

Ecclesiastes 2

Englische King James Version von 1611/1769 mit Strongs



1 I said^{H559} in mine heart^{H3820}, Go to now^{H3212}, I will prove^{H5254} thee with mirth^{H8057}, therefore enjoy^{H7200} pleasure^{H2896}. and, behold, this also is vanity^{H1892}. 2 I said^{H559} of laughter^{H7814}, It is mad^{H1984}: and of mirth^{H8057}, What^{H2090} doeth^{H6213} it? 3 I sought^{H8446} in mine heart^{H3820} to give^{H4900} myself^{H1320} unto wine^{H3196}, yet acquainting^{H5090} mine heart^{H3820} with wisdom^{H2451}; and to lay hold^{H270} on folly^{H5531}, till I might see^{H7200} what was that good^{H2896} for the sons^{H1121} of men^{H120}, which they should do^{H6213} under the heaven^{H8064} all^{H4557} the days^{H3117} of their life^{H2416}. 4 I made me great^{H1431} works^{H4639}; I builded^{H1129} me houses^{H1004}, I planted^{H5193} me vineyards^{H3754}. 5 I made^{H6213} me gardens^{H1593} and orchards^{H6508}, and I planted^{H5193} trees^{H6086} in them of all kind of fruits^{H6529}. 6 I made^{H6213} me pools^{H1295} of water^{H4325}, to water^{H8248} therewith the wood^{H3293} that bringeth forth^{H6779} trees^{H6086}. 7 I got^{H7069} me servants^{H5650} and maidens^{H8198}, and had servants born^{H1121} in my house^{H1004}, also I had great^{H7235} possessions^{H4735} of great^{H1241} and small cattle^{H6629} above all that were in Jerusalem^{H3389} before^{H6440} me.³ 8 I gathered^{H3664} me also silver^{H3701} and gold^{H2091}, and the peculiar treasure^{H5459} of kings^{H4428} and of the provinces^{H4082}. I gat^{H6213} me men singers^{H7891} and women singers^{H7891}, and the delights^{H8588} of the sons^{H1121} of men^{H120}, as musical instruments^{H7705}, and that of all sorts.⁴ 9 So I was great^{H1431}, and increased^{H3254} more than all that were before^{H6440} me in Jerusalem^{H3389}: also my wisdom^{H2451} remained^{H5975} with me. 10 And whatsoever mine eyes^{H5869} desired^{H7592} I kept^{H680} not from them, I withheld^{H4513} not my heart^{H3820} from any joy^{H8057}; for my heart^{H3820} rejoiced^{H8056} in all my labour^{H5999}: and this was my portion^{H2506} of all my labour^{H5999}. 11 Then I looked^{H6437} on all the works^{H4639} that my hands^{H3027} had wrought^{H6213}, and on the labour^{H5999} that I had laboured^{H5998} to do^{H6213}: and, behold, all was vanity^{H1892} and vexation^{H7469} of spirit^{H7307}, and there was no profit^{H3504} under the sun^{H8121}.

12 And I turned^{H6437} myself to behold^{H7200} wisdom^{H2451}, and madness^{H1947}, and folly^{H5531}: for what can the man^{H120} do that cometh^{H935} after^{H310} the king^{H4428}? even that which hath been already^{H3528} done^{H6213}. 13 Then I saw^{H7200} that wisdom^{H2451} excelleth^{H3504} folly^{H5531}, as far as light^{H216} excelleth^{H3504} darkness^{H2822}. 14 The wise man's^{H2450} eyes^{H5869} are in his head^{H7218}; but the fool^{H3684} walketh^{H1980} in darkness^{H2822}: and I myself perceived^{H3045} also that one^{H259} event^{H4745} happeneth^{H7136} to them all. 15 Then^{H227} said^{H559} I in my heart^{H3820}, As it happeneth^{H4745} to the fool^{H3684}, so it happeneth^{H7136} even to me^{H1571}; and why was I then more^{H3148} wise^{H2449}? Then I said^{H1696} in my heart^{H3820}, that this also is vanity^{H1892}. 16 For there is no remembrance^{H2146} of the wise^{H2450} more than^{H5973} of the fool^{H3684} for ever^{H5769}, seeing that which now^{H3528} is in the days^{H3117} to come^{H935} shall all be forgotten^{H7911}. And how dieth^{H4191} the wise^{H2450} man? as the fool^{H3684}.

17 Therefore I hated^{H8130} life^{H2416}; because the work^{H4639} that is wrought^{H6213} under the sun^{H8121} is grievous^{H7451} unto me: for all is vanity^{H1892} and vexation^{H7469} of spirit^{H7307}. 18 Yea, I hated^{H8130} all my labour^{H5999} which I had taken^{H6001} under the sun^{H8121}: because I should leave^{H3240} it unto the man^{H120} that shall be after^{H310} me.⁸ 19 And who knoweth^{H3045} whether he shall be a wise^{H2450} man or a fool^{H5530}? yet shall he have rule^{H7980} over all my labour^{H5999} wherein I have laboured^{H5998}, and wherein I have shewed myself wise^{H2449} under the sun^{H8121}. This is also vanity^{H1892}. 20 Therefore I went about^{H5437} to cause^{H2976} my heart^{H3820} to despair^{H2976} of all the labour^{H5999} which I took^{H5998} under the sun^{H8121}. 21 For there is^{H3426} a man^{H120} whose labour^{H5999} is in wisdom^{H2451}, and in knowledge^{H1847}, and in equity^{H3788}; yet to a man^{H120} that hath not laboured^{H5998} therein shall he leave^{H5414} it for his portion^{H2506}. This also is vanity^{H1892} and a great^{H7227} evil^{H7451}. 22 For what hath^{H1933} man^{H120} of all his labour^{H5999}, and of the vexation^{H7475} of his heart^{H3820}, wherein^{H1931} he hath laboured^{H6001} under the sun^{H8121}? 23 For all his days^{H3117} are sorrows^{H4341}, and his travail^{H6045} grief^{H3708}; yea, his heart^{H3820} taketh not rest^{H7901} in the night^{H3915}. This is also vanity^{H1892}. 24 There is nothing better^{H2896} for a man^{H120}, than that he should eat^{H398} and drink^{H8354}, and that he should make his soul^{H5315} enjoy^{H7200} good^{H2896} in his labour^{H5999}. This^{H2090} also I saw^{H7200}, that it was from the hand^{H3027} of God^{H430}.¹⁰ 25 For who can

eat^{H398}, or who else can hasten^{H2363} hereunto, more^{H2351} than I? 26 For God giveth^{H5414} to a man^{H120} that is good^{H2896} in his sight^{H6440} wisdom^{H2451}, and knowledge^{H1847}, and joy^{H8057}: but to the sinner^{H2398} he giveth^{H5414} travail^{H6045}, to gather^{H622} and to heap up^{H3664}, that he may give^{H5414} to him that is good^{H2896} before^{H6440} God^{H430}. This also is vanity^{H1892} and vexation^{H7469} of spirit^{H7307} 11

Fußnoten

1. to give....: Heb. to draw my flesh with wine
2. all....: Heb. the number of the days of their life
3. servants born....: Heb. sons of my house
4. musical....: Heb. musical instrument and instruments
5. even....: or, in those things which have been already done
6. that....: Heb. that there is an excellency in wisdom more than in folly, etc
7. happeneth even....: Heb. happeneth to me, even to me
8. taken: Heb. laboured
9. leave: Heb. give
10. should make....: or, delight his senses
11. in his....: Heb. before him