



1 Surely^{H3426} there is a vein^{H4161} for the silver^{H3701}, and a place^{H4725} for gold^{H2091} where they fine^{H2212} it. 1 Iron^{H1270} is taken^{H3947} out of the earth^{H6083}, and brass^{H5154} is molten^{H6694} out of the stone^{H68}. 2 He setteth^{H7760} an end^{H7093} to darkness^{H2822}, and searcheth out^{H2713} all perfection^{H8503}: the stones^{H68} of darkness^{H652}, and the shadow of death^{H6757}. 4 The flood^{H5158} breaketh out^{H6555} from the inhabitant^{H1481}; even the waters forgotten^{H7911} of the foot^{H7272}: they are dried up^{H1809}, they are gone away^{H5128} from men^{H582}. 5 As for the earth^{H776}, out of it cometh^{H3318} bread^{H3899}: and under it is turned up^{H2015} as it were fire^{H784}. 6 The stones^{H68} of it are the place^{H4725} of sapphires^{H5601}: and it hath dust^{H6083} of gold^{H2091}. 7 There is a path^{H5410} which no fowl^{H5861} knoweth^{H3045}, and which the vulture's^{H344} eye^{H5869} hath not seen^{H7805}. 8 The lion's^{H7830} whelps^{H1121} have not trodden^{H1869} it, nor the fierce lion^{H7826} passed^{H5710} by it. 9 He putteth forth^{H7971} his hand^{H3027} upon the rock^{H2496}; he overturneth^{H2015} the mountains^{H2022} by the roots^{H8328}. 10 He cutteth out^{H1234} rivers^{H2975} among the rocks^{H6697}; and his eye^{H5869} seeth^{H7200} every precious thing^{H3366}. 11 He bindeth^{H2280} the floods^{H5104} from overflowing^{H1065}, and the thing that is hid^{H8587} bringeth he forth^{H3318} to light^{H216}. 12 But where^{H370} shall wisdom^{H2451} be found^{H4672}? and where is the place^{H4725} of understanding^{H998}? 13 Man^{H582} knoweth^{H3045} not the price^{H6187} thereof; neither is it found^{H4672} in the land^{H776} of the living^{H2416}.

14 The depth^{H8415} saith^{H559}, It is not in me: and the sea^{H3220} saith^{H559}, It is not with me. 15 It cannot be gotten^{H5414} for gold^{H5458}, neither shall silver^{H3701} be weighed^{H8254} for the price^{H4242} thereof. 16 It cannot be valued^{H5541} with the gold^{H3800} of Ophir^{H211}, with the precious^{H3368} onyx^{H7718}, or the sapphire^{H5601}. 17 The gold^{H2091} and the crystal^{H2137} cannot equal^{H6186} it: and the exchange^{H8545} of it shall not be for jewels^{H3627} of fine gold^{H6337}. 18 No mention^{H2142} shall be made of coral^{H7215}, or of pearls^{H1378}: for the price^{H4901} of wisdom^{H2451} is above rubies^{H6443}. 19 The topaz^{H6357} of Ethiopia^{H3568} shall not equal^{H6186} it, neither shall it be valued^{H5541} with pure^{H2889} gold^{H3800}.

20 Whence^{H370} then cometh^{H935} wisdom^{H2451}? and where is the place^{H4725} of understanding^{H998}? 21 Seeing it is hid^{H5956} from the eyes^{H5869} of all living^{H2416}, and kept close^{H5641} from the fowls^{H5775} of the air^{H8064}. 22 Destruction^{H11} and death^{H4194} say^{H559}, We have heard^{H8085} the fame^{H8088} thereof with our ears^{H241}. 23 God^{H430} understandeth^{H995} the way^{H1870} thereof, and he knoweth^{H3045} the place^{H4725} thereof. 24 For he looketh^{H5027} to the ends^{H7098} of the earth^{H776}, and seeth^{H7200} under the whole heaven^{H8064}; 25 To make^{H6213} the weight^{H4948} for the winds^{H7307}; and he weigheth^{H8505} the waters^{H4325} by measure^{H4060}. 26 When he made^{H6213} a decree^{H2706} for the rain^{H4306}, and a way^{H1870} for the lightning^{H2385} of the thunder^{H6963}: 27 Then did he see^{H7200} it, and declare^{H5608} it; he prepared^{H3559} it, yea, and searched it out^{H2713}. 28 And unto man^{H120} he said^{H559}, Behold, the fear^{H3374} of the Lord^{H136}, that is wisdom^{H2451}; and to depart^{H5493} from evil^{H7451} is understanding^{H998}.

Fußnoten

1. vein: or, mine
2. earth: or, dust
3. dust...: or, gold ore
4. rock: or, flint
5. overflowing: Heb. weeping
6. It...: Heb. Fine gold shall not be given for it
7. jewels...: or, vessels of
8. coral: or, Ramoth
9. air: or, heaven
10. declare...: or, number it

