1. I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth, therefore enjoy pleasure: and, behold, this also is [is] vanity.

2. I said of laughter, [It is] mad: and of mirth, What does it?

3. I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what [was] that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.

4. I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards;

5. I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all [kind of] fruits;

6. I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees;

7. I got [me] servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me;

8. I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, [as] musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

9. So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

10. And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I witheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour.
Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do; and, behold, all [was] vanity and vexation of spirit, and [there was] no profit under the sun.

And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly: for what [can] the man [do] that cometh after the king? [even] that which hath been already done.

Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness.

The wise man's eyes [are] in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness: and I myself perceived also that one event happeneth to them all.

Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me: and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also [is] vanity.

For [there is] no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now [is] in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise [man]? as the fool.

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Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me.

Then I saw the evening and the morning, and, lo, it was a vanity.

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For there is a man whose labour [is] in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein shall he leave it [for] his portion. This also [is] vanity and a great evil.

For all his days [are] sorrows, and his travail grief; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity.

[There is] nothing better for a man, [than] that he should eat and drink, and find in his heart joy: and that he shall unite with a woman, and so shall be blessed; for to a man [that is] good in all his days he doth see the good travail of his hands, and the labour of his fingers.

Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labour which I took under the sun.

And who knoweth whether he shall be wise [man] or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed myself wise under the sun. This [is] also vanity.