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dib##rê q#helet# ben-d#wid# melek# bîrûš#l#im

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hôl#k# 'el-d#rôm w#sôb##b# 'el-s##p#ôn sôb##b# s#b##b# hôl#k# h#rûah# w#'al-s#b#îb##t##yw š#b# h#rûah#

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y#š d#b##r šeyy#'mar r#'#h-zeh h##d##š hû' k#b##r h#y#h l#'#l#mîm '#šer h#y#h mill#p##n#nû

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m#'uww#t# l#'-yûk#al lit##q#n w#h#es#rôn l#'-yûk#al l#himm#nôt#

dibbar#tî '#nî 'im-libbî l#'m#r '#nî hinn#h hig##dal#tî

- 1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
- <sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.
- 3 What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh 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 hasteth 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 labour; 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.
- 10 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.
- 11 There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with 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 am

w#hôsap##tî h##k##m#h 'al k#l-'#šer-h#y#h l#p##nay 'al-y#rûš#l#im w#libbî r#'#h har#b#h h##k##m#h w#d##'at#

w#'ett#n#h libbî l#d#a'at# h##k##m#h w#d#a'at# hôl#lôt# w##ik##lût# y#d#a'#tî šeggam-zeh hû' ra'#yôn rûah#

kî b#r#b# h##k##m#h r#b#-k#'as w#yôsîp# da'at# yôsîp# mak##'ôb# 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 of wisdom and knowledge.

- 17 And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit.
- 18 For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.