

YWAM Biblical Studies Inductive Bible Method NKJV

THE BOOKS OF
JOB & ECCLESIASTES

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“The gospel is not a book; it is a living being, with an action, a power, which invades every thing that opposes its extension, behold! It is upon this table: This book, surpassing all others. I never omit to read it, and every day with some pleasure.”

Napoleon, Emperor of the French (1804-1814), 1769-1821

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BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS

EXODUS

LEVITICUS

NUMBERS

DEUTERONOMY

JOSHUA

JUDGES

RUTH

1 SAMUEL

2 SAMUEL

1 KINGS

2 KINGS

1 CHRONICLES

2 CHRONICLES

EZRA

NEHEMIAH

ESTHER

JOB

PSALMS

PROVERBS

ECCLESIASTES

SONG OF SOLOMON

ISAIAH

JEREMIAH

LAMENTATIONS

EZEKIEL

DANIEL

HOSEA

JOEL

AMOS

OBADIAH

JONAH

MICAH

NAHUM

HABAKKUK

ZEPHANIAH

HAGGAI

ZECHARIAH

MALACHI

NEW TESTAMENT

MATTHEW

MARK

LUKE

JOHN

ACTS

ROMANS

1 CORINTHIANS

2 CORINTHIANS

GALATIANS

EPHESIANS

PHILIPPIANS

COLOSSIANS

1 THESSALONIANS

2 THESSALONIANS

1 TIMOTHY

2 TIMOTHY

TITUS

PHILEMON

HEBREWS

JAMES

1 PETER

2 PETER

1 JOHN

2 JOHN

3 JOHN

JUDE

REVELATION

\\ LAW \\ HISTORY \\ POETRY & WISDOM \\ MAJOR PROPHETS \\ MINOR PROPHETS
\\ GOSPELS \\ HISTORY \\ LETTERS OF PAUL \\ GENERAL LETTERS \\ PROPHECY



2 APPROACHES TO BIBLE READING

DEDUCTIVE APPROACH

- One comes to the text with a thesis and then seeks out passages to support that thesis.
- One has already, to a certain extent, drawn conclusions before reading the whole text of Scripture in context.
- One is dictating to the Scriptures, rather than letting the Scriptures speak.

INDUCTIVE APPROACH - our aim

- One lays aside preconceived ideas and first lays a groundwork of observations.
- Conclusions are drawn from what one has observed. A thorough examination of the content becomes the basis for one's conclusions.
- One is letting the Scriptures speak for themselves.



3 STEPS OF THE INDUCTIVE APPROACH

Always PRAY
The Holy Spirit is your teacher
Think for yourself
Don't only rely on other people
Let the text speak for itself
Conclusions come from what you have observed

1. OBSERVATION

- What does the text say? Look, look, look until looking becomes seeing.
- Observation does not determine what the text mean.
- It makes you familiar with the text before you interpret.
- Read through the whole book in one setting.
- If you are looking at one passage, look at the surrounding context.

OBSERVATION QUESTIONS

1. Repeated Words | Phrases | Ideas | Themes
2. Key words
3. Who - People: Main characters, people groups, etc. Pronouns.
4. When - Time elements, Verb tenses
5. Where - Geographical locations, General locations.
6. Contrasts
7. Comparisons
8. Commands - Advice, Promises, Warnings, Predictions.
9. Conditional statements
10. Connectives
11. Atmosphere, Mood, Emotion
12. Figures of speech
13. Lists
14. Illustrations
15. Emphatic statements
16. Progression - of events, thought, author's logic.



2. INTERPRETATION

- What does it mean to the original Audience?
- It is not asking what it means to us today, but what it meant for the original hearers or readers.
- It involves understanding the author's viewpoint, as well as the view point of his audience.
- Imagine yourself thousands of years back in time. Put yourself in the shoes of the Original Audience. Try and see the passage through their eyes.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- Who is the Original Audience?
- Why was the book written?
- What is the cultural situation?
- What is the political situation?
- What is the social and geographical situation?
- What did they think or believe?
- What is their religious background?
- What is happening in history or in their church at this time?
- Is the audience facing any problems?
- What are their strong points?

ASK:

- Ask: WHY?
- Ask: What does it mean?
- Ask: What does this imply?
- Ask: What is the significance?
- What are the author's concerns?
- What are the original audience's concerns, questions, struggles



3. APPLICATION How does the timeless truths apply?

- Application is the GOAL of Bible study!
- As God teaches us His Word, we want Him to work in our hearts. The study of Scripture should result in changed lives.

James 1:22-25

22 You must be doers of the word and not only hearers who mislead themselves. 23 Those who hear but don't do the word are like those who look at their faces in a mirror. 24 They look at themselves, walk away, and immediately forget what they were like. 25 But there are those who study the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continue to do it. They don't listen and then forget, but they put it into practice in their lives.

They will be blessed in whatever they do.

Common English Bible (CEB)



APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. What are the basic timeless truths in this book or passage?
2. How do these truths apply to my life?

Be specific.

- What am I to believe?
- Do I need to change anything I have previously believed?
- Are there attitudes or actions that I need to change?
- How does this truth encourage me? In what area of my life?
- What do I see about the character of God?
- How does this aspect of God's character speak or minister to me?

More questions you can ask

- What have I learned about myself from my study?
- What have I learned about others?
- What impact does this have on my life?
- What can I learn about my relationship with God?
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- Is there anything that needs to change in how I relate to others?
- How am I challenged or encouraged by the lives of the people in the Bible? What can I learn from them? Is there anything I can identify with their lives?



THE PROCESS: From observation to application

1st Reading

- Out loud, in one setting, read through the book - Get the BIG picture.

2nd Reading

- Observe!
 - Mark what stands out for you during your reading.
- Use different colors. (Names, places, events, etc.)

3rd Reading

- Find the key verse in the book, and one in each chapter.

4th Reading

- Write down your observations

5th Reading

- Write a summary of this book
- Do application of book.



OBSERVATION - OLD TESTAMENT

Old Testament - Basic Required Information (BRI)

THE PROPHETS

1. Literary Question

- a. What kind of literature is the book?

2. Critical Question

- a. Who wrote the book?
- b. When was it written?
- c. To whom was it written?
- d. From where was it written?

3. Historical Question

- a. Give any personal details about the prophet
- b. Give dates of significant historical events
 - What was the political situation
 - What was the international situation
 - Political situation in Israel or Judah & ruling kings
 - Any alliances or important battles
- c. What was the religious situation in Israel and Judah
- d. Which prophets were contemporaries

4. Survey Question

- a. Which aspects of God's character does this book emphasize?
- b. What is the major reason this book was written?

WISDOM BOOKS

1. Literary Question

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MAIN DIVISIONS

Old Testament (39 books); New Testament (27 books).

The Old Testament has the following categories:

Law (5 books), History (12 books), Poetry and Wisdom (5 books), Major Prophets (5 books), and Minor Prophets (12 books).

Law

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Poetry & Wisdom

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon
Major Prophets

Major Prophets

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel

History

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1st Samuel
2nd Samuel
1st Kings
2nd Kings
1st Chronicles
2nd Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

Minor Prophets

Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi



OBSERVATION - NEW TESTAMENT

New Testament - Basic Required Information (BRI)

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- a. What kind of literature is the book?

2. Critical Question

- a. Who wrote the book?
- b. When was it written?
- c. To whom was it written?
- d. From where was it written?

3. Historical Question

New Testament - Letters and Revelation

- a. What is the historical setting of the book:
What is the culture of the audience?
What historical and cultural information is important to understand the book?
- b. When was the church founded
- c. Who makes up the church
- d. What are their strengths and weaknesses / problems?

New Testament - Gospels and Acts

- e. What was the historical setting for the readers of the book?

4. Survey Question

- a. What is the main idea of the book
(The message in one sentence)
- b. What is the major reason that the book was written?
- c. Which particular aspect of Jesus does the book portray?



Moods of Communication

- Indicative Mood a statement of fact
- Interrogative Mood asking a question
- Imperative Mood making a command
- Subjunctive Mood statement of desire

Application

- What fundamental universal truths are presented in this passage?
- State the issues in your own life/culture that this truth address.
- State the implications of the principle when applied to your life and the world around you. What change does it require? What value is reinforce? What difference does it make?
- Make a heartfelt decision to change. State this decision in a plan to accomplish the task. This is a specific course of action.

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Gospels (4 books), History (1 book), Paul's Letters (13 books),
General Letters (8 books), Prophecy (1 book).

Gospels	History	Letters of Paul	General Letters	Prophecy
Matthew	Acts	Romans	Hebrews	Revelation
Mark		1st Corinthians	[perhaps by Paul]	
Luke		2nd Corinthians	James	
John		Galatians	1st Peter	
		Ephesians	2nd Peter	
		Philippians	1st John	
		Colossians	2nd John	
		1st Thess	3rd John	
		2nd Thess	Jude	
		1st Timothy		
		2nd Timothy		
		Titus		
		Philemon		





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JOB



1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one who feared God and eschewed evil.

2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

3 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred sheasses, and a very great household, so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the East.

4 And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day, and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them.

5 And it was so, that when the days of their feasting were ended, Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus did Job continually.

6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present

LEFT**Observe:**

themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.

7 And the Lord said unto Satan, "From whence comest thou?"

Then Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down upon it."

8 And the Lord said unto Satan, "Hast thou considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one who feareth God and escheweth evil?"

9 Then Satan answered the Lord and said, "Doth Job fear God for nought?"

10 Hast not Thou made a hedge about him and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance hath increased in the land.

11 But put forth Thine hand now and touch all that he hath, and he will curse Thee to Thy face!"

12 And the Lord said unto Satan, "Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand." So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord.

13 And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house,

14 and there came a messenger unto Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the asses feeding beside them,

15 and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them away. Yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword, and I only have escaped alone to tell thee!"

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16 While he was yet speaking, there came also another and said, "The fire of God hath fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I only have escaped alone to tell thee!"

17 While he was yet speaking, there came also another and said, "The Chaldeans made up three bands, and fell upon the camels and have carried them away, yea, and have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only have escaped alone to tell thee!"

18 While he was yet speaking, there came also another and said, "Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house,

19 and behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only have escaped alone to tell thee!"

20 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground and worshiped,

21 and said, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

22 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

2:1 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the Lord.

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servant Job, that there is none
like him on the earth, a perfect
and an upright man, one who
feareth God and escheweth
evil? And still he holdeth fast his
integrity, although thou movedst
Me against him to destroy him
without cause."

4 And Satan answered the Lord
and said, "Skin for skin, yea, all
that a man hath will he give for
his life.

5 But put forth Thine hand now
and touch his bone and his flesh,
and he will curse Thee to Thy
face!"

6 And the Lord said unto Satan,
"Behold, he is in thine hand;
only spare his life."

7 So went Satan forth from the
presence of the Lord, and smote
Job with sore boils from the sole
of his foot unto his crown.

8 And he took him a potsherd
with which to scrape himself, and
he sat down among the ashes.

9 Then said his wife unto him,
"Dost thou still retain thine in-
tegrity? Curse God, and die!"

10 But he said unto her, "Thou
speakest as one of the foolish
women speaketh. What? Shall
we receive good at the hand of
God, and shall we not receive
evil?" In all this did not Job sin
with his lips.

11 Now when Job's three friends
heard of all this evil that had
come upon him, they came

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every one from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. For they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

12 And when they lifted up their eyes afar off and knew him not, they lifted up their voice and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.

13 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spoke a word unto him; for they saw that his grief was very great.

3:1 After this opened Job his mouth and cursed his day.

2 And Job spoke and said:

3 "Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, 'There is a manchild conceived.'

4 Let that day be darkness; let not God regard it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.

5 Let darkness and the shadow of death stain it; let a cloud dwell upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.

