

# Ecclesiastes 7

Interlinear Bible — King James Version

Hebrew text with English translation and Strong's numbers

**1** A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

ט וּב	שֵׁם	מֶשֶׁחַ	ט וּב	מִי	וּמִי	הַמָּוֶת	מִי	וּמִי
is better	A good name	ointment	is better	and the day	of death	and the day		
H2896	H8034	H8081	H2896	H3117	H4194	H3117		

הַיּוֹלָדוֹ:  
of one's birth  
H3205

**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.

ט וּב	לָלֶכֶת	אֶל	בֵּית	אֵל	בֵּית	אֶל	מֵלֶכֶת	אֶל
It is better			to the house	of mourning				
H2896	H1980	H413	H1004	H60			H1980	H413

בֵּית	מִשְׁתֵּה	רַב־בָּאֵשׁ	הַיָּדָא	סֹפֶר	כָּל	הָאָדָם
to the house	of feasting	for		that is the end		of all men
H1004	H4960	H834	H1931	H5490	H3605	H120

וְהַחַיִּים	יָתִיד	אֶל	לִבּוֹ:
and the living	will lay		it to his heart
H2416	H5414	H413	H3820

**3** Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.

פֶּנִּי יָם      בָּרַע      כִּי      מִשְׂחָ וְקֶ      פֶּ עֵס      ט וֹב  
 is better      Sorrow      than laughter      H3588      for by the sadness      of the countenance  
 H2896      H3708      H7814      H7455      H6440

לֵב:      ! יֵטֵב  
 the heart      is made better  
 H3820      H3190

**4** The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

כְּסִיל יָם      וְלֵב      אַ בָּל      בֵּי יֵת      חֲכָמִים      וְלֵב  
 The heart      of the wise      is in the house      of mourning      The heart      of fools  
 H3820      H2450      H1004      H60      H3820      H3684

שְׂמֵחָה:      בֵּי יֵת  
 of mirth      is in the house  
 H8057      H1004

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

שִׁיר      שְׁמַע      מֵאִישׁ      חָכָם      גְּעֹרָת      שְׁמַע      ט וֹב  
 the song      to hear      than for a man      of the wise      the rebuke      to hear      It is better  
 H7892      H8085      H376      H2450      H1606      H8085      H2896

כְּסִילִים:  
 of fools  
 H3684

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

שׁוֹחֵק כִּן הֶסֶר יַתַּח הֶסֶר יֵר כֶּקֶּ וּל כִּי  
H3588 For as the crackling H6963 of thorns H5518 H8478 of thorns H5518 H3651 so is the laughter H7814  
הַבֶּל: זֶה וְגַם הֶכֶס יֵל  
H3684 of the fool H1571 H2088 this also is vanity H1892

7 Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad; and a gift destroyeth the heart.

לֵב אֶת וַיֹּאבֵד חֲכָם יְהוֹלֵל הָעַל שֶׁקֶר כִּי  
H3588 Surely oppression H6233 mad H1984 maketh a wise man H2450 destroyeth H6 H853 the heart H3820  
מִתְּנָה:  
and a gift H4979

8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

אָךְ טוֹב מִרְאשִׁית וְדָבָר אַחֲרֵי יֵת טוֹב  
Better H2896 is the end H319 of a thing H1697 than the beginning H7225 Better H2896 thereof and the patient H750  
רוּחַ: מְגִבָּה רוּחַ:  
in spirit H7307 than the proud H1362 in spirit H7307

9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

בְּחֵי יֵק כִּעַס כִּי לִכְעֹס בְּרוּחְךָ תִּבֶּה לֵאל  
H408 Be not hasty H926 in thy spirit H7307 to be angry H3707 H3588 for anger H3708 in the bosom H2436  
יָנוּחַ: כְּסִיל יֵם  
of fools H3684 resteth H5117

**10** Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this.

שֶׁ הַיָּמִים הַהֵם הַמָּוֶל תֹּאמַר אֶל  
 H408 Say H559 H4100 H1961 days H3117  
 לֹא כִי יָמָא לָה טוֹב יָמֵי הַיָּו הָרִאשֹׁנִים  
 not thou What is the cause that the former H1961 were better H428 H3588 H3808  
 H7223 H2896  
 זֶה: עַל שֶׁאֵל לֹת מַחְכֶּמֶה הַמַּחְכֶּמֶה  
 wisely H2451 than these for thou dost not enquire H7592 H5921 H2088

**11** Wisdom is good with an inheritance: and by it there is profit to them that see the sun.

לֹא יֵרָא וְיִתְרָה בְּחֵל הָעִם חֲכָמָה טוֹבָה הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ  
 is good H2896 Wisdom H2451 H5973 with an inheritance H5159 and by it there is profit H3148 to them that see H7200  
 the sun H8121

