

## **Ketouvim (hagiographes) - Proverbes**

## **Chapter 26**

- 26,1 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honour is not seemly for a fool.
- 26,2 As the wandering sparrow, as the flying swallow, so the curse that is causeless shall come home.
- 26,3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the back of fools.
- 26,4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.
- 26,5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes.
- 26,6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off his own feet, and drinketh damage.
- 26,7 The legs hang limp from the lame; so is a parable in the mouth of fools.
- 26,8 As a small stone in a heap of stones, so is he that giveth honour to a fool.
- 26,9 As a thorn that cometh into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools.
- 26,10 A master performeth all things; but he that stoppeth a fool is as one that stoppeth a flood.
- 26,11 As a dog that returneth to his vomit, so is a fool that repeateth his folly.
- 26,12 Seest thou a man wise in his own eyes? there is more hope of a fool than of him.
- 26,13 The sluggard saith: 'There is a lion in the way; yea, a lion is in the streets.'
- 26,14 The door is turning upon its hinges, and the sluggard is still upon his bed.
- 26,15 The sluggard burieth his hand in the dish; it wearieth him to bring it back to his mouth.
- 26,16 The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men that give wise answer.
- 26,17 He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife not his own, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.
- 26,18 As a madman who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death;
- 26,19 So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, and saith: 'Am not I in sport?'
- 26,20 Where no wood is, the fire goeth out; and where there is no whisperer, contention ceaseth.
- 26,21 As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife.
- 26,22 The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels, and they go down into the innermost parts of the body.
- 26,23 Burning lips and a wicked heart are like an earthen vessel overlaid with silver dross.
- 26,24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, but he layeth up deceit within him.
- 26,25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not; for there are seven abominations in his heart.
- 26,26 Though his hatred be concealed with deceit, his wickedness shall be revealed before the congregation.
- 26,27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein; and he that rolleth a stone, it shall return upon him.
- 26,28 A lying tongue hateth those that are crushed by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.