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1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king of Jerusalem. 2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities! all is vanity. 3 What profit hath man of all his labour wherewith he laboureth under the sun? 4 [One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh, but the earth standeth ever.] 5 The sun also riseth, and the sun goeth down, and its place where it ariseth. 6 The wind goeth towards the south, and turneth about towards the north; it turneth about continually, and the wind returneth again to its circuits. 7 All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full: unto the place whither the rivers go, thither they go again. 8 All things are full of toil; none can express it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

hearing|strong = "H0241". ⁹ That|strong = "H3605" which|strong = "H1931" hath been|strong = "H1961" is|strong = "H0369" that|strong = "H3605" which|strong = "H1931" shall|strong = "H1931" be|strong = "H1961"; and|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3605" which|strong = "H1931" hath been|strong = "H1961" done|strong = "H6213" is|strong = "H0369" that|strong = "H3605" which|strong = "H1931" will|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961" done|strong = "H6213": and|strong = "H3605" there|strong = "H0369" is|strong = "H0369" nothing|strong = "H0369" new|strong = "H2319" under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605" sun|strong = "H8121". ¹⁰ Is|strong = "H0834" there|strong = "H3426" a|strong = "H1961" thing|strong = "H1697" whereof it|strong = "H1931" may|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961" said|strong = "H0559", See|strong = "H7200", this|strong = "H2088" is|strong = "H0834" new|strong = "H2319"? It|strong = "H1931" hath been|strong = "H1961" already|strong = "H3528" in|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H0559" ages|strong = "H5769" which|strong = "H0834" were|strong = "H0834" before|strong = "H6440" us|strong = "H6440". ¹¹ There|strong = "H0369" is|strong = "H0369" no|strong = "H3808" remembrance|strong = "H2146" of|strong = "H0369" former|strong = "H7223" things|strong = "H7223"; neither|strong = "H3808" shall|strong = "H3808" there|strong = "H0369" be|strong = "H1961" remembrance|strong = "H2146" of|strong = "H0369" things|strong = "H7223" that|strong = "H3808" are|strong = "H1992" to|strong = "H1961" come|strong = "H1961" with|strong = "H5973" those|strong = "H1992" who|strong = "H0369" shall|strong = "H3808" live afterwards|strong = "H0314". ¹² I|strong = "H0589", the|strong = "H5921" Preacher|strong = "H6953", was|strong = "H1961" king|strong = "H4428" over|strong = "H5921" Israel|strong = "H3478" in|strong = "H5921" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389". ¹³ And|strong = "H1121" I|strong = "H0834" applied|strong = "H5414" my|strong = "H3605" heart|strong = "H3820" to|strong = "H5921" seek|strong = "H1875" and|strong = "H1121" search|strong = "H1875" out|strong = "H5921" by|strong = "H5921" wisdom|strong = "H2451" concerning|strong = "H5921" all|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834" done|strong = "H6213" under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605" heavens|strong = "H8064": this|strong = "H1931" grievous occupation hath ¹ God|strong = "H0430" given|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" children|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" men|strong = "H0120" to|strong = "H5921" weary themselves|strong = "H7451" therewith. ¹⁴ I|strong = "H2009" have|strong = "H7200" seen|strong = "H7200" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" works|strong = "H4639" that|strong = "H3605" are|strong = "H4639" done|strong = "H6213" under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605" sun|strong = "H8121", and|strong = "H7200" behold|strong = "H2009", all|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H2009" vanity|strong = "H1892" and|strong = "H7200" pursuit

¹° 1.13 w Elohim|strong = "H0430" w*

of ¹⁵ the wind. 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, and I have become great and acquired wisdom more than all they that have been before me over Jerusalem; and my heart hath seen much of wisdom and knowledge. ¹⁷ And I applied to the wisdom of the wind, and to the madness of folly: I perceived that is striving after the wind. ¹⁸ For wisdom is much vexation, and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