**12** For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.

וְיִתְרָה וְהַכֶּסֶף לְהַחֲכֹמָה הַבָּצִל לְכִי  
 H3588 is a defence H6738 For wisdom H2451 is a defence H6738 and money H3701 but the excellency H3504  
 בְּעֵלֶיהָ: תְּחִי הַחֲכָמָה הַיָּד עַת  
 of knowledge H1847 For wisdom H2451 giveth life H2421 to them that have H1167

**13** Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked?

יֹכֵל מִי כִי הָאֱלֹהִים מַעֲשֵׂה אֶת הַיָּרָא הַ  
 Consider H853 the work H4639 of God H430 H3588 H4310 for who can H3201  
 לְתִקֵּן אֶת אֲשֶׁר עָתִידָהּ:  
 make that straight H853 H834 which he hath made crooked H5791

**14** In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

רְאֵה רָעָה וְיָבִי אִם בָּטוּב הֵיאֵה בָטוּב וְיָבִי אִם  
 In the day H3117 be joyful H2896 H1961 be joyful H2896 In the day H3117 of adversity H7451 consider H7200  
 עַל הָאֱלֹהִים עָשָׂה זֶה לְעֵמָת לְאֶת גַּם  
 H1571 H853 H2088 the one over against H5980 H2088 also hath set H6213 God H430 H5921  
 מְאוּמָה: אַחֲרַי הָאָדָם יִמְצָא שָׁלֵא דְבַר ת  
 the other to the end H1700 H3808 should find H4672 that man H120 after H310 nothing H3972

**15** All things have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a just man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that prolongeth his life in his wickedness.

צַדִּיק וְיֵשׁ הֶבֶלִי בִימֵי כָא יִתִּי הֵכֵל אֶת  
 H853 H3605 All things have I seen H7200 in the days H3117 of my vanity H1892 there is H3426 a just H6662  
 מְאָרֵךְ יוֹם כָּשָׁע וְיֵשׁ בְּצִדְקָתוֹ אִם  
 man that perisheth H6 in his righteousness H6664 there is H3426 and there is a wicked H7563 man that prolongeth H748  
 בְּרָעָתוֹ:  
 his life in his wickedness H7451

**16** Be not righteous over much; neither make thyself over wise: why shouldest thou destroy thyself?

תִּתְחַכֵּם וְאַל תִּהְיֶה צַדִּיק **Be not righteous over much** **wise**  
 H408 H1961 H6662 H7235 H408 H2449

וְלֹא תִשְׁמָד: **neither make thyself over why shouldest thou destroy**  
 H3148 H4100 H8074

**17** Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time?

וְלֹא תִהְיֶה סָכָל וְאַל תִּהְיֶה עָרֵשׁ **Be not over much neither be thou foolish**  
 H408 H7561 H7235 H408 H1961 H5530 H4100

עַתָּה: **why shouldest thou die before thy time**  
 H4191 H3808 H6256

**18** It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all.

וְגַם מִזֶּה תִּקַּח וְאִשׁ רָטוֹב **It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this yea also from this**  
 H2896 H834 H270 H2088 H1571

וְיִרְאֵהוּ אֵל **of this yea also from this withdraw not thine hand for he that feareth**  
 H2088 H408 H3240 H853 H3027 H3588 H3373

כָּלָם: **God shall come forth**  
 H430 H3318 H854 H3605

**19** Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city.

אִשׁ רַשִׁיט יִם מְעַשָּׂה לַחֲכָם תַּעֲזֶה הַחֲכָמָה  
Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city  
H2451 H5810 H2450 H6235 H7989 H834

הֵם הַיִּשְׁרָאֵלִים  
men which are in the city  
H1961 H5892

**20** For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

יַעֲשֶׂה אִשׁ רַשָּׁא בְּאֶרֶץ יָדֹעַ יֵקֵן אִישׁ אֶדְמָה כִּי  
For there is not a just man upon earth that doeth good and sinneth not  
H3588 H120 H369 H6662 H776 H834 H6213

יִחַטֵּא: וְלֹא טוֹב  
and sinneth good  
H3808 H2398 H2896

**21** Also take no heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee:

לִבְךָ תִּתֶּן אֶל יְדֵי רוֹאֵשׁ הַדְּבָרִים לְכָל גִּם  
Also take no heed unto all words that are spoken lest thou hear thy servant curse thee  
H1571 H3605 H1697 H834 H1696 H408 H5414 H3820

מִקְלָלָךְ: עַבְדְּךָ אֶת תִּשְׁמַע לֹא אִשׁ רַשָּׁא  
thy servant curse lest thou hear  
H834 H3808 H8085 H853 H5650 H7043

