

# Ecclesiastes 2

Interlinear Bible — King James Version

Hebrew text with English translation and Strong's numbers

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**1** I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is vanity.

אָמַרְתִּי	אֶנִּי	בְּלִבִּי	יֵלֶכָה	נָא	אֶבְסֹךָ	הָאֵלֶּה
<b>I said</b> H559	<b>in mine heart</b> H589 H3820	<b>I will prove</b> H5254	<b>thee with mirth</b> H8057			
וְרָאֵה	הַנֶּחֱמָה	גַּם	וְהִנֵּה	בֵּט וּבִ	הַקֶּבֶל	
<b>therefore enjoy</b> H7200	<b>pleasure</b> H2896		<b>and behold this also is vanity</b> H1892			

**2** I said of laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What doeth it?

עֲשֶׂה:	זֶה	מֶה	וְלִשְׁמֵחַ	הַמְּהוּלִל	לֵאמֹר	לִשְׁח וְקִ
<b>doeth</b> H6213	<b>What</b> H2090		<b>and of mirth</b> H8057	<b>It is mad</b> H1984	<b>I said</b> H559	<b>of laughter</b> H7814

**3** I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

וְלִבִּי יִבְּשֶׁר יֵאָת בֵּינִי לִמֵּשׁ וְיִלְבֵּי יִתְּנִי  
 I sought in mine heart to give unto wine myself in mine heart  
 H8446 H3820 H4900 H3196 H853 H1320 H3820

אֲשֶׁר עַד בְּסֹכֶל וְתִלְאָחַז בְּחָכְמָה נִהְיֶה ג  
 yet acquainting with wisdom and to lay hold on folly  
 H5090 H2451 H270 H5531 H5704 H834

אֲשֶׁר הָאָדָם לִבֵּי יֵט וּבִי יֵאָרָא ה  
 till I might see what was that good for the sons of men  
 H7200 H335 H2088 H2896 H1121 H120 H834

חַיָּהֶם: יְמֵי יִמְסֹפֵר הַשָּׁמַיִם תַּחַת יַעֲשׂוּ  
 which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life  
 H6213 H8478 H8064 H4557 H3117 H2416

**4** I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards:

לִי נִטְעַתִּי בֵּתִים לִי בָנִיתִי מַעֲשָׂי הַגָּדֹל לִתִּי  
 I made me great works I builded me houses I planted  
 H1431 H4639 H1129 H0 H1004 H5193 H0

כִּרְמִים:  
 me vineyards  
 H3754

**5** I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits:

עַץ בָּהֶם וְנִטְעַתִּי וּפְרִדְסִים גַּן וְתִלְאָחַז עָשִׂיתִי  
 I made me gardens and orchards and I planted trees  
 H6213 H0 H1593 H6508 H5193 H0 H6086

כָּל פְּרִי:  
 in them of all kind of fruits  
 H3605 H6529

6 I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees:

מִיָּהִם לְהַשְׁקֹת וְתִמְיָם בָּרַכְתִּי לִי עָשִׂיתִי  
I made H0 me pools H1295 of water H4325 to water H8248 H1992

עֲצִים: צֹמֶת הֵם יַעַר  
therewith the wood H3293 that bringeth forth H6779 trees H6086

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:

לִי הָיָה בְּיִתִּי וְהָיוּ עִבְדֵי וְשִׁפְחוֹת וְתִמְיָם קָנִיתִי  
I got H7069 me servants H5650 and maidens H8198 and had servants born H1121 in my house H1004 H1961  
לִי הָיָה הַרְבֵּה וְצֹאֵן וְבָקָר מְקֻנָּה גַם לִי  
H0 H1571 possessions H4735 of great H1241 and small cattle H6629 also I had great H7235 H1961 H0

בִּירוּשָׁלַם: לִפְנֵי שָׁהִי וְכֹחַ לִי  
H3605 H1961 before H6440 above all that were in Jerusalem H3389

8 I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

מִלְכֵי יָם וְסִגְלֵת וְזָהָב וְכֶסֶף גַּם לִי כָנִיתִי  
I gathered H3664 H0 H1571 me also silver H3701 and gold H2091 and the peculiar H5459 treasure of kings H4428

