

Ecclesiastes 1

Alte englische Darby-Übersetzung



1 The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. **2** Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities! all is vanity. **3** What profit hath man of all his labour wherewith he laboureth under the sun?

4 One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh, but the earth standeth for ever. **5** The sun also riseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to its place where it ariseth. **6** The wind goeth towards the south, and turneth about towards the north: it turneth about continually, and the wind returneth again to its circuits. **7** All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full: unto the place whither the rivers go, thither they go again. **8** All things are full of toil; none can express it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

9 That which hath been is that which shall be; and that which hath been done is that which will be done: and there is nothing new under the sun. **10** Is there a thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? It hath been already in the ages which were before us. **11** There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be remembrance of things that are to come with those who shall live afterwards.

12 I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. **13** And I applied my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under the heavens: this grievous occupation hath God given to the children of men to weary themselves therewith. **14** I have seen all the works that are done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and pursuit of the wind. **15** That which is crooked cannot be made straight; and that which is wanting cannot be numbered. **16** I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I have become great and have acquired wisdom more than all they that have been before me over Jerusalem; and my heart hath seen much of wisdom and knowledge. **17** And I applied my heart to the knowledge of wisdom, and to the knowledge of madness and folly: I perceived that this also is a striving after the wind. **18** For in much wisdom is much vexation, and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.