

Advanced Hebrew: Ecclesiastes 3, page 7.

Note: This is a new section to the Ecclesiastes work. The outline has been previously discussed and we will not repeat it at this time. But chapter three moves into a fresh line of study and interest. There are several little used forms in this section and we generally give the meaning and the page reference in BDB. An asterisk at the occurrence of a verb form means that the root is regular and so easily spotted by you-all.

- 3:1 זמן /appointed time/ /time/ BDB 273...used only 3 times.
- 3:2 טעת infinitive of טעַט  
 טעור \* BDB 785 /root up/ (2 occurrences.)
- 3:4 פּוֹד \* BDB 704 /wail/  
 רָקוֹד \* BDB 955 /skip/ The contrast in these words is interesting.
- 3:5 כָּזוּב \* /gather/ /collect/  
 חֲבוּב \* /clasp/  
 רָחֹק \* /be distant/ BDB 934...many varied meanings and you should know the form generally but you may wish to look for distinctive areas of meaning.
- 3:7 קָרוּץ \* /tear/  
 תּוֹפֵר \* /sew together? BDB 1074...very small usage.

There are many lessons in the recitation of these verses through verse 9. The concept is factual, not fatalistic.... and teaches something about the opportunities of life as well as the trials.

- 3:11 יָפֵה adjective /fair/ BDB 421  
 תָּבִיב = תָּבִיב + בָּי BDB 115, Right hand column, 2nd para. "c" and "d". Good exercise for the thoughtful student.  
 עֹף BDB 693 /end/ not עֹף

3:12 You will need to determine what Coheleth means when he speaks of "doing good". Part of the exegesis problem in Ecclesiastes is to discover this meaning and differentiate it from "grievous trouble", etc. This is vital to understanding the book. Good and evil are sharply opposed...the one being man's only possible satisfaction, the other being the constant menace to his peace and blessing.

- 3:13 תִּשְׁמַח think PeNun..but form is a derived noun. BDB 682