

Advanced Hebrew: Lesson # 2, Ecclesiastes 2:1-13 with questions, etc.

(Hope this broad-minded and charitable class doesn't worry about a new style of type. Whatever instrument is available, that is what I use.)

2:1.....What is the thrust of the main verbs in the second clause?

For what cause is all this activity "vanity"?

2:2 פִּשְׁחוֹק

EDB-965. /laughter/...but not a normal way of laughter...a laughter of derision is suggested.

מְהוֹלָל

Po'al participle...EDB 234. What usage of the participle is seen here. Be careful!

2:3

מִיָּדָי

from יָדָי see 1:13

מִשְׁדֵּךְ

/draw/ /drag/ infinitive of purpose.

What is the best translation of the Waw with וְ?

וְהִתְחַזֵּק

Compare with the previous verb for forcefulness in establishing the concept.

בְּכֶל הַיּוֹם

from כֶּל and a good specimen of the concrete noun.

2:5

גַּן

n.f. /garden/

גַּן עֵדֶן*

n.m. /park/ = Paradise?

2:6

בְּרִכּוֹת

n.f. /pool/

עֵץ

n.m. /wood/ but not timber or lumber, rather a grove of trees, etc.

וַיִּצְמַח

/spring up/ verb of varied ideals.