

SIRA

סִירָא אִרְוָא

1 The Prologue:

Whereas many and great matters have been delivered to us through the Torah and the nebi'im and by others that have followed their paths, for which Yisra'el ought to be commended for learning and wisdom; and of which not only the readers need to become competent themselves, but also those who desire to learn be able to benefit those who are outside, both by speaking and writing. My grandfather Yahoshua, when he had applied himself greatly to the reading of the Law, and the nebi'im, and other Books of our fathers, and had acquired good judgment from them, was himself also led to write somewhat pertaining to learning and wisdom; to the intent that those who desire to learn, and are drawn to such, might profit much more in living according to the Law.

Therefore let me plead that you read it with good intent and attention, and to pardon us for where we may seem to come short in some words, which we have laboured to interpret. For the same words spoken in Ibrî, and translated into another tongue, do not have the same force in them; and not only this, but the Law itself, and the nebi'im, and the rest of the Books, have great difference, when they are spoken in their own language.

For in the thirty-eighth year of coming into Mitsrayim, when Euergetës was sovereign, and continuing there some time, I found a book of great learning; therefore I thought it necessary for me to devote some diligence and labour to interpret it; using great vigilance and skill in that time to complete the book, and also publish it for those in a foreign land who are willing to learn, being prepared before in manners to live after the Law.

1 All wisdom comes from אֱלֹהִים, and is with Him forever.

2 Who may number the sand of the

sea and the drops of rain,
And the days of eternity?

3 Who may search out the height of the shamayim,

And the breadth of the earth, and the deep, and wisdom?

4 Wisdom has been created before all,
And the understanding of insight from everlasting.

5 The Word of Elohim Most High is the fountain of wisdom;

And her ways are everlasting
Commands.

6 To whom has the root of wisdom been revealed?

Or who has known her wise counsels?

7 Unto whom has the knowledge of wisdom been made manifest?

And who has understood her great experience?

8 There is One wise and greatly to be revered:

אֱלֹהִים sitting upon His throne.

9 He created her, and saw her, and measured her,

And poured her out upon all His works.

10 She is with all flesh according to His gift,

And He has given her to those who love Him.

11 The reverence of אֱלֹהִים is esteem and splendour and gladness,
And a crown of rejoicing.

12 The reverence of אֱלֹהִים makes a glad heart,

And gives joy, and gladness, and a long life.

13 It shall go well to the end for he who reveres אֱלֹהִים,

And he shall find favour in the day of his death.

14 To revere אֱלֹהִים is the beginning of wisdom:

And it was created with the trustworthy in the womb.

15 She has built an everlasting foundation with men,

And she shall continue with their seed.

16 To revere אֱלֹהִים is fullness of wisdom,

And fills men with her fruits.

17 She fills all their house with that which is desirable,

And the gatherers with her increase.

18 The reverence of **אֱלֹהִים** is a crown
of wisdom,
Making peace and perfect health to
flourish;
Both of which are gifts of Elohim;
And it increases the rejoicing of those
that love Him.
19 Wisdom rains down skill and
knowledge of understanding,
And exalts to esteem those who hold
her fast.
20 The root of wisdom is to revere
אֱלֹהִים,
And the branches thereof are long life.
21 The reverence of **אֱלֹהִים** drives away
sins,
And where it is present, it turns away
wrath.
22 A wrathful man cannot be declared
right;
For the sway of his wrath shall be his
destruction.
23 A patient man shall weep for a time,
And afterward joy shall spring up in
him.
24 He shall hold his words for a time,
And the lips of many shall declare his
wisdom.
25 The parables of knowledge are in
the treasures of wisdom:
But reverence is an abomination to a
sinner.
26 If you desire wisdom, guard the
Commands,
And **אֱלֹהִים** shall give her to you.
27 For the reverence of **אֱלֹהִים** is
wisdom and instruction;
And belief and meekness are his
delight.
28 Do not doubt the reverence of **אֱלֹהִים**
when you are poor:
And do not come to him with a double
mind.
29 Do not be a hypocrite in the sight of
men,
And take heed what you speak.
30 Do not exalt yourself, lest you fall,
and bring shame upon yourself,
And so Elohim uncover your secrets,
and throw you down in the midst of
the assembly,
Because you did not come in truth to
the reverence of **אֱלֹהִים**,
But your heart is full of deceit.

