

(Note: The Hebrew of this section is basically simple. The vocabulary is fairly familiar and the unusual terms are repetitive in the framework of Ecclesiastes. The chief grief will occur in the use of the pronoun "I" and the redundancies of expression. The translator will see how one cannot translate without interpreting.)

14. תִּקְרָה /accident/ /chance/ that which "meets one". See that the total usage is in Samuel, Ruth, Ecclesiastes. Think for yourself why the writer uses this term and not one of the regular words for death.
15. The unusual construction with "I". The death idea is in the area of "manner" not extent, cause, or even result although some aspects of these may be adduced. Be prepared to discuss the nature of the "vanity" aspect seen in this verse.
16. נָבַר On this form, see BDB p 460.
Verses 15-16 are important for understanding Coheleth's concept of "death". The "death verses" have bothered many Christians so...the wise student would begin a collation of them to get the total picture.
18. שָׁאַן־נִי־חַנָּה See BDB, verb חָנַן Hiphil usage: B, 2.
19. שָׂאֵל Watch for interrogative he.
 $\text{שָׂאֵל} \rightarrow$ /dominion/ /be master of/ BDB 1020 for discussion.
20. וְעַבְרֵי־הַיָּם from עָבַר
 יָאֵשׁ from אָשַׁת /despair/ form is Piel infinitive
21. רַב־כּוֹשֵׁר /skill/ BDB 567. Every occurrence of this form is in Ecclesiastes.
22. הִזְהָה from הִזְהָה rare form...see BDB 217
25. יָחַת־וַשׁ hapax legomena from חָתַת . BDB 301 --II.
26. $\text{יָדְעֵה־עִוְלָתְךָ}$ from עָוַן which you should know!
 קָבַץ־וְעָמַד from קָבַץ /gather/ /collect/ BDB 488