas hamartolos,  
Through the sin of the lip falls into snares a sinner;  
ekpheugei de ex autōn dikaios.  
flees but from them the just.

<13>a ὁ βλέπων λεῖα ἐλεηθήσεται, ὁ δὲ συναντῶν ἐν πύλαις ἐκθλίψει ψυχάς.

13ā ho blepōn leia eleēthēsetai,  
He whose looks are gentle shall be pitied,  
ho de synantōn en pylais ekthlipsei psychas.  
but he that contends in the gates shall afflict souls.

יָד מִפְרִי פִּי-אִישׁ יִשְׁבַּע-טוֹב וְגַמִּיל יְדִי-אָדָם יִשְׁוֹב לֹז: 14

14. mip'ri phi-'ish yis'ba`-tob ug'mul y'dey-'adam yashub lo.

Prov12:14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of the mouth,  
and the deeds of a man's hands shall return to him.

<14> ἀπὸ καρπῶν στόματος ψυχὴ ἀνδρὸς πλησθήσεται ἀγαθῶν,  
ἀνταπόδομα δὲ χειλέων αὐτοῦ δοθήσεται αὐτῷ.

14 apo karpōn stomatos psychē andros plēsthēsetai agathōn,  
From the fruits of the mouth the soul of a man shall be filled with good things;  
antapodoma de cheileōn autou dothēsetai autō.

and a recompense of his lips shall be rendered to him.

טוֹהַרְךָ אֹוֵיל יִשְׁרָאֵל בְּעִנְיָרוֹ וְשֶׁמֶעְ לְעַצְחָה חָכָם: 15

15. derek 'ewil yashar b'eynayu w'shome'a l'etsah chakam.

**Prov12:15** The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,  
but a wise man is he who listens to counsel.

<15> ὁδὸς ἀφρόνων ὁρθαὶ ἐνώπιον αὐτῶν, εἰσακούει δὲ συμβουλίας σοφός.

15 hodoi aphronōn orthai enōpion autōn, eisakouei de symboulias sophos.

The ways of fools are straight before them; listens to but advice the wise.

טֹזֵ אֹוֵיל בַּיּוֹם יוֹדֵעַ כְּעָסָר וְכָסָה קָלָוֹן עֲרוּוּם: 16

16. 'ewil bayom yiuada` ka`so w'koseh qalon `arum.

**Prov12:16** A fool's anger is known in a day, but a prudent man conceals dishonor.

<16> ἄφρων αὐθημερὸν ἔξαγγέλλει ὀργὴν αὐτοῦ,  
κρύπτει δὲ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ἀτιμίαν πανούργος.

16 aphrōn authēmeron exaggellei orgēn autou,

A fool daily publishes his anger;

kryptei de tēn heautou atimian panourgos.

hides but his own dishonor one astute.

רִזְקִיבִּיחַ אֶמְנוּנָה יָגִיד צְדָקָה וְעַד שְׁקָרִים מִרְמָה: 17

17. yaphiach 'emunah yagid tsedeq w'ed sh'qarim mir'mah.

**Prov12:17** He who speaks truth reveals righteousness, but a false witness, deceit.

<17> ἐπιδεικνυμένην πίστιν ἀπαγγέλλει δίκαιος, ὁ δὲ μάρτυς τῶν ἀδίκων δόλιος.

17 epideiknymenēn pistin apaggellei dikaios,

by displaying trust reports The just man;

ho de martys tōn adikōn dolios.

but the witness of the unjust is deceitful.

רִחְיָשַׁ בּוֹטָה כְּמַדְקָרוֹת חֶרֶב וְלִשְׁוֹן חָכָם מִרְפָּא: 18

18. yesh boteh k'mad'q'roth chareb ul'shon chakamim mar'pe'.

**Prov12:18** There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword,  
but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

<18> εἰσὶν οὖν λέγοντες τιτρώσκουσιν μαχαίρα, γλῶσσαι δὲ σοφῶν ἱῶνται.