I said in my heart, Come now, I will try thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure. But behold, this vanity. ² I said of laughter, Madness! and of mirth, What availeth it? ³ I searched how to cherish my

flesh|strong = "H1320" with|strong = "H3117" wine|strong = "H3196",
 while|strong = "H5704" practising my|strong = "H7200"
 heart|strong = "H3820" with|strong = "H3117" wisdom|strong = "H2451";
 and|strong = "H1121" how|strong = "H0834" to|strong = "H5704"
 lay|strong = "H1121" hold|strong = "H0270" on|strong = "H3117"
 folly|strong = "H5531", till|strong = "H5704" I|strong = "H0834"
 should|strong = "H0120" see|strong = "H7200" what|strong = "H0834"
 was|strong = "H0834" that|strong = "H0834" good|strong = "H2896"
 for|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H0853" children|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" men|strong = "H0120" which|strong = "H0834"
 they|strong = "H0834" should|strong = "H0120" do|strong = "H6213"
 under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H0853" heavens|strong = "H8064"
 all|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H0853" days|strong = "H3117"
 of|strong = "H1121" their|strong = "H7200" life|strong = "H3117". ⁴ I
 made|strong = "H4639" me|strong = "H1004" great|strong = "H1431"
 works|strong = "H4639"; I builded me|strong = "H1004"
 houses|strong = "H1004"; I planted|strong = "H5193" me|strong = "H1004"
 vineyards|strong = "H3754"; ⁵ I made|strong = "H6213"
 me|strong = "H3605" gardens|strong = "H1593" and|strong = "H6086"
 parks|strong = "H6508", and|strong = "H6086" I planted|strong = "H5193"
 trees|strong = "H6086" in|strong = "H6086" them|strong = "H6213"
 of|strong = "H3605" every|strong = "H3605" kind of|strong = "H3605"
 fruit|strong = "H6529"; ⁶ I|strong = "H6779" made|strong = "H6213"
 me|strong = "H8248" ponds|strong = "H1295" of|strong = "H4325"
 water|strong = "H4325", to|strong = "H4325" water|strong = "H4325"
 therewith the|strong = "H8248" wood|strong = "H6086", where
 the|strong = "H8248" trees|strong = "H6086" are|strong = "H1992" reared. ⁷
 I|strong = "H5650" acquired|strong = "H7069" servants|strong = "H5650"
 and|strong = "H1121" maidens, and|strong = "H1121" had|strong = "H1961"
 servants|strong = "H5650" born|strong = "H1121" in|strong = "H1004"
 my|strong = "H3605" house|strong = "H1004"; also|strong = "H1571"
 I|strong = "H5650" had|strong = "H1961" great possessions|strong = "H4735"
 of|strong = "H1121" herds|strong = "H1241" and|strong = "H1121"
 flocks|strong = "H6629", above|strong = "H6440" all|strong = "H3605"
 that|strong = "H3605" had|strong = "H1961" been|strong = "H1961"
 in|strong = "H1004" Jerusalem|strong = "H3389" before|strong = "H6440"
 me|strong = "H6440". ⁸ I|strong = "H1571" gathered|strong = "H3664"
 me|strong = "H1121" also|strong = "H1571" silver|strong = "H3701"
 and|strong = "H1121" gold|strong = "H2091", and|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H1571" peculiar treasure|strong = "H5459" of|strong = "H1121"
 kings|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H1571" provinces|strong = "H4082"; I|strong = "H1571" got
 me|strong = "H1121" men-singers and|strong = "H1121" women-singers,
 and|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H1571" delights of|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H1571" children|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 men|strong = "H0120", a|strong = "H1571" wife and|strong = "H1121"

concubines|strong="H7705". ⁹ And|strong="H3389" I|strong="H2451" became|strong="H1961" great|strong="H1431", and|strong="H3389" increased|strong="H3254" more|strong="H3254" than|strong="H3605" all|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605" had|strong="H1961" been|strong="H1961" before|strong="H6440" me|strong="H6440" in|strong="H5975" Jerusalem|strong="H3389": also|strong="H0637" my|strong="H3605" wisdom|strong="H2451" remained|strong="H1961" with|strong="H3389" me|strong="H6440". ¹⁰ And|strong="H5869" whatsoever|strong="H3605" mine eyes|strong="H5869" desired|strong="H7592" I|strong="H0834" kept|strong="H4513" not|strong="H3808" from|strong="H1961" them|strong="H1992": I|strong="H0834" withheld|strong="H4513" not|strong="H3808" my|strong="H3605" heart|strong="H3820" from|strong="H1961" any|strong="H3605" joy|strong="H8057"; for|strong="H3588" my|strong="H3605" heart|strong="H3820" rejoiced|strong="H8055" in|strong="H8055" all|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" labour, and|strong="H5869" this|strong="H2088" was|strong="H1961" my|strong="H3605" portion|strong="H2506" from|strong="H1961" all|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" labour. ¹¹