**22** For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.

גַּם אִשׁ רַשָּׁא לִבְךָ יָדָע כִּי רַב וְתִפְעַמִּי יָם גַּם כִּי  
For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others  
H3588 H1571 H6471 H7227 H3045 H3820 H834 H1571

אֶת קָל לִבְךָ: אֲחֵרִים  
that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others  
H859 H7043 H312

**23** All this have I proved by wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me.

וְהָיָא אֲחֶכָּמָה אֲמַרְתִּי בְחָכְמָה הָ נִסִּי יְתִי זֶה כָּל  
 H3605 All this H2090 have I proved H5254 by wisdom H2451 I said H559 I will be wise H2449 H1931

מִמֶּנִּי: רְחוֹק הָ  
 but it was far H7350 H4480

**24** That which is far off, and exceeding deep, who can find it out?

מִי עֲמֹק עֲמֹק וְשֹׁהֵךְ הָ מָה כָּח וְקִ  
 That which is far off H7350 H4100 H1961 and exceeding deep H6013 and exceeding deep H6013 H4310

יִמְצָאֵנוּ:  
 who can find it out H4672

**25** I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness:

וַיִּבְקֶן שׁ וְלֹת וּר וְלֹד עֵת וְלִבִּי אָנִי י אֶבְי וְתִי  
 I applied H5437 H589 mine heart H3820 of things and to know H3045 and to search H8446 and to seek out H1245

כֶּסֶל רָשָׁע וְלֹד עֵת וְחִשְׁבֹּן וְחָכְמָה הָ  
 wisdom H2451 and the reason H2808 of things and to know H3045 the wickedness H7562 of folly H3689

וְהַסָּכָל וְתִי הוֹלָלוֹת:  
 even of foolishness H5531 and madness H1947



**26** And I find more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: whoso pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her.

הָיָא אֲשֶׁר הָאִשָּׁה אֶת מִמָּוֶת מֵרָאִי וּמוֹצֵא  
 And I find H4672 H589 more bitter H4751 than death H4194 H853 the woman H802 H834 H1931  
 טוֹב יָד יְהוָה אֲסוּרִים יָמֶיהָ וְחֶכְמָהּ יָם מְצוּדִים יָם  
 is snares H4685 and nets H2764 whose heart H3820 as bands H612 and her hands H3027 whoso pleaseth H2896  
 וְחוּטֵי אֶת מִמָּוֶת נָה יִמָּלֵט הָאֱלֹהִים לְפָנָי  
 H6440 God H430 shall escape H4422 H4480 from her but the sinner H2398  
 בָּהֶן: יֵלֵךְ כִּד  
 shall be taken H3920 H0

**27** Behold, this have I found, saith the preacher, counting one by one, to find out the account:

לֹאֲחֶת קֶה לְתֵּת אֶמְכָּה לְמַצָּא זֶה רְאֵה  
 Behold H7200 H2088 this have I found H4672 saith H559 the preacher H6953 by one H259  
 חֲשֹׁבוֹן: לְמַצָּא אֶת לֹאֲחֶת  
 by one H259 this have I found H4672 the account H2808

**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.

וְלֹא אֶבְקֹשׁ יְנֵפֶשׁ יִבְקֹשׁ הָעוֹד אֲשֶׁר  
H834 H5750 seeketh H1245 Which yet my soul H5315 H3808  
 מֵאֶלֶף לְמֵאֶדָּה אֶחָד אִישׁ מִכָּל הָאֲנָשִׁים  
among all those have I not found H4672 man H120 not one H259 among a thousand H505  
 לֹא אֶבְקֹשׁ יְנֵפֶשׁ יִבְקֹשׁ הָאִשָּׁה אֶחָד מִכָּל הָאֲנָשִׁים  
among all those have I not found H4672 but a woman H802 H3605 H428 H3808  
 מֵאֶלֶף לְמֵאֶדָּה אֶחָד אִישׁ מִכָּל הָאֲנָשִׁים  
among all those have I not found H4672

**29** Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

הָאֵלֹהִים יִמְעַשׂ הָאֲשֶׁר רָמַצְתִּי אֶת־זֶה רָאִיתִי לְבַד  
this only H905 Lo H7200 H2088 have I found H4672 H834 hath made H6213 that God H430  
 חֲשֹׁבֵנֹת בְּקִשׁוֹ וְהֵמָּה יָשָׁר הָאָדָם מֵאֲנָשִׁים  
H853 man H120 upright H3477 H1992 but they have sought out H1245 inventions H2810  
 רַבִּים  
many H7227

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