6 As for that night, let darkness seize upon it; let it not be joined unto the days of the year, let it not come into the number of the months.

7 Lo, let that night be solitary; let no joyful voice come therein.

8 Let them curse it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning.

9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let

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it see the dawning of the day,
10 because it shut not up the
doors of my mother's womb, nor
hid sorrow from mine eyes.
11 "Why died I not from the
womb? Why did I not give up
the ghost when I came out of the
belly?
12 Why did the knees precede
me, or why the breasts that I
should suck?
13 For now should I have lain still
and been quiet, I should have
slept; then would I have been
at rest
14 with kings and counselors of
the earth, who built desolate
places for themselves,
15 or with princes that had gold,
who filled their houses with
silver;
16 or as a hidden untimely birth I
would not have been, as infants
who never saw light.
17 There the wicked cease from
troubling, and there the weary
be at rest.
18 There the prisoners rest
together; they hear not the voice
of the oppressor.
19 The small and great are there,
and the servant is free from his
master.
20 "Why is light given to him
that is in misery, and life unto the
bitter in soul,
21 who long for death but it
cometh not, and dig for it more
than for hidden treasures;
22 who rejoice exceedingly, and
are glad when they can find the
grave?
23 Why is light given to a man
whose way is hid, and whom
God hath hedged in?
24 For my sighing cometh
before I eat, and my roarings are

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poured out like the waters.
25 For the thing which I greatly
feared is come upon me, and
that which I was afraid of is come
unto me.
26 I was not in safety, neither
had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet
trouble came."

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4:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite
answered and said:
2 "If we attempt to commune
with thee, wilt thou be grieved?
But who can withhold himself
from speaking?
3 Behold, thou hast instructed
many, and thou hast strength-
ened the weak hands.
4 Thy words have upheld him
that was falling, and thou hast
strengthened the feeble knees.
5 But now it is come upon thee,
and thou faintest; it toucheth
thee, and thou art troubled.
6 Is not this thy fear, thy con-
fidence, thy hope, and the
uprightness of thy ways?
7 "Remember, I pray thee, who
ever perished, being innocent?
Or where were the righteous cut
off?
8 Even as I have seen, they that
plow iniquity and sow wicked-
ness reap the same.
9 By the blast of God they
perish, and by the breath of His
nostrils are they consumed.
10 The roaring of the lion, and
the voice of the fierce lion, and
the teeth of the young lions are
broken.
11 The old lion perisheth for
lack of prey, and the stout lion's
whelps are scattered abroad.
12 "Now a thing was secretly
brought to me, and mine ear
received a little thereof.

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13 In thoughts from the visions
of the night, when deep sleep
falleth on men,
14 fear came upon me and trem-
bling, which made all my bones
to shake.
15 Then a spirit passed before
my face; the hair of my flesh
stood up.
16 It stood still, but I could not
discern the form thereof; an
image was before mine eyes.
There was silence and I heard a
voice, saying,
17 'Shall mortal man be more
just than God? Shall a man be
more pure than his Maker?
18 Behold, He put no trust in
His servants, and His angels He
charged with folly:
19 How much less in them that
dwell in houses of clay, whose
foundation is in the dust, who
are crushed before the moth?
20 They are destroyed from
morning to evening; they perish
for ever without any regarding it.
21 Doth not their excellence
which is in them go away? They
die, even without wisdom.'

5:1 "Call now, if there be any
that will answer thee; and to
which of the saints wilt thou
turn?

2 For wrath killeth the foolish
man, and envy slayeth the silly
one.

3 I have seen the foolish taking
root, but suddenly I cursed his
habitation.

4 His children are far from safety,
and they are crushed in the gate,
neither is there any to deliver
them.

5 His harvest the hungry eateth
up and taketh it even out of the

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thorns, and the robber swalloweth up their substance.

6 Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;

7 yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

8 "I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause.

9 He doeth great things and unsearchable, marvelous things without number:

10 He giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields,

11 to set up on high those that are low, that those who mourn may be exalted to safety.

12 He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise.

13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness, and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.

14 They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday as in the night.

15 But He saveth the poor from the sword, from the mouth and from the hand of the mighty.

16 So the poor hath hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth.

17 "Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth; therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.

18 For He maketh sore, and bindeth up; He woundeth, and His hands make whole.

19 He shall deliver thee in six troubles; yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

20 In famine He shall redeem thee from death, and in war from the power of the sword.

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21 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue, neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.

22 At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh; neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.

23 For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field, and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.

24 And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin.

25 Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great, and thine offspring as the grass of the earth.

26 Thou shalt come to thy grave at a full age, as a shock of corn cometh in in his season.

27 Lo, this we have searched out; so it is. Hear it, and know thou it for thy good."

6:1 But Job answered and said:

2 "Oh that my grief were thoroughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the balances together!

3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea; therefore my words are swallowed up.

4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me; the poison thereof drinketh up my spirit; the terrors of God set themselves in array against me.

5 Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass? Or loweth the ox over his fodder?

6 Can that which is unsavory be eaten without salt? Or is there any taste in the white of an egg?

7 The things that my soul refused to touch are as my distressing

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meat.

8 "Oh that I might have my request, and that God would grant me the thing that I long for:

9 even that it would please God to destroy me, that He would let loose His hand and cut me off!

10 Then should I yet have comfort; yea, I would harden myself in sorrow. Let Him not spare, for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.

11 What is my strength, that I should hope? And what is mine end, that I should prolong my life?

12 Is my strength the strength of stones? Or is my flesh of brass?

13 Is not my help in me? And is wisdom driven quite from me?

14 "To him that is afflicted, pity should be shown by his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.

15 My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, and as the stream of brooks they pass away, 16 which are blackish by reason of the ice, and wherein the snow is hid.

17 When in time they wax warm, they vanish; when it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.

18 The paths of their way are turned aside; they go to nothing and perish.

19 The troops of Tema looked; the companies of Sheba waited for them.

20 They were confounded because they had hoped; they came thither and were ashamed.

21 For now ye are nothing; ye see my casting down and are afraid.

22 Did I say, 'Bring unto me'? or, 'Give a reward for me of your

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substance’?

23 Or, ‘Deliver me from the enemy’s hand’? or, ‘Redeem me from the hand of the mighty’?

24 “Teach me, and I will hold my tongue; and cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

25 How forceful are right words! But what doth your arguing reprove?

26 Do ye imagine to reprove words, and the speeches of one that is desperate, which are as wind?

27 Yea, ye overwhelm the fatherless, and ye dig a pit for your friend.

28 “Now therefore be content, look upon me; for it is evident unto you if I lie.

29 Return, I pray you, let there be no iniquity; yea, return again; my righteousness is in it.

30 Is there iniquity on my tongue? Cannot my taste discern perverse things?

7:1 “Is there not an appointed time for man upon earth? Are not his days also like the days of a hireling?

2 As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as a hireling looketh for the reward of his work,

3 so am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.

4 When I lie down, I say, ‘When shall I arise and the night be gone?’ And I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.

5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust; my skin is broken, and has become loathsome.

6 My days are swifter than a

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weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope.

7 "O remember that my life is wind; mine eye shall no more see good.

8 The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no more; Thine eyes are upon me, and I am not.

9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away, so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more.

10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

11 Therefore I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

12 Am I a sea, or a whale, that Thou settest a watch over me?

13 When I say, 'My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint,'

14 then Thou scarest me with dreams and terrifiest me through visions,

15 so that my soul chooseth strangling, and death rather than my life.

16 I loathe it; I would not live always. Let me alone, for my days are vanity.

17 "What is man, that Thou shouldest magnify him, and that Thou shouldest set Thine heart upon him?

18 And that Thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every moment?

19 How long wilt Thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?

20 I have sinned. What shall I do unto Thee, O Thou preserver of men? Why hast Thou set me as a mark against Thee, so that I am a

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burden to myself?

21 And why dost Thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity? For now shall I sleep in the dust, and Thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be."

8:1 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite and said:

2 "How long wilt thou speak these things? And how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind?

3 Doth God pervert judgment? Or doth the Almighty pervert justice?

4 If thy children have sinned against Him and He have cast them away for their transgression,

5 if thou wouldest seek unto God speedily and make thy supplication to the Almighty,

6 if thou wert pure and upright, surely now He would awake for thee and make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.

7 Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.

8 "For inquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself for the searching of their fathers;

9 for we are but of yesterday and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow.

10 Shall not they teach thee and tell thee, and utter words out of their heart?

11 Can the rush grow up without mire? Can the reed grow without water?

12 Whilst it is yet in his greenness and not cut down, it withereth before any other herb.

13 So are the paths of all that

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forget God; and the hypocrite's
hope shall perish,

14 whose hope shall be cut
off and whose trust shall be a
spider's web.

15 He shall lean upon his house,
but it shall not stand; he shall
hold it fast, but it shall not
endure.

16 He is green before the sun,
and his branch shooteth forth in
his garden.

17 His roots are wrapped about
the heap, and seeth the place of
stones.

18 If he destroy him from his
place, then it shall deny him,
saying, 'I have not seen thee.'

19 Behold, this is the joy of His
way, and out of the earth shall
others grow.

20 "Behold, God will not cast
away a perfect man, neither will
He help the evildoers,

21 till He fill thy mouth with
laughing and thy lips with rejoic-
ing.

22 They that hate thee shall be
clothed with shame, and the
dwelling place of the wicked
shall come to nought."

9:1 Then Job answered and
said:

2 "I know in truth it is so, but
how should man be just before
God?

3 If he will contend with Him,
he cannot answer Him one in a
thousand.

4 He is wise in heart, and mighty
in strength: who hath hardened
himself against Him and hath
prospered—

5 Who removeth the mountains,
and they know not; Who overtur-
neth them in His anger;

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6 Who shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble;

7 Who commandeth the sun, and it riseth not, and seaeth up the stars;

8 Who alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea;

9 Who maketh Arcturus, Orion and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south;

10 Who doeth great things past finding out, yea, and wonders without number?

11 Lo, He goeth by me, and I see Him not; He passeth on also, but I perceive Him not.

12 Behold, He taketh away. Who can hinder Him? Who will say unto him, 'What doest Thou?'

13 "If God will not withdraw His anger, the proud helpers do stoop under Him.

14 How much less shall I answer Him, and choose out my words to reason with Him—

15 whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer, but I would make supplication to my Judge?

16 If I had called and He had answered me, yet would I not believe that He had hearkened unto my voice.

17 For He breaketh me with a tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without cause.

18 He will not suffer me to take my breath, but filleth me with bitterness.

19 If I speak of strength, lo, He is strong; and if of judgment, who shall set me a time to plead?

20 If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me; if I say, 'I am perfect,' it shall also

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prove me perverse.

21 Though I were perfect, yet
would I not know my soul; I
would despise my life.

22 This is all one thing. There-
fore I said it: 'He destroyeth the
perfect and the wicked.'

23 If the scourge slay suddenly,
He will laugh at the trial of the
innocent.

24 The earth is given into the
hand of the wicked. He covereth
the faces of the judges thereof. If
not, where and who is He?

25 "Now my days are swifter
than a courier; they flee away,
they see no good.

26 They are passed away as the
swift ships, as the eagle that
hasteneth to the prey.

27 If I say, 'I will forget my com-
plaint, I will leave off my heavi-
ness and comfort myself;'

28 I am afraid of all my sorrows; I
know that Thou wilt not hold me
innocent.

29 If I be wicked, why then labor
I in vain?

30 If I wash myself with snow
water and make my hands never
so clean,

31 yet shalt Thou plunge me in
the ditch, and mine own clothes
shall abhor me.

