

“All The King’s Horses”

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Eccl. 1:1 ¶ The words of Koheleth son
of David, king in Jerusalem.

1Kings 3:12 I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.



Eccl. 1:12 ¶ I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem,

Eccl. 1:13 applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with.



Eccl. 1:14 I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

Eccl. 1:15 What is crooked cannot be made straight, and what is lacking cannot be counted.



Eccl. 1:16 ¶ I said to myself, “I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me; and my mind has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.”

Eccl. 1:17 And I applied my mind to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a chasing after wind.



Eccl. 1:18 For in much wisdom is much vexation,
and those who increase knowledge increase
sorrow.

Eccl. 1:18 ¶ For as wisdom grows, vexation grows; To
increase learning is to increase heartache. (JPS)



1Kings 3:6 And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.



1Kings 3:7 And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.



1Kings 3:8 And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.

1Kings 3:9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”



Eccl. 2:1 ¶ I said to myself, "Come now, I will make a test of pleasure; enjoy yourself."

But again, this also was vanity.

Eccl. 2:2 I said of laughter, "It is mad," and of pleasure, "What use is it?"



Eccl. 2:3 I searched with my mind how to cheer
my body with wine—my mind still guiding me
with wisdom—and how to lay hold on folly, until
I might see what was good for mortals to do
under heaven during the few days of their life.



Eccl. 2:4 I made great works; I built houses and
planted vineyards for myself;

Eccl. 2:5 I made myself gardens and parks, and
planted in them all kinds of fruit trees.

Eccl. 2:6 I made myself pools from which to water
the forest of growing trees.



Eccl. 2:7 I bought male and female slaves,
and had slaves who were born in my house;
I also had great possessions of herds and
flocks, more than any who had been before
me in Jerusalem.



Eccl. 2:8 I also gathered for myself silver
and gold and the treasure of kings and of
the provinces; I got singers, both men and
women, and delights of the flesh, and many
concubines.



Eccl. 2:9 ¶ So I became great and
surpassed all who were before me in
Jerusalem; also my wisdom remained with
me.



Eccl. 2:10 Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil.



Eccl. 2:11 Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had spent in doing it, and again, all was vanity and a chasing after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.



Eccl. 2:12 ¶ So I turned to consider
wisdom and madness and folly; for what
can the one do who comes after the
king? Only what has already been done.



Eccl. 12:13 ¶ The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone.

Eccl. 12:14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.



Psa. 132:11 ¶ The LORD swore to David a
sure oath from which he will not turn back:

“One of the sons of your body
I will set on your throne.



Psa. 132:12 If your sons keep my covenant
and my decrees that I shall teach them,
their sons also, forevermore,
shall sit on your throne.”



Rom. 7:24 Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

Rom. 7:25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! ¶ So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.



Rom. 8:1 ¶ There is therefore now no
condemnation for those who are in Christ
Jesus.



1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