Then|strong="H2009" I|strong="H0589" looked|strong="H6437" on|strong="H3027" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" works|strong="H4639" that|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" hands|strong="H3027" had|strong="H0369" wrought|strong="H4639", and|strong="H3027" on|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3605" labour that|strong="H3605" it|strong="H6213" had|strong="H0369" cost me|strong="H0589" to|strong="H0369" do|strong="H6213" [them|strong="H3027"]; and|strong="H3027" behold|strong="H2009", all|strong="H3605" was|strong="H0369" vanity|strong="H1892" and|strong="H3027" pursuit of|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3605" wind|strong="H7307", and|strong="H3027" there|strong="H0369" was|strong="H0369" no|strong="H0369" profit|strong="H3504" under|strong="H8478" the|strong="H3605" sun|strong="H8121". ¹²

And|strong="H0935" I|strong="H0589" turned|strong="H6437" myself|strong="H0589" to|strong="H0935" behold|strong="H7200" wisdom|strong="H2451", and|strong="H0935" madness|strong="H1947", and|strong="H0935" folly|strong="H5531"; for|strong="H3588" what|strong="H4100" shall|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" man|strong="H0120" [do|strong="H6213"] that|strong="H0834" cometh after|strong="H0310" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428"? — that|strong="H0834" which|strong="H0834" hath already|strong="H3528" been|strong="H3528" done|strong="H6213". ¹³

And|strong="H7200" I|strong="H0589" saw|strong="H7200" that|strong="H7200" wisdom|strong="H2451" excelleth folly|strong="H5531", as|strong="H0589" light|strong="H0216" excelleth darkness|strong="H2822". ¹⁴ The|strong="H3605" wise|strong="H2450" man's eyes|strong="H5869" are|strong="H5869" in|strong="H1980"

his|strong = "H3605" head|strong = "H7218", and|strong = "H1980"
 the|strong = "H3605" fool|strong = "H3684" walketh in|strong = "H1980"
 darkness|strong = "H2822"; but|strong = "H1571" I|strong = "H0589"
 myself|strong = "H0589" also|strong = "H1571" perceived|strong = "H3045"
 that|strong = "H3045" one|strong = "H0259" event happeneth
 to|strong = "H1980" them|strong = "H0853" all|strong = "H3605". ¹⁵
 And|strong = "H2088" I|strong = "H0589" said|strong = "H0559"
 in|strong = "H1696" my|strong = "H1696" heart|strong = "H3820",
 As|strong = "H1571" it|strong = "H1696" happeneth to|strong = "H0559"
 the|strong = "H0559" fool|strong = "H3684" so|strong = "H1571"
 will|strong = "H1571" it|strong = "H1696" happen even|strong = "H1571"
 to|strong = "H0559" me|strong = "H0589"; and|strong = "H2088"
 why|strong = "H4100" was|strong = "H3820" I|strong = "H0589"
 then|strong = "H0227" so|strong = "H1571" wise|strong = "H2449"?
 Then|strong = "H0227" I|strong = "H0589" said|strong = "H0559"
 in|strong = "H1696" my|strong = "H1696" heart|strong = "H3820"
 that|strong = "H2088" this|strong = "H2088" also|strong = "H1571"
 is|strong = "H2088" vanity|strong = "H1892". ¹⁶ For|strong = "H3588"
 there|strong = "H0369" shall|strong = "H3117" be|strong = "H4191"
 no|strong = "H0369" remembrance|strong = "H2146" of|strong = "H3117"
 the|strong = "H3605" wise|strong = "H2450" more|strong = "H0369"
 than|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605"
 fool|strong = "H3684" for|strong = "H3588" ever|strong = "H5769";
 because|strong = "H3588" everything|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H0369"
 already|strong = "H3528" forgotten|strong = "H7911" in|strong = "H0935"
 the|strong = "H3605" days|strong = "H3117" which come|strong = "H0935".
 And|strong = "H0935" how|strong = "H0349" dieth the|strong = "H3605"
 wise|strong = "H2450" even|strong = "H3588" as|strong = "H0935"
 the|strong = "H3605" fool|strong = "H3684"? ¹⁷ And|strong = "H1892"
 I|strong = "H3588" hated|strong = "H8130" life|strong = "H2416";
 for|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605" work|strong = "H4639"
 that|strong = "H3588" is|strong = "H3605" wrought|strong = "H4639"
 under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605" sun|strong = "H8121"
 was|strong = "H7307" grievous unto me|strong = "H5921";
 for|strong = "H3588" all|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H3605"
 vanity|strong = "H1892" and|strong = "H1892" pursuit of|strong = "H7307"
 the|strong = "H3605" wind|strong = "H7307". ¹⁸ And|strong = "H0120"
 I|strong = "H0589" hated|strong = "H8130" all|strong = "H3605"
 my|strong = "H3605" labour wherewith I|strong = "H0589"
 had|strong = "H1961" been|strong = "H1961" toiling|strong = "H6001"
 under|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H3605" sun|strong = "H8121",
 because|strong = "H8478" I|strong = "H0589" should|strong = "H0120"
 leave|strong = "H3240" it|strong = "H1961" unto the|strong = "H3605"
 man|strong = "H0120" that|strong = "H3605" shall|strong = "H8478"
 be|strong = "H1961" after|strong = "H0310" me|strong = "H8130". ¹⁹
 And|strong = "H3045" who|strong = "H4310" knoweth