32 For He is not a man as I am,
that I should answer Him and
we should come together in
judgment.

33 Neither is there any mediator
between us who might lay his
hand upon us both.

34 Let Him take His rod away
from me, and let not fear of Him
terrify me.

35 Then would I speak and not
fear Him, but it is not so with me.

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10:1 "My soul is weary of my life; I will leave my complaint upon myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
2 I will say unto God: 'Do not condemn me; show me why Thou contendest with me.
3 Is it good unto Thee that Thou shouldest oppress, that Thou shouldest despise the work of Thine hands, and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?
4 Hast Thou eyes of flesh, or seest Thou as man seeth?
5 Are Thy days as the days of man? Are Thy years as man's days,
6 that Thou inquirest after mine iniquity, and searchest after my sin?
7 Thou knowest that I am not wicked, and there is none that can deliver out of Thine hand.
8 "'Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet Thou dost destroy me.
9 Remember, I beseech Thee, that Thou hast made me as the clay. And wilt Thou bring me into dust again?
10 Hast Thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese?
11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast protected me with bones and sinews.
12 Thou hast granted me life and favor, and Thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.
13 "'And these things hast Thou hid in Thine heart; I know that this is with Thee:
14 If I sin, then Thou markest me, and Thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.
15 If I be wicked, woe unto me!

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And if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head. I am full of confusion; therefore see Thou mine affliction,
 16 for it increaseth. Thou huntest me as a fierce lion, and again Thou showest Thyself marvelous upon me.
 17 Thou renewest Thy witnesses against me, and increasest Thine indignation upon me; changes and war are against me.
 18 Why then hast Thou brought me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me!
 19 I should have been as though I had not been; I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.
 20 Are not my days few? Cease then and let me alone, that I may take comfort a little
 21 before I go whence I shall not return, even to the land of darkness and the shadow of death"
 22 a land of darkness, as darkness itself, and of the shadow of death without any order, and where the light is as darkness."

11:1 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite and said:
 2 "Should not the multitude of words be answered? And should a man full of talk be justified?
 3 Should thy lies make men hold their peace? And when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed?
 4 For thou hast said, 'My doctrine is pure, and I am clean in Thine eyes.'
 5 But oh, that God would speak and open His lips against thee,
 6 and that He would show thee the secrets of wisdom, that

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they are double to that which is! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth.

7 "Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

8 It is as high as heaven: What canst thou do? Deeper than hell: What canst thou know?

9 The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

10 If He cut off, and shut up, or gather together, then who can hinder Him?

11 For He knoweth vain men; He seeth wickedness also. Will He not then consider it?

12 For vain man would be wise, though man be born like a wild ass's colt.

13 "If thou prepare thine heart, and stretch out thine hands toward Him,

14 if iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles.

15 For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be steadfast and shalt not fear,

16 because thou shalt forget thy misery, and remember it as waters that pass away.

17 And thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.

18 And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety.

19 Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid; yea, many shall make suit unto thee.

20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, and they shall not es-

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cape; and their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost."

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12:1 And Job answered and said:

2 "No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you.

3 But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you; yea, who knoweth not such things as these?

4 I am as one mocked by his neighbor, who calleth upon God, and He answereth him; the just and upright man is laughed to scorn.

5 He that is ready to slip with his feet is as a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease.

6 The tabernacles of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God are secure, into whose hand God bringeth abundantly.

7 "But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee.

8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.

9 Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this,

10 in whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?

11 Doth not the ear test words, and the mouth taste his meat?

12 With the ancient is wisdom, and in length of days, understanding.

13 "With Him are wisdom and strength; He hath counsel and understanding.

14 Behold, He breaketh down,

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and it cannot be built again; He shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening.

15 Behold, He withholdeth the waters, and they dry up; also He sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.

16 With Him are strength and wisdom; the deceived and the deceiver are His.

17 He leadeth counselors away despoiled, and maketh the judges fools.

18 He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle.

19 He leadeth princes away despoiled, and overthroweth the mighty.

20 He removeth away the speech of the trusted, and taketh away the understanding of the aged.

21 He poureth contempt upon princes, and weakeneth the strength of the mighty.

22 He discovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death.

23 He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them; He enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them again.

24 He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.

25 They grope in the dark without light, and He maketh them to stagger like a drunken man.

13:1 "Lo, mine eye hath seen all this; mine ear hath heard and understood it.

2 What ye know, the same do I know also; I am not inferior unto you.

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3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to reason with God.

4 But ye are forgers of lies; ye are all physicians of no value.

5 O that ye would altogether hold your peace, and it should be your wisdom!

6 Hear now my reasoning, and hearken to the pleadings of my lips.

7 Will ye speak wickedly for God, and talk deceitfully for Him?

8 Will ye accept His person; will ye contend for God?

9 Is it good that He should search you out? Or as one man mocketh another, do ye so mock Him?

10 He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons.

11 Shall not His excellency make you afraid, and His dread fall upon you?

12 Your remembrances are like unto ashes, your bodies to bodies of clay.

13 "Hold your peace; let me alone that I may speak, and let come on me what will.

14 Why do I take my flesh in my teeth, and put my life in mine hand?

15 Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him; but I will argue mine own ways before Him.

16 He also shall be my salvation, for a hypocrite shall not come before Him.

17 Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears.

18 Behold now, I have prepared my cause; I know that I shall be justified.

19 Who is he that will plead with me? For now, if I hold my

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tongue, I shall give up the ghost.
20 "Only do not two things unto me; then will I not hide myself from Thee:

21 Withdraw Thine hand far from me, and let not Thy dread make me afraid.

22 Then call Thou, and I will answer; or let me speak, and answer Thou me.

23 How many are mine iniquities and sins? Make me to know my transgression and my sin.

24 Why hidest Thou Thy face, and holdest me for Thine enemy?

25 Wilt Thou break a leaf driven to and fro? And wilt Thou pursue the dry stubble?

26 For Thou writest bitter things against me, and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth.

27 Thou putttest my feet also in the stocks, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; Thou settest a mark upon the heels of my feet.

28 And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth, as a garment that is moth-eaten.

14:1 "Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble.

2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

3 And dost Thou open Thine eyes upon such a one, and bringest me into judgment with Thee?

4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? Not one!

5 Seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with Thee; Thou hast appointed his bounds, that he

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cannot pass.

6 Turn from him, that he may rest, till, as a hireling, he shall accomplish his day.

7 For there is hope for a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground,

9 yet through the scent of water it will bud and bring forth boughs like a plant.

10 But man dieth and wasteth away; yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?

11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up,

12 so man lieth down and riseth not; till the heavens be no more they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

13 "O that Thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that Thou wouldest keep me secret until Thy wrath be past; that Thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!

14 If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

15 Thou shalt call, and I will answer Thee; Thou wilt desire the work of Thine hands.

16 For now Thou numberest my steps; dost Thou not watch over my sin?

17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag, and Thou sewest up mine iniquity.

18 And surely the mountain falling cometh to nought, and the rock is removed out of his place.

19 The waters wear away the

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stones; Thou washest away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth, and Thou destroyest the hope of man.
20 Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth; Thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.
21 His sons come to honor, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them.
22 But his flesh upon him shall have pain, and his soul within him shall mourn.”

15:1 Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite and said:

2 “Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind?

3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk, or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?

4 Yea, thou castest off fear, and restrainest prayer before God.

5 For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity, and thou chooseth the tongue of the crafty.

6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I; yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

7 “Art thou the first man that was born? Or wast thou made before the hills?

8 Hast thou heard the secret of God? And dost thou withhold wisdom for thyself?

9 What knowest thou, that we know not? What understandest thou, which is not in us?

10 With us are both the gray-headed and very aged men, much elder than thy father.

11 Are the consolations of God small with thee? Is there any secret thing with thee?

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12 Why doth thine heart carry thee away, and what do thine eyes wink at,
13 that thou turnest thy spirit against God, and lettest such words go out of thy mouth?
14 What is man, that he should be clean? And he that is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?
15 Behold, He putteth no trust in His saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in His sight.
16 How much more abominable and filthy is man, who drinketh iniquity like water?
17 "I will show thee, hear me; and that which I have seen I will declare,
18 what wise men have told from their fathers and have not hid it,
19 unto whom alone the earth was given and no stranger passed among them:
20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all his days, and the number of years is hidden to the oppressor.
21 A dreadful sound is in his ears; in his prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.
22 He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, and he is waited for by the sword.
23 He wandereth abroad for bread, saying, 'Where is it?' He knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.
24 Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready for the battle:
25 for he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty;
26 he runneth upon Him, even on His neck, with the thick boss-

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es of his bucklers.
27 Because he covereth his face
with his fatness and maketh
dollops of fat on his flanks,
28 and he dwelleth in desolate
cities and in houses which no
man inhabiteth, which are ready
to become heaps,
29 he shall not be rich, neither
shall his substance continue;
neither shall he prolong the per-
fection thereof upon the earth.
30 He shall not depart out of
darkness; the flame shall dry up
his branches, and by the breath
of His mouth shall he go away.
31 Let not him that is deceived
trust in vanity, for vanity shall be
his recompense.
32 It shall be accomplished
before his time, and his branch
shall not be green.
33 He shall shake off his unripe
grape as the vine, and shall cast
off his flower as the olive.
34 For the congregation of hyp-
ocrites shall be desolate, and fire
shall consume the tabernacles of
bribery.
35 They conceive evil and bring
forth vanity, and their belly pre-
pareth deceit.”

16:1 Then Job answered and
said:
2 “I have heard many such
things; miserable comforters are
ye all!
3 Shall vain words have an end?
Or what emboldeneth thee that
thou answerest?
4 I also could speak as ye do; if
your soul were in my soul's stead,
I could heap up words against
you, and shake mine head at
you.
5 But I would strengthen you

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with my mouth, and the moving
of my lips should assuage your
grief.

6 "Though I speak, my grief
is not assuaged; and though I
forbear, what am I eased?

7 But now He hath made me
weary; Thou hast made desolate
all my company.

8 And Thou hast filled me with
wrinkles, which is a witness
against me; and my leanness
rising up in me beareth witness
to my face.

9 He teareth me in his wrath,
who hateth me; he gnasheth
upon me with his teeth; mine
enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon
me.

10 They have gaped upon me
with their mouth; they have
smitten me upon the cheek re-
proachfully; they have gathered
themselves together against me.

11 God hath delivered me to the
ungodly, and turned me over
into the hands of the wicked.

12 "I was at ease, but he hath
broken me asunder; he hath also
taken me by my neck and shaken
me to pieces, and set me up for
his mark.

13 His archers compass me
round about; he cleaveth my
reins asunder and doth not
spare; he poureth out my gall
upon the ground.

14 He breaketh me with breach
upon breach; he runneth upon
me like a giant.

15 "I have sewn sackcloth upon
my skin, and defiled my horn in
the dust.

16 My face is foul with weeping,
and on my eyelids is the shadow
of death,

17 not for any injustice in mine

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hands; also my prayer is pure.

18 "O earth, cover not thou my blood, and let my cry have no place.

19 Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high.

20 My friends scorn me, but mine eye poureth out tears unto God.

21 O, that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbor!

22 When a few years have come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return.

17:1 "My spirit is spent, my days are extinct, the grave is ready for me.

2 Are there not mockers with me? And doth not mine eye continue in their provocation?

3 "Lay it down now, give me a surety with Thee. Who is he that will strike hands with me?

4 For Thou hast hid their heart from understanding; therefore shalt Thou not exalt them.

5 He that speaketh flattery to his friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail.

6 "He hath made me also a byword of the people; and aforetime I was as a drum to beat on.

7 Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow, and all my members are as a shadow.

8 Upright men shall be astonished at this, and the innocent shall stir up himself against the hypocrite.

9 The righteous also shall hold to his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.

10 "But as for you all, do ye re-

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turn and come now, for I cannot find one wise man among you.