וְנָשִׁים וְנָשִׁים וְלִי עָשִׂיתִי וְהַמְדִּינִי וְנָשִׁים  
and of the provinces H4082 I gat H6213 H0 and women singers H7891 and women singers H7891

וְנָשִׁים: וְנָשִׁים: הָאֵדָם בְּנֵי יִתְעַנוּגֵת  
and the delights H8588 of the sons H1121 of men H120 as musical instruments H7705 as musical instruments H7705

**9** So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

לִפְנֵי י שְׁהֵי ה מִכ ל וְהוֹס פָּתִי וְגַד לִתִּי  
 So I was great and increased H3605 H1961 more than all that were before  
 H1431 H3254 H6440

לִי: עַ מְדָה חֲכָמַת י אַ ר בִּירוּשָׁלַם  
 me in Jerusalem H637 also my wisdom remained H0  
 H3389 H2451 H5975

**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 labour: and this was my portion of all my labour.

אֶצֶל לִתִּי ל א עֵינַי י שָׁאַל ו אֲשֶׁר וְכָל  
 H3605 H834 desired And whatsoever mine eyes H3808 I kept  
 H7592 H5869 H680

שְׂמִי ה מְכָל לִבִּי י אֶת מִן עֲתִי לֹא יָמָה  
 H1992 H3808 not from them I withheld H853 for my heart H3605 from any joy  
 H4513 H3820 H8057

הֵי ה וְזֶה עָמְלִי: מְכָל שְׂמִי ח לִבִּי י פִי  
 H3588 for my heart H3820 rejoiced H3605 in all my labour H2088 H1961  
 H8056 H5999

עָמְלִי: מְכָל חֵלְקִי י  
 and this was my portion H3605 in all my labour  
 H2506 H5999

**11** Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.

יָדַי לַעֲשֹׂת וְכָל מַעֲשֵׂי בְּכָל אֲנִי וּפְנֵי יָתִי  
 Then I looked H589 H3605 on all the works H4639 had wrought H6213 that my hands H3027

הַכֹּל לַיהוָה לַעֲשֹׂת וְשָׁעַמְ לִי וּבָעֲמַ ל  
 and on the labour H5999 that I had laboured H5998 had wrought H6213 H2009 H3605

וְהָיָה כָּל וְרַע וְאֵין רוּחַ וְיֵתֵר וְחַת  
 and behold all was vanity H1892 and vexation H7469 of spirit H7307 H369 and there was no profit H3504 H8478

הַשָּׁמֶשׁ:  
 under the sun H8121

**12** And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what can the man do that cometh after the king? even that which hath been already done.

וּפְנֵי יָתִי אֲנִי לִרְאֹת חֵכְמָה וְהוּלָל וְסָכָל וְחֵכְמָה  
 And I turned H6437 H589 myself to behold H7200 wisdom H2451 and madness H1947 and folly H5531

אֵת הַמֶּלֶךְ אַחֲרַי שֶׁיָּבוֹא הָאָדָם מָה כֵּן  
 H3588 H4100 for what can the man H120 do that cometh H935 after H310 the king H4428 H853

אֲשֶׁר כָּבַד עָשׂוּהוּ:  
 H834 even that which hath been already H3528 done H6213

**13** Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness.

הַסֵּכֶל וְתֵן מִן לַחֲכָמָה הַ כִּיתָר וִן שֵׁשׁ אֶנִּי וְכָא יִתִּי  
Then I saw H589 that H3426 excelleth H3504 wisdom H2451 folly H5531

הַחֲשֵׁךְ: מִן הָאֹר כִּיתָר וִן  
excelleth H216 as far as light H216 H4480 darkness H2822

**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.

הוֹלִיךְ בַּחֲשֵׁךְ וְהַכֹּסֵל בְּרֹאשׁוֹ עֵינָיו הַחֲכָם  
The wise man's H2450 eyes H5869 are in his head H7218 but the fool H3684 in darkness H2822 walketh H1980

