



## Ketouvim (hagiographes) - Ecclésiaste

### Chapter 10

- 10,1 Dead flies make the ointment of the perfumer fetid and putrid; so doth a little folly outweigh wisdom and honour.
- 10,2 A wise man's understanding is at his right hand; but a fool's understanding at his left.
- 10,3 Yea also, when a fool walketh by the way, his understanding faileth him, and he saith to every one that he is a fool.
- 10,4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place; for gentleness allayeth great offences.
- 10,5 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, like an error which proceedeth from a ruler:
- 10,6 Folly is set on great heights, and the rich sit in low place.
- 10,7 I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth.
- 10,8 He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh through a fence, a serpent shall bite him.
- 10,9 Whoso quarrieth stones shall be hurt therewith; and he that cleaveth wood is endangered thereby.
- 10,10 If the iron be blunt, and one do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength; but wisdom is profitable to direct.
- 10,11 If the serpent bite before it is charmed, then the charmer hath no advantage.
- 10,12 The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.
- 10,13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness; and the end of his talk is grievous madness.
- 10,14 A fool also multiplieth words; yet man knoweth not what shall be; and that which shall be after him, who can tell him?
- 10,15 The labour of fools wearieth every one of them, for he knoweth not how to go to the city.
- 10,16 Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a boy, and thy princes feast in the morning!
- 10,17 Happy art thou, O land, when thy king is a free man, and thy princes eat in due season, in strength, and not in drunkenness!
- 10,18 By slothfulness the rafters sink in; and through idleness of the hands the house leaketh.
- 10,19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh glad the life; and money answereth all things.
- 10,20 Curse not the king, no, not in thy thought, and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber; for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.