11 My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart.

12 They change the night into day; the light is short because of darkness.

13 If I wait, the grave is mine house; I have made my bed in the darkness.

14 I have said to corruption, 'Thou art my father'; to the worm, 'Thou art my mother and my sister.'

15 And where is now my hope? As for my hope, who shall see it?

16 It shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust."

18:1 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite and said:

2 "How long will it be ere ye make an end of words? Mark, and afterwards we will speak.

3 Why are we counted as beasts, and reputed vile in your sight?

4 He teareth himself in his anger. Shall the earth be forsaken for thee? And shall the rock be removed out of his place?

5 "Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.

6 The light shall be dark in his tabernacle, and his candle shall be put out with him.

7 The steps of his strength shall be straitened, and his own counsel shall cast him down.

8 For he is cast into a net by his own feet, and he walketh upon a snare.

9 The trap shall take him by the heel, and the robber shall prevail against him.

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10 The snare is laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way.

11 Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall drive him to his feet.

12 His strength shall be hunger-bitten, and destruction shall be ready at his side.

13 It shall devour the strength of his skin; even the firstborn of death shall devour his strength.

14 His confidence shall be rooted out of his tabernacle, and it shall bring him to the king of terrors.

15 It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because it is none of his; brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.

16 His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off.

17 His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.

18 He shall be driven from light into darkness, and chased out of the world.

19 He shall neither have son nor descendant among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings.

20 They that come after him shall be dismayed at his day, as they that went before were frightened.

21 Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him that knoweth not God."

19:1 Then Job answered and said:

2 "How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?

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3 These ten times have ye reproached me; ye are not ashamed that ye make yourselves strange to me.

4 And if it be indeed that I have erred, mine error remaineth with myself.

5 If indeed ye will magnify yourselves against me, and plead against me my reproach,

6 know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with His net.

7 "Behold, I cry out because of wrong, but I am not heard; I cry aloud, but there is no judgment.

8 He hath fenced up my way, that I cannot pass, and He hath set darkness in my paths.

9 He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head.

10 He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone; and mine hope hath He removed like a tree.

11 He hath also kindled His wrath against me, and He counteth me unto Him as one of His enemies.

12 His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle.

13 "He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintances are verily estranged from me.

14 My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.

15 They that dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me as a stranger; I am an alien in their sight.

16 I called my servant, and he gave me no answer; I entreated him with my mouth.

RIGHT**Interpret:**

LEFT**Observe:**

17 My breath is strange to my wife, though I entreated for the sake of the children of my own body.

18 Yea, young children despised me; I arose, and they spoke against me.

19 All my intimate friends abhorred me, and they whom I loved are turned against me.

20 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped with the skin of my teeth.

21 "Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends, for the hand of God hath touched me!

22 Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?

23 Oh, that my words were now written! Oh, that they were printed in a book,

24 that they were graven with an iron pen and lead, in the rock for ever!

25 For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;

26 and though after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God,

27 whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another, though my reins be consumed within me.

28 "But should ye say, 'Why persecute we him?'—seeing the root of the matter is found in me.

29 Be ye afraid of the sword; for wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword, that ye may know there is a judgment."

20:1 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite and said:

2 "Therefore do my thoughts

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cause me to answer, and for this
I make haste.

3 I have heard the rebuke of my
reproach, and the spirit of my
understanding causeth me to
answer.

4 Knowest thou not this of old,
since man was placed upon
earth,

5 that the triumphing of the
wicked is short, and the joy of
the hypocrite but for a moment?

6 Though his excellency mount
up to the heavens, and his head
reach unto the clouds,

7 yet he shall perish for ever like
his own dung; they that have
seen him shall say, 'Where is he?'

8 He shall fly away as a dream,
and shall not be found; yea, he
shall be chased away as a vision
of the night.

9 The eye also which saw him
shall see him no more, neither
shall his place any more behold
him.

10 His children shall seek to
please the poor, and his hands
shall restore their goods.

11 His bones are full of the sin of
his youth, which shall lie down
with him in the dust.

12 "Though wickedness be
sweet in his mouth, though he
hide it under his tongue,

13 though he spare it and for-
sake it not, but keep it still within
his mouth,

14 yet his meat in his stomach
is turned; it is the gall of asps
within him.

15 He hath swallowed down
riches, and he shall vomit them
up again; God shall cast them
out of his belly.

16 He shall suck the poison of
asps; the viper's tongue shall slay

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LEFT**Observe:**

him.

17 He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of honey and butter.

18 That which he labored for shall he restore, and shall not swallow it down; according to his substance shall the restitution be, and he shall not rejoice therein.

19 Because he hath oppressed and hath forsaken the poor, because he hath violently taken away a house which he built not, 20 surely he shall not feel quietness in his belly; he shall not save of that which he desired.

21 There shall none of his meat be left; therefore shall no man look for his goods.

22 In the fullness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits; every hand of the wicked shall come upon him.

23 When he is about to fill his belly, God shall cast the fury of His wrath upon him, and shall rain it upon him while he is eating.

24 He shall flee from the iron weapon, and the bow of steel shall strike him through.

25 It is drawn and cometh out of the body; yea, the glittering sword cometh out of his gall; terrors are upon him.

26 All darkness shall be hid in his secret places; a fire not blown upon shall consume him; it shall go ill with him that is left in his tabernacle.

27 The heaven shall reveal his iniquity, and the earth shall rise up against him.

28 The increase of his house shall depart, and his goods shall flow away in the day of His wrath.

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LEFT**Observe:**

29 "This is the portion of a wicked man from God, and the heritage appointed unto him by God."

Job 21-29
21st Century King James Version (KJ21)

RIGHT**Interpret:**

21:1 But Job answered and said:

2 "Hear diligently my speech, and let this be your consolations.

3 Suffer me that I may speak; and after I have spoken, mock on.

4 "As for me, is my complaint to man? And if it were so, why should not my spirit be troubled?

5 Mark me, and be astonished, and lay your hand upon your mouth!

6 Even when I remember I am afraid, and trembling taketh hold on my flesh.

7 Why do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power?

8 Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes.

9 Their houses are safe from fear, neither is the rod of God upon them.

10 Their bull breeds, and faileth not; their cow calveth and casteth not her calf.

11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance.

12 They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ.

13 They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave.

14 Therefore they say unto God, 'Depart from us, for we desire not the knowledge of Thy ways.

LEFT**Observe:**

15 What is the Almighty, that we should serve Him? And what profit should we have, if we pray unto Him?’

16 Lo, their good is not in their hand; the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

17 “How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! And how oft cometh their destruction upon them! God distributeth sorrows in His anger.

18 They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away.

19 God layeth up his iniquity for his children; He rewardeth him, and he shall know it.

20 His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

21 For what pleasure hath he in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the midst?

22 “Shall any teach God knowledge, seeing He judgeth those that are high?

23 One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.

24 His milk pails are full of milk, and his bones are moistened with marrow.

25 And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure.

26 They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

27 “Behold, I know your thoughts, and the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me.

28 For ye say, ‘Where is the house of the prince? And where are the dwelling places of the wicked?’

29 Have ye not asked them that

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LEFT**Observe:**

go along the way? And do ye not know their tokens, 30 that the wicked are reserved for the day of destruction? They shall be brought forth on the day of wrath.

31 Who shall declare his way to his face? And who shall repay him what he hath done?

32 Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.

33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and every man shall draw after him, as there are innumerable before him.

34 "How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth falsehood?"

22:1 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said:

2 "Can a man be profitable unto God, as he that is wise may be profitable unto himself?

3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty that thou art righteous? Or is it gain to Him that thou makest thy ways perfect?

4 Will He reprove thee for fear of thee? Will He enter with thee into judgment?

5 Is not thy wickedness great, and thine iniquities infinite?

6 For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brother for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing.

7 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and thou hast withheld bread from the hungry.

8 But as for the mighty man, he had the earth, and the honorable man dwelt in it.

9 Thou hast sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fa-

RIGHT**Interpret:**

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therless have been broken.

10 Therefore snares are round
about thee, and sudden fear
troubleth thee,

11 or darkness, that thou canst
not see, and abundance of wa-
ters cover thee.

12 "Is not God in the height of
heaven? And behold the height
of the stars, how high they are!

13 And thou sayest, 'How doth
God know? Can He judge
through the dark cloud?

14 Thick clouds are a covering to
Him, that He seeth not; and He
walketh in the circuit of heaven.'

15 Hast thou marked the old way
which wicked men have trodden,

16 who were cut down before
their time, whose foundation was
overflown with a flood,

17 who said unto God, 'Depart
from us. And what can the Al-
mighty do to them?'

18 Yet He filled their houses with
good things; but the counsel of
the wicked is far from me.

19 The righteous see it and are
glad, and the innocent laugh
them to scorn;

20 whereas our substance is not
cut down, but the remnant of
them the fire consumeth.

21 "Acquaint now thyself with
Him, and be at peace; thereby
good shall come unto thee.

22 Receive, I pray thee, the law
from His mouth, and lay up His
words in thine heart.

23 If thou return to the Almighty,
thou shalt be built up; thou shalt
put away iniquity far from thy
tabernacles.

24 Then shalt thou lay up gold
as dust, and the gold of Ophir as
the stones of the brooks.

25 Yea, the Almighty shall be thy

RIGHT**Interpret:**

LEFT**Observe:**

gold, and thou shalt have plenty of silver.

26 For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty, and shalt lift up thy face unto God.

27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto Him, and He shall hear thee, and thou shalt pay thy vows.

28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee; and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

29 When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, 'There is lifting up!' And He shall save the humble person.

30 He shall deliver the island of the innocent; and it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands."

23:1 Then Job answered and said:

2 "Even today is my complaint bitter; my stroke is heavier than my groaning.

3 Oh that I knew where I might find Him, that I might come even to His seat!

4 I would place my cause before Him, and fill my mouth with arguments.

5 I would know the words which He would answer me, and understand what He would say unto me.

6 Will He plead against me with His great power? No, but He would put strength in me.

7 There the righteous might dispute with Him; so should I be delivered for ever from my Judge.

8 "Behold, I go forward, but He is not there, and backward, but I cannot perceive Him;

9 on the left hand where He doth

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work, but I cannot behold Him;
He hideth himself on the right
hand, that I cannot see Him.

10 But He knoweth the way that
I take; when He hath tried me, I
shall come forth as gold.

11 My foot hath held His steps;
His way have I kept, and not
declined.

12 Neither have I gone back
from the commandment of His
lips; I have esteemed the words
of His mouth more than my nec-
essary food.

13 But He is of one mind, and
who can turn Him? And what
His soul desireth, even that He
doeth.

14 For He performeth the thing
that is appointed for me; and
many such things are with Him.

15 Therefore am I troubled at His
presence; when I consider, I am
afraid of Him.

16 For God maketh my heart
soft, and the Almighty troubleth
me;

17 because I was not cut off be-
fore the darkness, neither hath
He covered the darkness from
my face.

24:1 "Why, seeing times are not
hidden from the Almighty, do
they that know Him not, see His
days?

2 Some remove the landmarks;
they violently take away flocks
and feed thereof.

3 They drive away the ass of the
fatherless; they take the widow's
ox as a pledge.

4 They turn the needy out of the
way; the poor of the earth hide
themselves together.

5 Behold, as wild asses in the
desert go they forth to their

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work, rising early for a prey; the wilderness yieldeth food for them and for their children.

6 They reap every one his corn in the field, and they gather the vintage of the wicked.

7 They cause the naked to lodge without clothing, that they have no covering in the cold.

8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter.

9 They pluck the fatherless from the breast, and take a pledge from the poor.

10 They cause him to go naked without clothing, and they take away the sheaf from the hungry,

11 who make oil within their walls, and tread their wine presses, and suffer thirst.

12 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out; yet God layeth not folly to them.

13 "They are of those that rebel against the light; they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.