18 eisin hoi legontes titrōskousin machairā,

There are the ones speaking – they pierce as a sword;

glōssai de sophōn iōntai.

but the tongues of the wise heal.

וְאַל יָשִׁיב אֶל-פָּנֵי כָּל-עַמֵּךְ ۱۹

רִת שְׁפָת-אֶמֶת תִּכְזֹן לְעֵד וְעַד-אַרְגִּיעַה לְשׁוֹן שָׁקֵר:

**19. s'phath-'emeth tikon la`ad w'ad-'ar'gi`ah l'shon shaqer.**

**Prov12:19** Truthful lips shall be established forever,  
but a lying tongue is only while I wink.

<19> χείλη ἀληθινὰ κατορθοῖ μαρτυρίαν, μάρτυς δὲ ταχὺς γλῶσσαν ἔχει ἄδικον.

19 cheilē alēthina katorthoi martyrian,

    lips True strengthen testimony;

martys de tachys glōssan echei adikon.

    witness but a quick tongue has an unjust.

בְּמִרְמָה בְּלֶב-חָרְשֵׁי רָע וְלִיעְצֵי שְׁלוֹם שְׁמַחַה: ۲۰

בְּמִרְמָה בְּלֶב-חָרְשֵׁי רָע וְלִיעְצֵי שְׁלוֹם שְׁמַחַה:

**20. mir'mah b'leb-chor'shey ra` ul'yo`atsey shalom sim'chah.**

**Prov12:20** Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil,  
but counselors of peace have joy.

<20> δόλος ἐν καρδίᾳ τεκταινομένου κακά,  
οἱ δὲ βουλόμενοι εἰρήνην εὐφρανθήσονται.

20 dolos en kardiā tektainomenou kaka,

    Treachery is in the heart of the one contriving evils;

hoi de boulomenoi eirēnēn euphranthēsontai.

    but the ones wanting peace shall be glad.

כָּל-אָדִיאָה לְצִדְיקָה כָּל-אָוֹן וּרְשָׁעִים מְלָאוּ רָע: ۲۱

כָּל-אָדִיאָה לְצִדְיקָה כָּל-אָוֹן וּרְשָׁעִים מְלָאוּ רָע:

**21. lo'-y'uneh latsadiq kal-'awen ur'sha'im mal'u ra`.**

**Prov12:21** No harm shall happen to the righteous, but the wicked are filled with evil.

<21> οὐκ ἀρέσει τῷ δικαίῳ οὐδὲν ἄδικον, οἱ δὲ ἀσεβεῖς πλησθήσονται κακῶν.

21 ouk aresei tō dikaiō ouden adikon,

    shall not please the just Anything unjust;

hoi de asebeis plēsthēsontai kakōn.

    but the impious shall be filled with bad things.

כְּבָתּוּבָה יְהֻנָּה שְׁפָתִי-שָׁקֵר וְעַשְׂרֵי אֲמֹנוֹה רְצֹנוֹ: ۲۲

כְּבָתּוּבָה יְהֻנָּה שְׁפָתִי-שָׁקֵר וְעַשְׂרֵי אֲמֹנוֹה רְצֹנוֹ:

**22. to`abath Yahūwah siph'they-shaqer w'osey 'emunah r'tsono.**

**Prov12:22** Lying lips are an abomination to יהָנָה,  
but those who deal faithfully are His delight.

<22> βδέλυγμα κυρίῳ χείλη ψευδῆ, ὃ δὲ ποιῶν πίστεις δεκτὸς παρ' αὐτῷ.

22 bdelygma kyriō cheilē pseudē,

    are an abomination to YHWH lips Lying;

ho de poiōn pisteis dektos par' autō.

but the one dealing in trust is accepted by him.

כִּי אָדָם עַרְוֵם כִּסְף הַעֲצָת וְלֹבֶן קְסִילִים יַקְרָא אֲוֹלָתָה:  
23. 'adam `arum koseh da`ath w'leb k'silim yiq'ra' 'iueleth.