2 My son, if you come to serve
אֱלֹהִים,
Prepare your being for trial.
2 Prepare your heart, and constantly
endure,
And do not hasten in time of trouble.
3 Cling to Him, and do not depart,
That you may be increased at your
latter end.
4 Whatsoever is brought upon you,
accept cheerfully,
And be patient when you are brought
low.
5 For gold is tried in the fire,
And acceptable men in the furnace of
adversity.
6 Believe in Him, and He shall help
you;
Establish your way, and trust in Him.
7 You who revere **אֱלֹהִים**, wait for His
kindness;
And do not turn aside, lest you fall.
8 You who revere **אֱלֹהִים**, believe Him;
And your reward shall not fail.
9 You who revere **אֱלֹהִים**, have
expectancy for good,
And for everlasting joy and kindness.
10 Look at the generations of old and
see;
Did any ever trust in **אֱלֹהִים**, and were
put to shame?
Or did any remain in His reverence,
and were forsaken?
Or whom did He ever despise, that
called upon Him?
11 For **אֱלֹהִים** is full of compassion and
kindness,
Patient, and very tender-hearted, and
forgives sins,
And saves in time of affliction.
12 Woe unto fearful hearts, and faint
hands,
And the sinner that goes two ways!
13 Woe unto he who is fainthearted!
For he is unbelieving;
Therefore he shall not be defended.
14 Woe unto you that have lost
patience!
And what shall you do when **אֱלֹהִים**
shall punish you?
15 those who revere **אֱלֹהִים** shall not
disobey His Word;
And those who love Him guard His
Ways.

- 16 those who revere אֱלֹהִים seek that which is well-pleasing to Him; And those who love Him shall be filled with the Torah.
- 17 those who revere אֱלֹהִים prepare their hearts,
And humble their beings in His sight,
- 18 Saying, "We shall fall into the hands of אֱלֹהִים, and not into the hands of men;
For as His excellence is, so is His kindness."
- 3** Hear me your father, O children, and do accordingly, that you may be safe.
- 2 For אֱלֹהִים has given the father esteem over the children,
And has confirmed the authority of the mother over the sons.
- 3 Whoever esteems his father makes an atonement for his sins;
- 4 And he who esteems his mother is as one who stores up treasure.
- 5 Whoever esteems his father shall have joy from his own children;
And when he makes his prayer, he shall be heard.
- 6 He who esteems his father shall have a long life;
And he who is obedient to אֱלֹהִים shall be a comfort to his mother.
- 7 He who reveres אֱלֹהִים shall esteem his father,
And shall do service unto his parents, as to his masters.
- 8 Esteem your father and mother both in word and deed,
That a berakah may come upon you from them.
- 9 For the berakah of the father establishes the houses of children;
But the curse of the mother roots out foundations.
- 10 Do not rejoice in the shame of your father;
For your father's shame is no esteem unto you.
- 11 For the esteem of a man is from the esteem of his father;
And a mother in shame is a reproach to the children.
- 12 My son, help your father in his age,
And do not grieve him as long as he lives.
- 13 And if his understanding fails, have patience with him;
And do not despise him when you are in your full strength.
- 14 For the relief for your father shall not be forgotten;
And instead of sin, it shall be added to build you up.
- 15 In the day of your affliction it shall be remembered;
Your sins also shall melt away, as the ice in the fair warm weather.
- 16 He who forsakes his father is as a blasphemer;
And he who displeases his mother is cursed of Elohim.
- 17 My son, go on with your business in meekness;
So you shall be beloved of He who approves.
- 18 The greater you are, the more you humble yourself,
And you shall find favour before אֱלֹהִים.
- 19 Many are in high places, and of name;
But mysteries are revealed to the meek.
- 20 For the power of אֱלֹהִים is great,
And He is esteemed by the lowly.
- 21 Do not search out that which is too hard for you,
Neither seek that which is above your strength.
- 22 But what is Comanded, think upon this with reverence,
For it is not necessary for you to see with your eyes that which is secret.
- 23 Do not be curious in unnecessary matters;
For more is revealed to you than men understand.
- 24 For many are deceived by their own worthless opinion;
And evil suspicion has overthrown their judgment.
- 25 Without eyes there is no light;
Do not profess the knowledge which you do not have.
- 26 A stubborn heart shall suffer evil in the end;
And he who loves danger shall perish in it.
- 27 A hard heart shall be loaded with sorrows;

And the wicked man shall heap sin upon sin.
 28 In the punishment of the proud there is no remedy;
 For the plant of wickedness has taken root in him.
 29 The heart of the clever shall understand a parable;
 And an attentive ear is the desire of a wise man.
 30 Water shall quench a flaming fire;
 And kind deeds make an atonement for sins.
 31 And he who repays good deeds remembers that which may come after;
 And when he falls, he shall find a support.
4 My son, do not rob the poor of his living,
 And do not allow the needy eyes to wait long.
 2 Do not make a hungry being sorrowful;
 Neither provoke a man in his distress.
 3 Do not add more trouble to a heart that is tortured;
 And do not delay to give to he who is in need.
 4 Do not reject the supplication of the afflicted;
 Neither turn away your face from a poor man.
 5 Do not turn away your eye from the needy,
 And give him no occasion to curse you;
 6 For if he curses you in the bitterness of his being,
 His prayer shall be heard by He who made him.
 7 Earn for yourself the love of the assembly,
 And bow your head to a great man.
 8 Let it not grieve you to bend your ear to the poor,
 And give him a friendly answer with meekness.
 9 Deliver he who suffers wrong from the hand of the oppressor;
 And do not be faint-hearted when you sit in judgment.
 10 Be as a father to the fatherless,
 And like a husband to their mother;