14 The murderer, rising with the light, killeth the poor and needy, and in the night is as a thief.

15 The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, saying, 'No eye shall see me,' and disguiseth his face.

16 In the dark they dig through houses which they had marked for themselves in the daytime; they know not the light.

17 For the morning is to them even as the shadow of death; if one know them, they are in the terrors of the shadow of death.

18 "He is swift as the waters; their portion is cursed on the earth; he beholdeth not the way

RIGHT**Interpret:**

LEFT**Observe:**

of the vineyards.
19 Drought and heat consume the snow waters; so doth the grave those who have sinned.
20 The womb shall forget him, the worm shall feed sweetly on him; he shall be no more remembered, and wickedness shall be broken as a tree.
21 He evilly treateth the barren that beareth not, and doeth not good to the widow.
22 He draweth also the mighty with his power; he riseth up, and no man is sure of life.
23 Though it be given him to be in safety whereon he resteth, yet his eyes are upon their ways.
24 They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all others, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.
25 And if it be not so now, who will make me a liar and make my speech worth nothing?"

25:1 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite and said:
2 "Dominion and fear are with Him; He maketh peace in His high places.
3 Is there any number to His armies? And upon whom doth not His light arise?
4 How then can man be justified before God? Or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?
5 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; yea, the stars are not pure in His sight.
6 How much less man, that is a worm? And the son of man, that is a worm?"

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LEFT**Observe:**

26 :1 But Job answered and said:
2 "How hast thou helped him
that is without power? How
savest thou the arm that hath no
strength?
3 How hast thou counseled him
that hath no wisdom? And how
hast thou plentifully declared the
thing as it is?
4 To whom hast thou uttered
words? And whose spirit came
from thee?
5 Dead things are formed from
under the waters, and the inhab-
itants thereof.
6 "Hell is naked before Him, and
destruction hath no covering.
7 He stretcheth out the north
over the empty place, and han-
geth the earth upon nothing.
8 He bindeth up the waters in
His thick clouds, and the cloud is
not rent under them.
9 He holdeth back the face of
His throne, and spreadeth His
cloud upon it.
10 He hath compassed the
waters with bounds, until the day
and night come to an end.
11 The pillars of heaven trem-
ble, and are astonished at His
reproof.
12 He divideth the sea with His
power, and by His understanding
He smiteth through the proud.
13 By His Spirit He hath gar-
nished the heavens; His hand
hath formed the crooked
serpent.
14 Lo, these are parts of His
ways, but how little a portion is
heard of Him! But the thunder
of His power, who can under-
stand?"

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LEFT**Observe:**

27:1 Moreover Job continued his parable and said:
2 "As God liveth, who hath taken away my judgment, and the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul,
3 while my breath is in me and the spirit of God is in my nostrils,
4 my lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.
5 God forbid that I should justify you; till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.
6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go; my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.
7 "Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.
8 For what is the hope of the hypocrite though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?
9 Will God hear his cry when trouble cometh upon him?
10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty? Will he always call upon God?
11 I will teach you by the hand of God; that which is with the Almighty will I not conceal.
12 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it; why then are ye thus altogether vain?
13 "This is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the heritage of oppressors, which they shall receive from the Almighty.
14 If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword; and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.
15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death; and his widows shall not weep.
16 Though he heap up silver as the dust and prepare raiment as the clay,

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17 he may prepare it, but the just shall put it on and the innocent shall divide the silver.

18 He buildeth his house as a moth, and as a booth that the keeper maketh.

19 The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered; he openeth his eyes, and he is not.

20 Terrors take hold on him as waters; a tempest stealeth him away in the night.

21 The east wind carrieth him away and he departeth, and as a storm, hurleth him out of his place.

22 For God shall cast upon him, and not spare; he would eagerly flee out of His hand.

23 Men shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

28:1 "Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they refine it.

2 Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass is smelted out of the stone.

3 Man setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection, the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.

4 The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant, even the waters forgotten by the foot; they are dried up, they are gone away from men.

5 As for the earth, out of it cometh bread, and under it is turned up as it were fire.

6 The stones of it are the place of sapphires, and it hath dust of gold.

7 There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen.

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LEFT**Observe:**

8 The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it.

9 Man putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots;

10 he cutteth out rivers among the rocks, and his eye seeth every precious thing;

11 he bindeth the floods from overflowing; and the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.

12 But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?

13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

14 The deep saith, 'It is not in me'; and the sea saith, 'It is not with me.'

15 It cannot be gotten for gold; neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.

16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx or the sapphire.

17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it; and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.

18 No mention shall be made of coral or of pearls, for the price of wisdom is above rubies.

19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it; neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

20 "Whence then cometh wisdom? And where is the place of understanding—

21 seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air?

22 Destruction and death say, 'We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.'

23 God understandeth the way

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thereof, and He knoweth the place thereof.

24 For He looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven,

25 to make the weight for the winds, and He weigheth the waters by measure.

26 When He made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder,

27 then did He see it and declare it; He prepared it, yea, and searched it out.

28 And unto man He said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord: that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.'"

29:1 Moreover Job continued his parable and said:

2 "Oh, that I were as in months past, as in the days when God preserved me;

3 when His candle shone upon my head, and when by His light I walked through darkness,

4 as I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God was upon my tabernacle;

5 when the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me;

6 when I washed my steps with butter, and the rock poured me out rivers of oil;

7 when I went out to the gate through the city, when I prepared my seat in the street!

8 The young men saw me and hid themselves, and the aged arose and stood up.

9 The princes refrained from talking, and laid their hand on their mouth.

10 The nobles held their peace, and their tongue cleaved to the

RIGHT**Interpret:**

LEFT**Observe:**

roof of their mouth.

11 When the ear heard me, then it blessed me, and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me;

12 because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless and him that had none to help him.

13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me; and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.

14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.

15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.

16 I was a father to the poor, and the cause which I knew not I searched out.

17 And I broke the jaws of the wicked, and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.

18 "Then I said, 'I shall die in my nest, and I shall multiply my days as the sand.'

19 My root was spread out by the waters, and the dew lay all night upon my branch.

20 My glory was fresh in me, and my bow was renewed in my hand.

21 "Unto me men gave ear and waited, and kept silence at my counsel.

22 After my words they spoke not again, and my speech dropped upon them.

23 And they waited for me as for the rain, and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.

24 If I laughed on them, they believed it not, and the light of my countenance they cast not down.

25 I chose out their way and sat as chief, and dwelt as a king in the army, as one that comforteth the mourners.

RIGHT**Interpret:**

LEFT**Observe:**

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James Version (KJ21)

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30:1 "But now they that are younger than I hold me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.

2 Yea, for what might the strength of their hands profit me, in whom old age was perished?

3 From want and famine they were solitary, fleeing into the wilderness, in former time desolate and waste,

4 who cut up mallow by the bushes, and juniper roots for their meat.

5 They were driven forth from among men; they cried after them as after a thief,

6 to dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, in caves of the earth and in the rocks.

7 Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together.

8 They were children of fools, yea, children of base men; they were viler than the earth.

9 "And now am I their song; yea, I am their byword.

10 They abhor me, they flee far from me, and spare not to spit in my face.

11 Because He hath loosed my cord and afflicted me, they have also let loose the bridle before me.

12 Upon my right hand rise the youth; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destructiveness.

13 They mar my path, they set forward my calamity; they have no helper.

LEFT**Observe:**

14 They came upon me as a wide breaking in of waters; in the desolation they rolled themselves upon me.

15 Terrors are turned upon me; they pursue my soul as the wind, and my welfare passeth away as a cloud.

16 "And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.

17 My bones are pierced in me in the night season, and my sinews take no rest.

18 By the great force of my disease is my garment changed; it bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.

19 He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become like dust and ashes.

20 I cry unto Thee, and Thou dost not hear me; I stand up, and Thou regardest me not.

21 Thou art become cruel to me; with Thy strong hand Thou opposeth Thyself against me.

22 Thou liftest me up to the wind; Thou causest me to ride upon it, and dissolvest my substance.

23 For I know that Thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living.

24 "Yet He will not stretch out His hand to the grave, though they cry in His destruction.

25 Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? Was not my soul grieved for the poor?

26 When I looked for good, then evil came unto me; and when I waited for light, there came darkness.

27 My bowels boiled, and rested not; the days of affliction came upon me.

RIGHT**Interpret:**

LEFT**Observe:**

28 I went mourning without the sun; I stood up, and I cried in the congregation.

29 I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls.

30 My skin is black upon me, and my bones are burned with heat.

31 My harp also is turned to mourning, and my flute into the voice of them that weep.

31:1 "I made a covenant with mine eyes. Why then should I think upon a maid?

2 For what portion from God is there from above, and what inheritance of the Almighty from on high?

3 Is not destruction for the wicked, and a strange punishment for the workers of iniquity?

4 Doth not He see my ways, and count all my steps?

5 If I have walked with vanity, or if my foot hath hastened to deceit,

6 let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.

7 If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands,

8 then let me sow and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out.

9 "If mine heart has been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbor's door, 10 then let my wife grind for another, and let others bow down upon her.

11 For this is a heinous crime; yea, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges.

12 For it is a fire that consumeth to destruction, and would root out all mine increase.

RIGHT**Interpret:**

LEFT**Observe:**

13 "If I have despised the cause
of my manservant or of my maid-
servant when they contended
with me,
14 what then shall I do when
God riseth up? And when He
visiteth, what shall I answer Him?
15 Did not He that made me in
the womb make him? And did
not One fashion us in the womb?
16 "If I have withheld the poor
from their desire, or have caused
the eyes of the widow to fail;
17 or have eaten my morsel
myself alone, and the fatherless
hath not eaten thereof
18 (for from my youth he was
brought up with me as with a fa-
ther, and I have guided her from
my mother's womb);
19 if I have seen any perish for
want of clothing, or any poor
without covering;
20 if his loins have not blessed
me, and if he were not warmed
with the fleece of my sheep;
21 if I have lifted up my hand
against the fatherless, when I
saw my help in the gate"
22 then let mine arm fall from my
shoulder blade, and mine arm
be broken from the bone.
23 For destruction from God was
a terror to me, and by reason of
His highness I could not endure.
24 "If I have made gold my
hope, or have said to the fine
gold, 'Thou art my confidence';
25 if I rejoiced because my
wealth was great, and because
mine hand had gotten much;
26 if I beheld the sun when it
shined, or the moon walking in
brightness,
27 and my heart hath been se-
cretly enticed, or my mouth hath
kissed my hand—

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Interpret:

LEFT**Observe:**

28 this also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge, for I should have denied the God that is above.

29 "If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him,

30 neither have I suffered my mouth to sin by wishing a curse to his soul.

31 If the men of my tent said not, 'Oh that we had of his flesh! We cannot be satisfied'.

32 The stranger did not lodge in the street, but I opened my doors to the traveler.

33 If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom,

34 did I fear a great multitude, or did the contempt of families terrify me, that I kept silence and went not out of the door?

35 Oh, that One would hear me! Behold, my desire is that the Almighty would answer me, and that mine adversary had written a book!

36 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder, and bind it as a crown to me.

37 I would declare unto Him the number of my steps; as a prince would I go near unto Him.

38 "If my land cry against me, or that the furrows likewise thereof complain,

39 if I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life,

40 let thistles grow instead of wheat, and cockle instead of barley." The words of Job are ended.

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32:1 So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

2 Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram. Against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.

3 Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer and yet had condemned Job.

4 Now Elihu had waited until Job had spoken, because they were older than he.

5 When Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled.

6 And Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, answered and said: "I am young, and ye are very old; therefore I was afraid, and dared not show you mine opinion.

7 I said, 'Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.'

8 But there is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

9 Great men are not always wise, neither do the aged understand judgment.

10 Therefore I say, 'Hearken to me; I also will show mine opinion.'

11 "Behold, I waited for your words; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say.