**Prov12:23** A prudent man conceals knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaims folly.

ἀνὴρ συνετὸς θρόνος αἰσθήσεως, καρδία δὲ ἀφρόνων συναντήσεται ἀράῖς.

23 anēr synetos thronos aisthēseōs,

man A discerning is a throne of perception;

kardia de aphronōn synantēsetai arais.

but the heart of fools shall meet with curses.

כִּידְ-חָרְגִּיצִים תְּמַשׁוֹל וּרְמִיה תְּהִרָּה לְמַפָּה:  
24. yad-charutsim tim'shol ur'miah tih'yeh lamas.

**Prov12:24** The hand of the diligent shall rule, but the lazy shall be under service.

χεὶρ ἐκλεκτῶν κρατήσει εὐχερῶς, δόλιοι δὲ ἔσονται εἰς προνομήν.

24 cheir eklektōn kratēsei eucherōs,

The hand of chosen men shall prevail easily;

dolioi de esontai eis pronomēn.

but the deceitful shall be for plunder.

כְּהַנְּגָה בְּלַב-אִישׁ רַשְׁחָנָה וְדָבָר טֹב יְשֻׁמְּחָנָה:  
25. d'agah b'leb-'ish yash'chenah w'dabar tob y'sam'chenah.

**Prov12:25** Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but a good word makes it glad.

ἀγγελία δὲ ἀγαθὴ εὐφραίνει αὐτόν.

25 phoberos logos kardian tarassei andros dikaiou,

A fearful word the heart disturbs of a righteous man;

aggelia de agathē euphrainei auton.

message but a good gladdens him.

כוּרְתִּיר מְרַעָהוּ צְדִיק וְדָבָךְ רְשָׁעִים תַּתְעַזְּם:  
26. yather mere`ehu tsadiq w'derek r'sha`im tath`em.

**Prov12:26** The righteous is with his neighbor explores, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

ἀπιγνώμων δίκαιος ἔαυτοῦ φίλος ἔσται, αἱ δὲ γνῶμαι τῶν ἀσεβῶν ἀνεπιεικεῖς.  
ἀμαρτάνοντας καταδιώξεται κακά, ἡ δὲ ὄδος τῶν ἀσεβῶν πλανήσει αὐτούς.

26 epignōmōn dikaios heautou philos estai,

arbitrator a just of himself A friend shall be;

hai de gnōmai tōn asebōn anepieikeis.  
 but the opinions of the impious are unfair.  
 hamartanontas katadiōxetai kaka,  
 the ones sinning pursue evil things,  
 hē de hodos tōn asebōn planēsei autous.  
 and the way of the impious shall lead them away.

כִּלְאַ-יְחָרֵךְ רְמִיה צִידֹו וְהַזּוֹן-אָדָם יְקַר חֶרְיוֹן: 27

27. lo'-yacharok r'miah tseydo w'hon-'adam yaqar charuts.

**Prov12:27** A lazy man does not start after his game,  
 but the precious possession of a man is diligence.

<27> οὐκ ἐπιτεύξεται δόλιος θήρας, κτῆμα δὲ τίμιον ἀνὴρ καθαρός.

27 ouk epiteuxetai dolios theras,  
 shall not succeed in A deceitful man hunting;  
 ktēma de timion anēr katharos.  
 but is an esteemed man a pure.

כְּחַבְאַרְחָ-צְדָקָה חַיִים וְדָرְךָ נְתִיבָה אֶל-מוֹתָה: 28

28. b'orach-ts'daqah chayim w'derek n'thibah 'al-maweth.

**Prov12:28** In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death.

<28> ἐν ὁδοῖς δικαιοσύνης ζωή, ὁδὸς δὲ μηνησικάκων εἰς θάνατον.

28 en hodois dikaiosynēs zōē,  
 In the ways of righteousness is life;  
 hodoi de mnēsikakōn eis thanaton.  
 but the ways of the resentful are unto death.