



Ketouvim (hagiographes) - Proverbs

Chapter 20

- 20,1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is riotous; and whosoever reeleth thereby is not wise.
- 20,2 The terror of a king is as the roaring of a lion: he that provoketh him to anger forfeiteth his life.
- 20,3 It is an honour for a man to keep aloof from strife; but every fool will be snarling.
- 20,4 The sluggard will not plow when winter setteth in; therefore he shall beg in harvest, and have nothing.
- 20,5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.
- 20,6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness; but a faithful man who can find?
- 20,7 He that walketh in his integrity as a just man, happy are his children after him.
- 20,8 A king that sitteth on the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes.
- 20,9 Who can say: 'I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin'?
- 20,10 Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them alike are an abomination to the Lord.
- 20,11 Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.
- 20,12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them.
- 20,13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt have bread in plenty.
- 20,14 'It is bad, it is bad', saith the buyer; but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.
- 20,15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies; but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.
- 20,16 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger; and hold him in pledge that is surety for an alien woman.
- 20,17 Bread of falsehood is sweet to a man; but afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.
- 20,18 Every purpose is established by counsel; and with good advice carry on war.
- 20,19 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets; therefore meddle not with him that openeth wide his lips.
- 20,20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in the blackest darkness.
- 20,21 An estate may be gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed.
- 20,22 Say not thou: 'I will requite evil'; wait for the Lord, and He will save thee.
- 20,23 Divers weights are an abomination to the Lord; and a false balance is not good.
- 20,24 A man's goings are of the Lord; how then can man look to his way?
- 20,25 It is a snare to a man rashly to say: 'Holy', and after vows to make inquiry.
- 20,26 A wise king sifteth the wicked, and turneth the wheel over them.
- 20,27 The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord, searching all the inward parts.
- 20,28 Mercy and truth preserve the king; and his throne is upheld by mercy.
- 20,29 The glory of young men is their strength; and the beauty of old men is the hoary head.
- 20,30 Sharp wounds cleanse away evil; so do stripes that reach the inward parts.