12 Yea, I attended unto you, and behold, there was none of you that convinced Job or that answered his words,

13 lest ye should say, 'We have found out wisdom. God thrust-

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eth him down, not man.'

14 Now he hath not directed his words against me, neither will I answer him with your speeches.

15 "They were amazed, they answered no more; they left off speaking.

16 When I had waited (for they spoke not, but stood still and answered no more),

17 I said, 'I will answer also my part; I also will show mine opinion.

18 For I am full of matters; the spirit within me constraineth me.

19 Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new wineskins.'

20 I will speak, that I may be refreshed; I will open my lips and answer.

21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles unto man.

22 For I know not to give flattering titles; in so doing my Maker would soon take me away.

33:1 "Therefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my speeches and hearken to all my words.

2 Behold, now I have opened my mouth; my tongue hath spoken in my mouth.

3 My words shall be from the uprightness of my heart, and my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.

4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

5 If thou canst answer me, set thy words in order before me and stand up.

6 Behold, I am according to thy wish in God's stead, I also am formed out of the clay.

7 Behold, terror of me shall not

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make thee afraid, neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee.
8 "Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of thy words, saying,
9 'I am clean, without transgression, I am innocent; neither is there iniquity in me.
10 Behold, He findeth occasions against me; He counteth me for His enemy.
11 He putteth my feet in the stocks; He marketh all my paths.'
12 "Behold, in this thou art not just; I will answer thee: that God is greater than man.
13 Why dost thou strive against Him? For He giveth not account of any of His matters.
14 For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.
15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed,
16 then He openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,
17 that He may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.
18 He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.
19 "He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain,
20 so that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat.
21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen, and his bones that were not seen stick out.
22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

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23 If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand to show unto man his uprightness,

24 then he is gracious unto him and saith, 'Deliver him from going down to the pit; I have found a ransom.'

25 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's; he shall return to the days of his youth.

26 He shall pray unto God, and He will be favorable unto him; and he shall see His face with joy, for He will render unto man His righteousness.

27 He looketh upon men, and if any say, 'I have sinned and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not,'

28 He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

29 "Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man,

30 to bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me; hold thy peace, and I will speak.

32 If thou hast any thing to say, answer me; speak, for I desire to justify thee.

33 If not, hearken unto me; hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom."

34:1 Furthermore, Elihu answered and said:

2 "Hear my words, O ye wise men; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.

3 For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat.

4 Let us choose for us judgment; let us know among ourselves

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what is good.

5 For Job hath said, 'I am righteous, and God hath taken away my judgment.

6 Should I lie against my right? My wound is incurable, without transgression.'

7 What man is like Job, who drinketh up scorning like water, 8 who goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men?

9 For he hath said, 'It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.'

10 "Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding; far be it from God that He should do wickedness, and from the Almighty that He should commit iniquity.

11 For the work of a man shall He render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.

12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.

13 Who hath given Him a charge over the earth? Or who hath disposed the whole world?

14 If He set His heart upon man, if He gather unto Himself his Spirit and his breath, 15 all flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

16 "If now thou hast understanding, hear this; hearken to the voice of my words:

17 Shall even he that hateth right govern? And wilt thou condemn him that is most just?

18 Is it fit to say to a king, 'Thou art wicked'? And to princes, 'Ye are ungodly'?

19 How much less to Him that

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accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor! For they all are the work of His hands.

20 In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away; and the mighty shall be taken away without hand.

21 "For His eyes are upon the ways of man, and He seeth all his goings.

22 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.

23 For He will not lay upon man more than right, that he should enter into judgment with God.

24 He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead.

25 Therefore He knoweth their works, and He overturneth them in the night, so that they are destroyed.

26 He striketh them as wicked men in the open sight of others, 27 because they turned back from Him, and would not consider any of His ways,

28 so that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto Him, and He heareth the cry of the afflicted.

29 When He giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? And when He hideth His face, who then can behold Him, whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only?—

30 that the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.

31 "Surely it is meet to be said unto God, 'I have borne chastisement; I will not offend any more.

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32 That which I see not, teach Thou me; if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.'

33 Should it be according to thy mind? He will recompense it, whether thou refuse or whether thou choose, and not I; therefore speak what thou knowest.

34 Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me.

35 "Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom.

36 My desire is that Job may be tried unto the end, because of his answers for wicked men.

37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin; he clappeth his hands among us, and multiplieth his words against God."

35:1 Elihu spoke moreover and said:

2 "Thinkest thou this to be right that thou saidst, 'My righteousness is more than God's'?

3 For thou saidst, 'What advantage will it be unto Thee?' and, 'What profit shall I have if I be cleansed from my sin?'

5 Look unto the heavens and see; and behold the clouds which are higher than thou.

6 If thou sinnest, what doest thou against Him? Or if thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto Him?

7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou Him? Or what receiveth He of thine hand?

8 Thy wickedness may hurt a man as thou art; and thy righteousness may profit the son of man.

9 "By reason of the multitude of oppressions they make the

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oppressed to cry; they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty.

10 But none saith, 'Where is God my Maker, who giveth songs in the night,

11 who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?'

12 There they cry, but none giveth answer, because of the pride of evil men.

13 Surely God will not hear vanity, neither will the Almighty regard it.

14 Although thou sayest thou shalt not see Him, yet judgment is before Him; therefore trust thou in Him.

15 But now, because it is not so, He hath visited in His anger; yet he knoweth it not in his great extremity.

16 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplieth words without knowledge."

36:1 Elihu also proceeded and said:

2 "Suffer me a little, and I will show thee that I have yet to speak on God's behalf.

3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar, and will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

4 For truly my words shall not be false; He that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.

5 "Behold, God is mighty and despiseth not any; He is mighty in strength and wisdom.

6 He preserveth not the life of the wicked, but giveth right to the poor.

7 He withdraweth not His eyes from the righteous, but with kings are they on the throne;

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yea, He doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.

8 And if they be bound in fetters, and be held in cords of affliction,

9 then He showeth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded.

10 He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

11 If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity and their years in pleasures.

12 But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.

13 "But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath; they cry not when He bindeth them.

14 They die in youth, and their life is among the unclean.

15 He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression.

16 Even so would He have removed thee out of thy straits into a broad place where there is no straitness; and that which should be set on thy table should be full of fatness.

17 "But thou hast fulfilled the judgment of the wicked; judgment and justice take hold on thee.

18 Because there is wrath, beware lest He take thee away with His stroke; then a great ransom cannot deliver thee.

19 Will He esteem thy riches? No, not gold nor all the forces of strength.

20 Desire not the night, when people are cut off in their place.

21 Take heed, regard not iniquity, for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

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22 Behold, God exalteth by His power. Who teacheth like Him?
23 Who hath enjoined Him His way? Or who can say, 'Thou hast wrought iniquity'?
24 "Remember that thou magnify His work, which men behold.
25 Every man may see it; man may behold it afar off.
26 Behold, God is great, and we know Him not; neither can the number of His years be searched out.
27 For He maketh small the drops of water; they pour down rain according to the vapor thereof,
28 which the clouds do drop and distill upon man abundantly.
29 Also, can any understand the spreadings of the clouds, or the noise of His tabernacle?
30 Behold, He spreadeth His light upon it, and covereth the bottom of the sea.
31 For by them judgeth He the people; He giveth meat in abundance.
32 With clouds He covereth the light, and commandeth it not to shine by the cloud that cometh between.
33 The noise thereof showeth concerning it; the cattle also, concerning the vapor.

37:1 "At this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place.
2 Hear attentively the noise of His voice, and the sound that goeth out of His mouth.
3 He directeth it under the whole heaven, and His lightning unto the ends of the earth.
4 After it a voice roareth; He thundereth with the voice of His

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excellency, and He will not stay them when His voice is heard.

5 God thundereth marvelously with His voice; great things doeth He, which we cannot comprehend!

6 For He saith to the snow, 'Be thou on the earth'; likewise to the small rain and to the great rain of His strength.

7 He sealeth up the hand of every man, that all men may know His work.

8 Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places.

9 Out of the south cometh the whirlwind, and cold out of the north.

10 By the breath of God frost is given, and the breadth of the waters is straitened.

11 Also by watering He wearieth the thick cloud; He scattereth His bright cloud,

12 and it is turned round about by His counsels, that they may do whatsoever He commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth.

13 He causeth it to come—whether for correction, or for His land, or for mercy.

14 "Hearken unto this, O Job; stand still and consider the wondrous works of God.

15 Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of His cloud to shine?

16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of Him who is perfect in knowledge?

17 How thy garments are warm, when He quieteth the earth by the south wind?

18 Hast thou with Him spread out the sky, which is strong and

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as a molten looking glass?
19 Teach us what we shall say
unto Him, for we cannot order
our speech by reason of dark-
ness.
20 Shall it be told Him that I
speak? If a man speak, surely he
shall be swallowed up.
21 And now men see not the
bright light which is in the
clouds, but the wind passeth and
cleanseth them.
22 Fair weather cometh out of
the north; with God is fearsome
majesty.
23 Concerning the Almighty, we
cannot find Him out; He is excel-
lent in power and in judgment,
and abounding in justice; He will
not afflict.
24 Men do therefore fear Him;
He respecteth not any that are
wise of heart."

38:1 Then the Lord answered
Job out of the whirlwind, and
said:
2 "Who is this that darkeneth
counsel by words without knowl-
edge?
3 Gird up now thy loins like a
man; for I will demand of thee,
and answer thou Me.
4 Where wast thou when I laid
the foundations of the earth?
Declare, if thou hast understand-
ing.
5 Who hath laid the measures
thereof, if thou knowest? Or who
hath stretched the line upon it?
6 "Whereupon are the founda-
tions thereof fastened? Or who
laid the cornerstone thereof,
7 when the morning stars sang
together, and all the sons of God
shouted for joy?
8 Or who shut up the sea with

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doors, when it broke forth as if it
had issued out of the womb;
9 when I made the cloud the
garment thereof and thick dark-
ness a swaddling band for it,
10 and broke up for it My de-
creed place, and set bars and
doors,
11 and said, 'Hitherto shalt
thou come, but no further; and
here shall thy proud waves be
stayed?'
12 "Hast thou commanded the
morning since thy days, and
caused the dayspring to know
his place,
13 that it might take hold of the
ends of the earth, that the wick-
ed might be shaken out of it?
14 It is turned as clay under the
seal; and they stand out as a
garment.
15 And from the wicked their
light is withheld, and the high
arm shall be broken.
16 "Hast thou entered into the
springs of the sea? Or hast thou
walked in the search of the
depths?
17 Have the gates of death been
opened unto thee? Or hast thou
seen the doors of the shadow of
death?
18 Hast thou perceived the
breadth of the earth? Declare if
thou knowest it all.
19 "Where is the way where light
dwelleth? And as for darkness,
where is the place thereof,
20 that thou shouldest take it to
the boundary thereof, and that
thou shouldest know the paths
to the house thereof?
21 Knowest thou it, because
thou wast then born, or because
the number of thy days is great?
22 "Hast thou entered into the

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treasure house of the snow,
or hast thou seen the treasure
house of the hail,
23 which I have reserved against
the time of trouble, against the
day of battle and war?
24 By what way is the light
parted, which scattereth the east
wind upon the earth?
25 Who hath divided a water-
course for the overflowing of
waters, or a way for the lightning
of thunder,
26 to cause it to rain on the earth
where no man is, on the wilder-
ness wherein there is no man;
27 to satisfy the desolate and
waste ground, and to cause the
bud of the tender herb to spring
forth?
28 "Hath the rain a father? Or
who hath begotten the drops of
dew?
29 Out of whose womb came the
ice? And the hoary frost of heav-
en, who hath engendered it?
30 The waters are hid as with a
stone, and the face of the deep
is frozen.
31 "Canst thou bind the sweet
influences of Pleiades, or loose
the bands of Orion?
32 Canst thou bring forth Mazza-
roth in his season? Or canst thou
guide Arcturus with his sons?
33 Knowest thou the ordinances
of heaven? Canst thou set the
dominion thereof over the earth?
34 "Canst thou lift up thy voice
to the clouds, that abundance of
waters may cover thee?
35 Canst thou send lightnings,
that they may go and say unto
thee, 'Here we are'?
36 Who hath put wisdom in the
inward parts, or who hath given
understanding to the heart?