whether|strong="H0176" he|strong="H3605" will|strong="H4310"
 be|strong="H1961" a|strong="H1961" wise|strong="H2450"
 [man|strong="H2450"] or|strong="H0176" a|strong="H1961"
 fool|strong="H5530"? yet|strong="H1571" shall|strong="H4310"
 he|strong="H3605" have|strong="H1961" rule over|strong="H7980"
 all|strong="H3605" my|strong="H3605" labour at|strong="H1961"
 which|strong="H4310" I|strong="H3045" have|strong="H1961" laboured,
 and|strong="H3045" wherein I|strong="H3045" have|strong="H1961"
 been|strong="H1961" wise|strong="H2450" under|strong="H8478"
 the|strong="H3605" sun|strong="H8121". This|strong="H2088"
 also|strong="H1571" is|strong="H2088" vanity|strong="H1892". ²⁰
 Then|strong="H0853" I|strong="H0589" went|strong="H5437"
 about|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921" cause my|strong="H3605"
 heart|strong="H3820" to|strong="H5921" despair|strong="H2976"
 of|strong="H5921" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" labour
 wherewith I|strong="H0589" had|strong="H0853" laboured
 under|strong="H8478" the|strong="H3605" sun|strong="H8121". ²¹
 For|strong="H3588" there|strong="H3426" is|strong="H2088"
 a|strong="H3588" man|strong="H0120" whose|strong="H0120" labour
 hath been|strong="H3426" with|strong="H1571"
 wisdom|strong="H2451", and|strong="H0120" with|strong="H1571"
 knowledge|strong="H1847", and|strong="H0120" with|strong="H1571"
 skill|strong="H2451", and|strong="H0120" who|strong="H0120" leaveth
 it|strong="H5414" to|strong="H5414" a|strong="H3588"
 man|strong="H0120" that|strong="H3588" hath not|strong="H3808"
 laboured therein, to|strong="H5414" be|strong="H3808"
 his|strong="H5414" portion|strong="H2506". This|strong="H2088"
 also|strong="H1571" is|strong="H2088" vanity|strong="H1892"
 and|strong="H0120" a|strong="H3588" great|strong="H7227"
 evil|strong="H7451". ²² For|strong="H3588" what|strong="H4100"
 will|strong="H0120" man|strong="H0120" have|strong="H3605"
 of|strong="H8478" all|strong="H3605" his|strong="H3605" labour
 and|strong="H0120" of|strong="H8478" the|strong="H3605"
 striving|strong="H7475" of|strong="H8478" his|strong="H3605"
 heart|strong="H3820", wherewith he|strong="H1931" hath wearied
 himself|strong="H1931" under|strong="H8478" the|strong="H3605"
 sun|strong="H8121"? ²³ For|strong="H3588" all|strong="H3605"
 his|strong="H3605" days|strong="H3117" are|strong="H3117"
 sorrows|strong="H4341", and|strong="H3117" his|strong="H3605" travail
 vexation: even|strong="H1571" in|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605"
 night|strong="H3915" his|strong="H3605" heart|strong="H3820" taketh
 no|strong="H3808" rest|strong="H7901". This|strong="H2088"
 also|strong="H1571" is|strong="H2088" vanity|strong="H1892". ²⁴
 There|strong="H0369" is|strong="H0369" nothing|strong="H0369"
 good|strong="H2896" for|strong="H3588" man|strong="H0120",
 but|strong="H3588" that|strong="H3588" he|strong="H1931"