



Ketouvim (hagiographes) - Job

Chapter 3

- 3,1 After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.
- 3,2 {S} And Job spoke, and said:
- 3,3 Let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night wherein it was said: 'A man-child is brought forth.'
- 3,4 Let that day be darkness; let not God inquire after it from above, neither let the light shine upon it.
- 3,5 Behold, thou hast instructed many, and thou hast strengthened the weak hands.
- 3,6 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the seas; therefore are my words broken.
- 3,7 Doth God pervert judgment? Or doth the Almighty pervert justice?
- 3,8 If one should desire to contend with Him, he could not answer Him one of a thousand.
- 3,9 Thy boastings have made men hold their peace, and thou hast mocked, with none to make thee ashamed;
- 3,10 But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you; yea, who knoweth not such things as these?
- 3,11 Should he reason with unprofitable talk, or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?
- 3,12 Shall windy words have an end? Or what provoketh thee that thou answerest? {S} Then Job answered and said:
- 3,13 Wherefore are we counted as beasts, and reputed dull in your sight?
- 3,14 These ten times have ye reproached me; ye are not ashamed that ye deal harshly with me.
- 3,15 I have heard the reproof which putteth me to shame, but out of my understanding my spirit answereth me.
- 3,16 Suffer me, that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on.
- 3,17 Is it any advantage to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? Or is it gain to Him, that thou makest thy ways blameless?
- 3,18 Oh that I knew where I might find Him, that I might come even to His seat!
- 3,19 Is there any number of His armies? And upon whom doth not His light arise?
- 3,20 How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom, and plentifully declared sound knowledge!
- 3,21 All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils,
- 3,22 Who rejoice unto exultation, and are glad, when they can find the grave?--
- 3,23 To a man whose way is hid, and whom God hath hedged in?
- 3,24 For my sighing cometh instead of my food, and my roarings are poured out like water.
- 3,25 For the thing which I did fear is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of hath overtaken me.
- 3,26 I was not at ease, neither was I quiet, neither had I rest; but trouble came.