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37 Who can number the clouds
by wisdom? Or who can stay
the bottles of heaven,
38 when the dust groweth into
hardness, and the clods cleave
fast together?
39 "Wilt thou hunt the prey for
the lion, or fill the appetite of
the young lions,
40 when they crouch in their
dens, and abide in the covert
to lie in wait?
41 Who provideth for the raven
his food, when his young ones
cry unto God, and wander for
lack of meat?

39:1 "Knowest thou the time
when the wild goats of the rock
bring forth? Or canst thou mark
when the hinds do calve?
2 Canst thou number the
months that they fulfill? Or
knowest thou the time when
they bring forth?
3 They bow themselves, they
bring forth their young ones;
they cast out their sorrows.
4 Their young ones are sturdy;
they grow up with corn; they
go forth and return not unto
them.
5 "Who hath sent out the wild
ass free? Or who hath loosed
the bands of the wild ass,
6 whose house I have made the
wilderness and the barren land
his dwellings?
7 He scorneth the multitude of
the city, neither regardeth he
the crying of the driver.
8 The range of the mountains
is his pasture, and he searcheth
after every green thing.
9 Will the unicorn be willing
to serve thee, or abide by thy
crib?

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10 Canst thou bind the unicorn with his band to the furrow? Or will he harrow the valleys behind thee?

11 Wilt thou trust him because his strength is great? Or wilt thou leave thy labor to him?

12 Wilt thou believe him, that he will bring home the seed and gather it into thy barn?

13 "Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? Or wings and feathers unto the ostrich,

14 which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust,

15 and forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them?

16 She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers; her labor is in vain without fear;

17 because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath He imparted to her understanding.

18 Yet when she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider.

19 "Hast thou given the horse strength? Hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?

20 Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper? The glory of his nostrils is terrible.

21 He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength; he goeth on to meet the armed men.

22 He mocketh at fear, and is not frightened, neither turneth he back from the sword.

23 The quiver rattleth against him, the glittering spear and the shield.

24 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage, neither

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believeth he that it is the sound of the trumpet.

25 He saith among the trumpets, 'Ha, ha!' And he smelleth the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

26 "Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom, and stretch her wings toward the south?

27 Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high?

28 She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock and the strong place.

29 From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off.

30 Her young ones also suck up blood; and where the slain are, there is she."

40:1 Moreover the Lord answered Job and said:

2 "Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct Him? He that reproveth God, let him answer it."

3 Then Job answered the Lord and said:

4 "Behold, I am vile. What shall I answer Thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth.

5 Once have I spoken, but I will not answer; yea, twice, but I will proceed no further."

6 Then answered the Lord unto Job out of the whirlwind and said:

7 "Gird up thy loins now like a man; I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto Me.

8 Wilt thou also disannul My judgment? Wilt thou condemn Me, that thou mayest be righteous?

9 Hast thou an arm like God? Or

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canst thou thunder with a voice like Him?

10 "Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty.

11 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath; and behold every one that is proud, and abase him.

12 Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place.

13 Hide them in the dust together; and bind their faces in secret.

14 Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee.

15 "Behold now Behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox.

16 Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly.

17 He moveth his tail like a cedar; the sinews of his stones are wrapped together.

18 His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron.

19 He is the chief of the ways of God; He that made him can make His sword to approach unto him.

20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play.

21 He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed and fens.

22 The shady trees cover him with their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about.

23 Behold, he drinketh up a river and hasteneth not; he trusteth that he can draw up the Jordan into his mouth.

24 Will any take him with his

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sight, or bore his nose with a snare?

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41:1 "Canst thou draw out Leviathan with a hook? Or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down?

2 Canst thou put a hook into his nose, or bore his jaw through with a thorn?

3 Will he make many supplications unto thee? Will he speak soft words unto thee?

4 Will he make a covenant with thee? Wilt thou take him as a servant for ever?

5 Wilt thou play with him as with a bird? Or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?

6 Shall the companions make a banquet of him? Shall they parcel him among the merchants?

7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons, or his head with fish spears?

8 Lay thine hand upon him; remember the battle, and do so no more!

9 Behold, the hope against him is in vain. Shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?

10 None is so fierce that dare stir him up. Who then is able to stand before Me?

11 Who hath come before Me, that I should repay him? Whatever is under the whole heaven is Mine.

12 "I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.

13 Who can uncover the face of his garment? Or who can come to him with his double bridle?

14 Who can open the doors of his face? His teeth are terrible round about.

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15 His scales are his pride, shut up together as with a tight seal.
16 One is so near to another that no air can come between them.
17 They are joined one to another; they stick together, that they cannot be sundered.
18 By his sneezings a light doth shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.
19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out.
20 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron.
21 His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth.
22 In his neck remaineth strength, and sorrow is turned into joy before him. 23 The folds of his flesh are joined together; they are firm in themselves; they cannot be moved. 24 His heart is as firm as a stone, yea, as hard as a piece of the nether millstone.
25 When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid; by reason of breakings they purify themselves.
26 The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold the spear, the dart, nor the breastplate.
27 He esteemeth iron as straw, and brass as rotten wood.
28 The arrow cannot make him flee; slingstones are turned by him into stubble.
29 Darts are counted as stubble; he laugheth at the shaking of a spear.
30 Sharp potsherds are his undersides; he spreadeth sharp pointed things upon the mire.
31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot; he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.

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32 He maketh a path to shine after him; one would think the deep to be hoary.

33 Upon earth there is not his like, who is made without fear.

34 He beholdeth all high things; he is a king over all the children of pride."

42:1 Then Job answered the Lord and said:

2 "I know that Thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withheld from Thee.

3 'Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge?' Therefore have I uttered what I understood not, things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

4 'Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak; I will question thee, and declare thou unto Me.'

5 I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye seeth Thee.

6 Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

7 And it was so, that after the Lord had spoken these words unto Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My wrath is kindled against thee and against thy two friends; for ye have not spoken of Me the thing that is right, as My servant Job hath.

8 Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to My servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering. And My servant Job shall pray for you; for him will I accept, lest I deal with you after your folly in that ye have not spoken of Me the thing which is right, like My servant Job."

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar

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the Naamathite went and did according as the Lord commanded them. The Lord also accepted Job.

10 And the Lord released Job from captivity when he prayed for his friends. Also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.

11 Then came there unto him all his brethren and all his sisters, and all those who had been of his acquaintance before, and ate bread with him in his house. And they bemoaned him and comforted him over all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him. Every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an earring of gold.

12 So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand sheasses.

13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he called the name of the first Jemimah, and the name of the second Keziah, and the name of the third Kerenhappuch.

15 And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job, and their father gave them an inheritance among their brethren.

16 After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his sons and his sons' sons, even four generations.

17 So Job died, being old and full of days.

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1st Reading

- Out loud, in one setting, read through the book
Get the BIG picture.



2nd Reading

- Observe!
- Mark what stands out for you during your reading.
Use different colors. (Names, places, events, etc.)



3rd Reading

- Find the key verse in the book, and one in each chapter.



4th Reading

- Write down your observations



5th Reading

- Write a summary of this book
- Do application of book.

1. Literary Question

a. What kind of literature is the book?

2. Critical Question

a. Who wrote the book?

b. When was it written?

c. To whom was it written?

d. From where was it written?

3. Historical Question

a. Who are key figures in this book?

b. Give dates of significant historical events

- What was the political situation

- What was the international situation

- Any alliances or important battles

4. Survey Question

a. What is the main idea of the book
(The message in one sentence)

b. What is the major reason that the book was written?

c. How can we connect Jesus in this book?

Application



- What fundamental universal truths are presented in this passage?

- State the issues in your own life/culture that this truth address.

- State the implications of the principle when applied to your life and the world around you.

What change does it require?

What value is reinforce?

What difference does it make?

- Make a heartfelt decision to change. State this decision in a plan to accomplish the task. This is a specific course of action.



Be specific.

- What am I to believe?



- Do I need to change anything I have previously believed?

- Are there attitudes or actions that I need to change?

- How does this truth encourage me? In what area of my life?

- What do I see about the character of God?

- How does this aspect of God's character speak or minister to me?

More questions you can ask

- What have I learned about myself from my study?

- What have I learned about others?

- What impact does this have on my life?

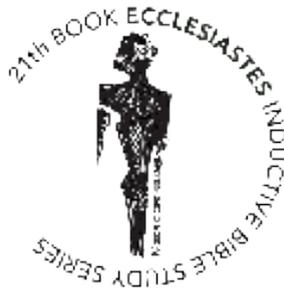
- What can I learn about my relationship with God?

- Is there anything that needs to change in my relationship with Him?

- Is there anything that needs to change in how I relate to others?

- How am I challenged or encouraged by the lives of the people in the Bible? What can I learn from them? Is there anything I can identify with their lives?





- 1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
- 2 "Vanity of vanities," saith the Preacher. "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."
- 3 What profit hath a man from all his labor which he doeth under the sun?
- 4 One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh; but the earth abideth for ever.
- 5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteneth to his place where he arose.
- 6 The wind goeth toward the south and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.
- 7 All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.
- 8 All things are full of labor; man cannot utter it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.
- 9 The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done, is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun.

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10 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, "See, this is new"? It hath been already in olden times which were before us.

11 There is no remembrance of former things, neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come by those that shall come after.

12 I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

13 And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven. This sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith.

14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

15 That which is crooked cannot be made straight, and that which is wanting cannot be numbered.

16 I communed with mine own heart, saying, "Lo, I have come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all they that have been before me in Jerusalem; yea, my heart had great experience in wisdom and knowledge."

17 And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly. But I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.

18 For in much wisdom is much grief, and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

2:1 I said in mine heart, "Go now, I will test thee with mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure." And behold, this also is vanity.

2 I said of laughter: "It is madness"; and of mirth: "What good doeth it?"

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3 I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine (yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom), and to lay hold on folly, until I might see what was good for the sons of men, which they should do under heaven all the days of their life.

4 I made me great work, I builded me houses, I planted me vineyards.

5 I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kinds of fruit.

6 I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees.

7 I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house. Also I had great possessions of great and small cattle, above all that were in Jerusalem before me.

8 I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces. I got me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, and musical instruments, and those of all sorts.

9 So I was great and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me.

10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them; I withheld not my heart from any joy, for my heart rejoiced in all my labor, and this was my portion from all my labor.

11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labor that I had labored to do; and behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

12 Then I turned myself to be-

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hold wisdom and madness and folly; for what can the man do that cometh after the king? Even that which hath been already done.

13 Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly as far as light excelleth darkness.

14 The wise man's eyes are in his head, but the fool walketh in darkness. And I myself perceived also that one event happeneth to them all.

15 Then I said in my heart, "As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me, and why was I then more wise?" Then I said in my heart, "This also is vanity."

16 For there is no more remembrance of the wise for ever than of the fool, since all that now is shall be forgotten in the days to come. And how dieth the wise man? As the fool!

17 Therefore I hated life, because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me. For all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

18 Yea, I hated all my labor which I had done under the sun, because I must leave it unto the man who shall be after me.

19 And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? Yet shall he have rule over all my labor wherein I have labored, and wherein I have shown myself wise under the sun. This is also vanity.

