

Advanced Hebrew: Ecclesiastes 8--page 16.

This chapter has a simple vocabulary but putting the sentences together is something else. Where I simply give a meaning to a word, it indicates we have had it before and I am simply trying to help in a limited sense. Remember: get the sense of the passage--don't sit up all night on every zaqqeph.

- 8:1:  $\text{פִּשְׁטָן}$  /interpretation/ BDB 833. A clear Aramaism? For discussion see use of term in F.F. Bruce: Biblical Exegesis in Qumran.
- $\text{פִּשְׁטָן־אֵל}$  a complicated form from  $\text{פִּשְׁטָן}$ . BDB 1040. Pual usage /is changed/. Note the footnote readings that follow  $\text{פִּשְׁטָן־אֵל}$ .
- 8:3  $\text{פָּהַר}$  /hurry/ /hasten/
- 8:4  $\text{פִּטְוֹן}$  /power/ /dominion/
- 8:8  $\text{פָּהַר־אֵל}$  BDB 476 /restrain/ /shut up/ (  $\text{פָּהַר־אֵל}$  )
- $\text{פָּהַר־אֵל}$  /slip away/ /escape/
- 8:11  $\text{פִּדְוֹן}$  /edict/ /decree/ BDB 834. Twice in O.T. (Est 1:20)
- 8:12  $\text{פִּשְׁטָן־אֵל}$  requires a different translation than normal...a conditional sense. Watch for the participle from  $\text{פָּהַר־אֵל}$  /stretch out/ (pronouncing)
- 8:13  $\text{פִּי}$  /shadow/
- 8:14  $\text{פָּהַר־אֵל}$  /reach/ /strike/
- 8:15  $\text{פָּהַר־אֵל}$  in Piel /praise/. BDB 986. (See 4:2)
- $\text{פִּשְׁטָן־אֵל}$  from  $\text{פָּהַר־אֵל}$  BDB 530. /be joined/ But you have to wonder if  $\text{פָּהַר־אֵל}$  doesn't fit in somewhere,
- 8:16  $\text{פִּשְׁטָן־אֵל}$  /sleep/ from .

In a chapter like this you may see no great exegetical gems. But the force of expression should grip you. Somehow the deeper concepts never grasp us until we must "rattle" with them. In this chapter there are some gigantic concepts which are easily overlooked if we are not carefully.