אֶת יִקְרֶה אֶחָד שֶׁמֶקֶר הָאֶנִּי גַם וַיֵּד עִתִּי  
and I myself perceived H3045 H1571 H589 event H4745 also that one H259 happeneth H7136 H853

כָּלֵם:  
H3605

**15** Then said I 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, that this also is vanity.

אֶנִּי שֶׁגַם הַכֹּסֵל כְּמֶקֶר הַ בְּלִבִּי אֶנִּי וְאִמַּרְתִּי  
said H559 H589 I in my heart H3820 As it happeneth H4745 to the fool H3684 even to me H1571 H589

יִוָּתֵר אֲזִי אֶנִּי חֲכָמִית וְלָמָּה יִקְרֶה נִי  
so it happeneth H7136 H4100 wise H2449 H589 Then H227 and why was I then more H3148

הַבָּל: זֶה שֶׁגַם בְּלִבִּי וַיֹּדַעְתִּי  
Then I said H1696 I in my heart H3820 even to me H1571 H2088 that this also is vanity H1892

**16** For there is no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise man? as the fool.

הַכִּסִּיל:	עַם	הַחֲכָם	זָכַר וְ	אֵין כִּי
	more than	of the wise	For there is no remembrance	
	H5973	H2450	H2146	
הַכִּי לַ הַבָּאִים	הַמָּיִם	בְּשָׂכָרָה	לְעוֹלָם	
	to come	is in the days	seeing that which now	for ever
	H935	H3117	H3528	H5769
הַכִּסִּיל:	עַם	הַחֲכָם	יָמ וְ	וְאֵין יָ
	more than	of the wise	And how dieth	shall all be forgotten
	H5973	H2450	H4191	H7911
מֵאֵין כִּי	וְאֵין יָ	יָמ וְ	וְאֵין יָ	וְאֵין יָ
man as the fool				
H3684				

**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.

הַמַּעֲשֵׂה	עָלַי	בְּעַ	כִּי	הַחַיִּים	אֶת	וְשָׂנֵאתִי
because the work	is grievous	life	Therefore I hated			
H4639	H7451	H2416	H8130			
הַכִּי לַ	כִּי	הַשֶּׁשׁ	תַּחַת	שֶׁנַּעֲשֶׂה	הַ	
unto me for all is vanity		under the sun	that is wrought			
H1892		H8121	H6213			
וְרֵעַ:	וְרֵעַ:	וְרֵעַ:	וְרֵעַ:	וְרֵעַ:	וְרֵעַ:	וְרֵעַ:
of spirit	and vexation					
H7307	H7469					

**18** Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me.

עַמִּי ל שָׂאֲנִי י עֲמָלִי י כָּל אֶת אֲנִי וְשָׂנֵה אֶתִּי  
**Yea I hated** H8130 H589 H853 H3605 **all my labour** H589 H5999 **which I had taken** H6001

שְׁהִי ה לֹאֲדָם שֶׁ אֲנִיָּהּ נֹו הֵשׁ מֶשׁ תַּ חֵת  
 H8478 **under the sun** H8121 **because I should leave** H3240 **it unto the man** H120 H1961

אֲחֵרִי:  
**that shall be after** H310

**19** And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed myself wise under the sun. This is also vanity.

סָכָּ ל א ו יִהְיֶה הֶחֱכָם יוֹדַע וְיָמִי  
 H4310 **And who knoweth** H3045 **whether he shall be a wise** H2450 H1961 H176 **man or a fool** H5530

שְׁעַמִּי לִתִּי עֲמָלִי י בְּכָל וְיִשְׁלֹט  
**yet shall he have rule** H7980 H3605 **over all my labour** H5999 **wherein I have laboured** H5998

זֶה גַם הֵשׁ מֶשׁ תַּ חֵת וְשִׁחַכְּ מִתִּי  
**and wherein I have shewed myself wise** H2449 H8478 **under the sun** H8121 H1571 H2088

הַבָּל:  
**This is also vanity** H1892



**20** Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labour which I took under the sun.

כָּל עַל לִבִּי אֶת לֵא שׁ אָנִי וְסָב וְתִי  
 Therefore I went about H5437 H589 to cause H2976 H853 my heart H3820 H5921 H3605

הַשְּׁמֶשׁ: תַּחַת שְׁעֵמָ לְתִי הֵ עָמָ ל  
 of all the labour H5999 which I took H5998 H8478 under the sun H8121

**21** For there is a man whose labour is in wisdom, and in knowledge; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein shall he leave it for his portion. This also is vanity and a great evil.