20 Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labor which I had done under the sun.

21 For a man may labor in wisdom and in knowledge and in equity; yet to a man who hath

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not labored therein shall he leave it for his portion. This also is vanity and a great evil.

22 For what hath man for all his labor and for the vexation of his heart wherewith he hath labored under the sun?

23 For all his days are sorrows and his travail grief. Yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity.

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 God.

25 For who can eat, or who else can hasten hereunto more than I?

26 For God giveth to a man what is good in His sight: wisdom and knowledge and joy; but to the sinner He giveth travail to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God. This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heaven:

2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

6 a time to get, and a time to

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lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
7 a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.
9 What profit hath he that worketh in that for which he laboreth?
10 I have seen the travail which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.
11 He hath made every thing beautiful in his time. Also He hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.
12 I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice and to do good in his life,
13 and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor: it is the gift of God.
14 I know that whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. And God doeth it, that men should fear before Him.
15 That which hath been is now, and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.
16 And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there.
17 I said in mine heart, "God shall judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work."

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18 I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts.

19 For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other. Yea, they have all one breath, so that man hath no preeminence above a beast, for all is vanity.

20 All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

21 Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?

22 Therefore I perceived that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his own works, for that is his portion; for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

4:1 So I returned and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: And behold, the tears of those who were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power, but they had no comforter.

2 Therefore I praised the dead who are already dead more than the living who are yet alive;

3 yea, better than both of them is he who hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

4 Again, I considered all travail and every right work for which a man is envied by his neighbor. This is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

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5 The fool foldeth his hands together and eateth his own flesh.

6 Better is a handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of the spirit.

7 Again I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun:

8 There is one who is alone, and there is not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother, yet there is no end to all his labor. Neither is his eye satisfied with riches; nor saith he, "For whom do I labor and bereave my soul of good?" This is also vanity; yea, it is a sore travail.

9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him that is alone when he falleth, for he hath not another to help him up.

11 Again, if two lie down together, then they have heat, but how can one be warm alone?

12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threstrand cord is not quickly broken.

13 Better is a poor and wise child, than an old and foolish king who will no more be admonished.

14 For out of prison he cometh to reign; whereas also he that is born in his kingdom becometh poor.

15 I considered all the living who walk under the sun, with the second child who shall stand up in his stead.

16 There is no end of all the people, even of all that have been before them; they also who

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came after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

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5:1 Guard thy feet when thou goest into the house of God; and be more ready to hear than to make the sacrifice of fools, for they consider not that they do evil.

2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God. For God is in heaven and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

3 For a dream cometh through a multitude of business, and a fool's voice is known by a multitude of words.

4 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it, for He hath no pleasure in fools; pay that which thou hast vowed.

5 Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not pay.

6 Let not thy mouth cause thy flesh to sin, neither say thou before God's angel that the vow was an error. Why should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities. But fear thou God.

8 If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter; for he that is higher than the highest regardeth, and there are higher than they.

9 Moreover the profit of the earth is for all; the king himself is served by the field.

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10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver, nor he that loveth abundance with increase. This is also vanity.

11 When goods increase, they are increased who eat them; and what good is there to the owners thereof, except the beholding of them with their eyes?

12 The sleep of the laboring man is sweet whether he eat little or much, but the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep.

13 There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely: riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt.

14 But those riches perish by evil travail; and when he begetteth a son, there is nothing in his hand.

15 As he came forth from his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labor which he may carry away in his hand.

16 And this also is a sore evil: that in all ways as he came, so shall he go. And what profit hath he that hath labored for the wind?

17 All his days also he eateth in darkness, and hath much sorrow and wrath with his sickness.

18 Behold that which I have seen: It is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him; for it is his portion.

19 Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given power to eat thereof and to take his portion and to rejoice in his labor, this is the gift of God.

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20 For he shall not much remember the days of his life, because God answereth him in the joy of his heart.

6:1 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men:

2 a man to whom God hath given riches, wealth and honor, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not the power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it. This is vanity, and it is an evil disease.

3 If a man beget a hundred children and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and also that he have no burial, I say that an untimely birth is better than he,

4 for he cometh in with vanity and departeth in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness;

5 moreover he hath not seen the sun, nor known any thing. This one hath more rest than the other:

6 yea, though he live a thousand years twicetold, yet he hath seen no good. Do not all go to one place?

7 All the labor of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled.

8 For what hath the wise more than the fool? What hath the poor, who knoweth how to walk before the living?

9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire. This is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

10 That which hath been is

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named already, and it is known what man is; neither may he contend with Him that is mightier than he.

11 Seeing there are many things that increase vanity, how is man the better?

12 For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life being spent as a shadow? For who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

7:1 A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

2 It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting; for that is the end of all men, and the living will lay it to his heart.

3 Sorrow is better than laughter, for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.

4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

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

6 For as is the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool. This also is vanity.

7 Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad, and a bribe destroyeth the heart.

8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry, for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

10 Say not thou, "Why were the

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former days better than these?"
For thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this.

11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance, and by it there is profit to them that see the sun.

12 For wisdom is a safeguard, as money is a safeguard, but the excellency of knowledge is that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.

13 Consider the work of God; for who can make straight that which He hath made crooked?

14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider this: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

15 All things have I seen in the days of my vanity: There is a just man who perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongeth his life in his wickedness.

16 Be not righteous overmuch, neither make thyself overwise: why shouldest thou destroy thyself?

17 Be not overmuch wicked, neither be thou foolish. Why shouldest thou die before thy time?

18 It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from the other withdraw not thine hand. For he that feareth God shall come forth from them all.

19 Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men who are in the city.

20 For there is not a just man upon earth who doeth good and sinneth not.

21 Also take no heed unto all words that are spoken, lest thou

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hear thy servant curse thee.

22 For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.

23 All this have I tested by wisdom: I said, "I will be wise," but it was far from me.

24 That which is far off and exceedingly deep" who can find it out?

25 I applied mine heart to know and to search and to seek out wisdom and the reason for things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness.

26 And I find more bitter than death the woman whose heart is snares and nets, and whose hands are as bonds. Whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her, but the sinner shall be taken by her.

27 "Behold, this have I found," saith the Preacher, "counting one by one to find out the account,

28 which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not: One man among a thousand have I found, but a woman among all those have I not found.

29 Lo, this only have I found: that God hath made man upright, but they have sought out many inventions."

8:1 Who is as the wise man? And who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.

2 I counsel thee to keep the king's commandment, and that because of thy oath to God.

3 Be not hasty to go out of

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his sight. Stand not for an evil cause, for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him.

4 Where the word of a king is, there is power; and who may say unto him, "What doest thou?"

5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing, and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.

6 Because for every purpose there is a time and a judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him.

7 For he knoweth not that which shall be; for who can tell him when it shall be?

8 There is no man who hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit, neither hath he power in the day of death. And there is no discharge in that war, neither shall wickedness deliver those who are given to it.

9 All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: there is a time wherein a man ruleth over another to his own hurt.

10 And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done. This is also vanity.

11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

12 Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him.

13 But it shall not be well with the wicked; neither shall he

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prolong his days, which are as a shadow, because he feareth not before God.

14 There is a vanity which is done upon the earth: that there be just men, unto whom it happeneth according to the works of the wicked; again, there be wicked men, to whom it happeneth according to the works of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity.

15 Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun than to eat and to drink and to be merry, for that shall abide with him from his labor the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun.

16 When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth (for also is there that neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes),

17 then I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun, because though a man labor to seek it out, yet shall he not find it; yea further, though even a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it.

9:1 For all this I considered in my heart, even that I might declare all this: that the righteous and the wise and their works are in the hand of God. No man knoweth either love or hatred by all that is before him.

2 All things come alike to all: there is one event that happeneth to the righteous and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him

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that doth not sacrifice: As is the good, so is the sinner, and he that taketh an oath, as he that feareth an oath.

3 This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun: that there is one event that happeneth unto all. Yea, also the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live; and after that they go to the dead.

4 For him that is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

5 For the living know that they shall die; but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

6 Also their love and their hatred and their envy is now perished; neither have they any more a portion forever in anything that is done under the sun.

7 Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works.

8 Let thy garments be always white, and let thy head lack no ointment.

9 Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which He hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity; for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labor which thou hast done under the sun.

10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest.

11 I returned and saw under the sun, that the race is not to

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the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

12 For man also knoweth not his time: As the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare, so are the sons of men snared in an evil time when it falleth suddenly upon them.

13 This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great unto me:

14 There was a little city and few men within it. And there came a great king against it, and besieged it and built great bulwarks against it.

15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.

16 Then said I, "Wisdom is better than strength"; nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.

17 The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools.

18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroyeth much good.

10:1 Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savor; so doth a little folly in him that hath a reputation for wisdom and honor.

2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand, but a fool's heart at his left.

3 Yea also, when he that is a

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fool walketh along the way, his wisdom faileth him, and he saith to everyone that he is a fool.

4 If the ire of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy station; for yielding pacifieth great offenses.

5 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun as an error which proceedeth from the ruler:

6 folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in lowly places.

7 I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth.

8 He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh through a hedge, a serpent shall bite him.

9 Whoso removeth out stones shall be hurt therewith; and he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby.

10 If the ax be blunt and one does not whet the edge, then must he put to it more strength; but wisdom is profitable to direct him.

11 Surely the serpent will bite if not charmed, and a babbler is no better.

12 The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious, but the lips of a fool will swallow himself up; 13 the beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness, and the end of his talk is mischievous madness.

14 A fool also is full of words: A man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him — who can tell him?

15 The labor of the foolish wearieth every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city.

16 Woe to thee, O land, when

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thy king is a child and thy princes
feast in the morning!

17 Blessed art thou, O land,
when thy king is the son of no-
bles, and thy princes eat in due
season, for strength and not for
drunkenness!

18 By much slothfulness the
building decayeth, and through
idleness of the hands the house
leaks.

19 A feast is made for laughter,
and wine maketh merry; but
money answereth all things.

20 Curse not the king, no, not
even in thy thoughts, and curse
not the rich in thy bedchamber;
for a bird of the air shall carry thy
voice, and that which hath wings
shall tell the matter.

11:1 Cast thy bread upon the
waters, for thou shalt find it after
many days.

2 Give a portion to seven and
also to eight, for thou knowest
not what evil shall be upon the
earth.

3 If the clouds be full of rain,
they empty themselves upon the
earth; and if the tree fall toward
the south or toward the north, in
the place where the tree falleth,
there it shall be.

4 He that observeth the wind
shall not sow, and he that regar-
deth the clouds shall not reap.

5 As thou knowest not what is
the way of the spirit, nor how the
bones grow in the womb of her
that is with child, even so thou
knowest not the works of God
who maketh all.

6 In the morning sow thy seed,
and in the evening withhold not
thine hand; for thou knowest not
whether either this or that shall

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prosper, or whether they both shall be alike good.

7 Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun;

8 but if a man live many years and rejoice in them all, yet let him remember the days of darkness, for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity.

9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth. And walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou that for all these things, God will bring thee into judgment.

10 Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh, for childhood and youth are vanity.

12:1 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, "I have no pleasure in them";

2 while neither the sun nor the light, nor the moon nor the stars be darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain;

3 in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and the eyes that look out of the windows be darkened;

4 and the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low; and he shall rise up at the voice of a bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low;

5 also when they shall be afraid

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of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way; and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail; because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets;

6 or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern—

7 then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

8 “Vanity of vanities,” saith the Preacher. “All is vanity.”

9 And moreover because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed and sought out and set in order many proverbs.

10 The Preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth!

11 The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the master builders, which are given from one Shepherd.

12 And further, my son, by these words be admonished: of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness to the flesh.

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.

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