So you shall be as the Bēn of the Most High,
 And He shall love you more than your mother does.
 11 Wisdom exalts her children,
 And lays hold of those who seek her.
 12 He who loves her loves ḥai;
 And those who seek her early shall be filled with joy.
 13 He who holds her fast shall inherit esteem;
 And wherever she enters, אֱלֹהִים shall barak.
 14 those who serve her serve the Qadosh One:
 And those who love her אֱלֹהִים loves.
 15 Whoever gives ear to her shall judge the nations:
 And he who attends to her shall dwell securely.
 16 If a man commits himself to her, he shall inherit her;
 And his generation shall hold her in possession.
 17 For at first she shall walk by him in crooked ways,
 And bring fear and dread upon him,
 And punish him with her discipline,
 Until she may trust his being, and try him by her laws.
 18 Then she shall return him to the straight way,
 And comfort him, and show him her secrets.
 19 But if he goes wrong, she shall forsake him,
 And give him over to his own ruin.
 20 Watch for opportunity, and beware of evil;
 And do not be ashamed when it concerns your being.
 21 For there is shame that brings sin;
 And there is shame which is esteem and favour.
 22 Do not show partiality against your being,
 And do not let the fear of any man cause you to fall.
 23 And do not refrain to speak, when there is occasion to do good,
 And do not hide your wisdom in her loveliness.
 24 For by speech wisdom shall be known;

- And learning by the word of the tongue.
 25 By no means speak against the truth;
 But be ashamed of the straying of your ignorance.
 26 Do not be ashamed to confess your sins;
 And do not force the course of the river.
 27 Do not make yourself a servant to a foolish man;
 Neither show partiality to the mighty.
 28 Strive for the truth unto death,
 And אלהים shall fight for you.
 29 Do not be hasty with your tongue,
 Or slack and negligent in your deeds.
 30 Do not be as a lion in your house,
 Nor wrath among your servants.
 31 Do not let your hand be stretched out to receive,
 And closed when you should repay.
5 Do not lay your heart upon your goods;
 And do not say, "I have enough for my life."
 2 Do not follow your own mind and strength,
 To walk in the ways of your heart:
 3 And do not say, "Who shall control me in my deeds?"
 For אלהים shall surely punish your pride.
 4 Do not say, "I have sinned, and what harm has befallen me?
 For אלהים is patient, He shall by no means let you go.
 5 Concerning atonement,
 Do not be without reverence to add sin unto sin;
 6 And do not say, "His kindness is great;
 He shall be appeased for the multitude of my sins."
 For kindness and wrath come from Him,
 And His wrath rests upon sinners.
 7 Do not delay to turn to אלהים, and do not put off from day to day;
 For suddenly the wrath of אלהים shall come forth,
 And in your security you shall be destroyed,
 And perish in the day of vengeance.
- 8 Do not lay your heart upon goods acquired unrighteously,
 For they shall not profit you in the day of calamity.
 9 Do not winnow with every wind, and do not go into every way:
 For so does the sinner that has a double tongue.
 10 Be steadfast in your understanding;
 And let your word be the same.
 11 Be swift to hear; and let your being be sincere;
 And give answer with patience.
 12 If you have understanding, answer your neighbour;
 If not, put your hand over your mouth.
 13 Esteem and shame is in speech;
 And the tongue of man is his downfall.
 14 Do not be a whisperer, and do not lie in wait with your tongue;
 For foul shame is upon the thief, and an evil condemnation upon the double-tongued.
 15 Do not be ignorant of any matter, great or a small.
6 Do not become an enemy instead of a friend;
 For you shall inherit an evil name, shame, and reproach;
 Even as a sinner that has a double tongue.
 2 Do not exalt yourself in the counsel of your own heart;
 That your being be not torn in pieces as a bull.
 3 You shall consume your leaves, and lose your fruit,
 And leave yourself as a dry tree.
 4 A wicked being shall destroy he who possesses,
 And shall cause him to be laughed to scorn by his enemies.
 5 Sweet words shall multiply friends,
 And a favourable tongue shall increase kind greetings.
 6 Be at peace with many;
 But have just one counsellor in a thousand.
 7 If you would get a friend, prove him first and do not be hasty to trust him.
 8 For a certain man is a friend for his own occasion,
 And shall not remain in the day of your trouble.