וְבַד עַת בְּחִכְמָ הַ שְׁעֵמָל וְלֹאֲדָם יִשׁ כִּי  
 For there is H3588 H3426 a man H120 whose labour H5999 is in wisdom H2451 and in knowledge H1847

בּוֹ עָמָל שָׁל אַ וְלֹאֲדָם וּבְכֶשֶׁר וִן  
 and in equity H3788 a man H120 H3808 that hath not laboured H5998 H0

וְכָע הַ בֶּל יִזְהָ גַם חֵלֶק וְ יִתֵּן נֹו  
 therein shall he leave H5414 it for his portion H2506 H1571 H2088 This also is vanity H1892 evil H7451

רָבָה:  
 and a great H7227

**22** For what hath man of all his labour, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath laboured under the sun?

וּבְרַעִי וִן עָמָל וְ בְּכָל לֹאֲדָם הֵהָ הַמָּה כִּי  
 For what hath H1933 H4100 man H120 H3605 of all his labour H5999 and of the vexation H7475

הַשְּׁמֶשׁ: תַּחַת עָמָ ל שָׁה וְאֵ לִבִּי  
 of his heart H3820 wherein H1931 he hath laboured H6001 H8478 under the sun H8121

**23** For all his days are sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity.

גַּם עֲנִיּוֹ וְזֶה גַּם מְכָאֵב יָמָיו כָּל יְמֵי  
H3588 H3605 For all his days are sorrows H3117 H4341 H3708 H6045 H1571  
 הַבֵּל זֶה גַּם לִבּוֹ שֹׁכֵךְ בִּלְאֵל בַּל יָלָה  
H3915 H3808 H7901 H3820 H1571 H2088 H1892  
**in the night taketh not rest yea his heart This is also vanity**

הוא:  
H1931

**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 labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God.

וְשָׂתָה וְשָׂאֵךְ לִבְאֲדָם טוֹב אֵין  
H369 H2896 H120 H398 H8354  
 בְּעֵמָל וְטוֹב נַפְשׁוֹ אֶת וְהָרָצָה  
H3318 H853 H5315 H2896 H5999  
 הָאֵלֶּה יָמָיו מִיָּד כִּי אֶנִּי רָאִיתִי זֶה גַּם  
H1571 H2090 H7200 H589 H3588 H3027 H430  
**This also I saw that it was from the hand of God**

היא:  
H1931

**25** For who can eat, or who else can hasten hereunto, more than I?

מִמֶּנִּי חוּץ יֵחַ וְשׁ וּמִי יֹאכֵל מִי כִי  
H3588 H4310 H398 H4310 H2363 H2351 H4480  
**For who can eat or who else can hasten hereunto more**

**26** For God giveth to a man that 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.

וְיָ עַתְּ חִכְמָה הַ לְתֵת לִפְנֵי יֵ לְטוֹב לְאָדָם כִּי  
H3588 to a man H120 that is good H2896 before H6440 For God giveth H5414 wisdom H2451 and knowledge H1847

וְלִכְנֹס וְלִגְמֹל לְאִסּוֹף עֲבָרָה לְתֵת וְשִׂמְחָה הַ  
and joy H8057 but to the sinner H2398 For God giveth H5414 travail H6045 to gather H622 and to heap up H3664

הַ בָּלָּה זֶה גַּם הָאֱלֹהִים יֵ לִפְנֵי יֵ לְטוֹב לְתֵת  
For God giveth H5414 that is good H2896 before H6440 God H430 H1571 H2088 This also is vanity H1892

רוּחַ: וְרָע וְתֵת  
and vexation H7469 of spirit H7307

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