9 And there is a friend, who being
turned to enmity,
shall cause strife and uncover your
reproach.
10 Again, there is a friend, a
companion at the table,
But shall not continue in the day of
your affliction.
11 When you are prosperous he shall
be as you are,
And shall be bold over your servants.
12 If you are brought low, he shall be
against you,
And shall hide himself from your face.
13 Separate yourself from your
enemies,
And be on guard with your friends.
14 A trustworthy friend is a strong
defence;
And he who has found such a one has
found a treasure.
15 There is none that makes up for a
trustworthy friend,
And his worth is invaluable.
16 A trustworthy friend is the healing
of life;
And those who revere **אֱלֹהִים** shall find
Him.
17 Whoever reveres **אֱלֹהִים** directs his
friendship well;
For as he is, so shall his neighbour be
also.
18 My son, gather instruction from your
youth onward;
So you shall gain wisdom till your old
age.
19 Come to her as one that plows and
sows, and wait for her good fruit;
For you shall not toil much in labouring
over her,
But you shall eat of her fruit soon
enough.
20 She is very unpleasant to the
unlearned;
He who is without understanding shall
not remain with her.
21 She shall lay upon him as a mighty
stone of trial;
And he shall throw her from him before
long.
22 For wisdom is according to her
name,
And she is not revealed to many.
23 listen my son, receive my advice,

And do not refuse my counsel,
24 And put your feet into her shackles,
And your neck into her chain.
25 Bow down your shoulder, and bear
her,
And do not be grieved with her bonds.
26 Come to her with your whole heart,
And guard her ways with all your
strength.
27 Search and seek, and she shall be
made known unto you;
And when you have taken hold of her,
do not let her go.
28 For in the end you shall find her
rest,
And that shall turn out for your joy.
29 Then her shackles shall be a strong
defence for you,
And her chains a robe of esteem.
30 For there is a golden ornament upon
her,
And her bands are purple lace.
31 You shall put her on as a robe of
esteem,
And shall lay her upon you as a crown
of joy.
32 My son, if you allow, you shall be
taught;
And if you apply your mind, you shall
be clever.
33 If you love to listen, you shall
receive understanding;
And if you bow your ear, you shall be
wise,
34 Stand in the group of the elders;
And cling to he who is wise.
35 Be willing to hear every worthy
discourse;
And do not let the parables of
understanding escape you.
36 And if you see a man of
understanding,
Get yourself to him early,
And let your feet wear out his
doorstep.
37 Let your mind be upon the Laws of
אֱלֹהִים,
And consider His Commands
continually;
He shall establish your heart, and give
you the wisdom you desire.
7 Do no evil, so no harm shall come
to you.
2 Depart from the unrighteous, and evil

shall turn away from you.
 3 My son, do not sow upon the furrows
 of unrighteousness,
 And you shall not reap them sevenfold.
 4 Do not seek superiority from אָרָא,
 Neither of the royal seat of esteem.
 5 Do not declare yourself right before
 אָרָא;
 And do not boast of your wisdom
 before the sovereign.
 6 Do not seek to be judge, being
 unable to remove evil;
 Lest at any time you be partial to the
 mighty,
 A stumbling block in the way of your
 uprightness.
 7 Do not cause the crowd of a city to
 stumble,
 And then you shall not be brought low
 among the people.
 8 Do not bind one sin upon another;
 For not one shall go unpunished.
 9 Do not say, "Elohim shall look upon
 the multitude of my offerings,
 And when I offer to the Most High
 Elohim, He shall accept it."
 10 Do not be faint-hearted when you
 make your prayer,
 And do not neglect to give in kindness.
 11 Mock no man in the bitterness of his
 being;
 For there is One who humbles and
 exalts.
 12 Do not plan a lie against your
 brother;
 Neither do likewise to your friend.
 13 Refuse to make any manner of lie;
 For the way of this is not good.
 14 Do not use many words among a
 multitude of elders,
 And do not make much babbling when
 you pray.
 15 Do not hate laborious work, neither
 work of the land,
 Which the Most High has ordained.
 16 Do not number yourself among the
 crowd of sinners,
 But remember that wrath shall not
 delay.
 17 Humble yourself greatly;
 For the punishment of the wicked is
 fire and worms.
 18 Do not exchange a friend for goods
 by any means;

Neither a trustworthy brother for the
 gold of Ophir.
 19 Do not forsake a wise and good
 woman;
 For her favour is above gold.
 20 When your servant works
 trustworthily, do not mistreat him.
 Nor the hired man that gives himself
 completely for you.
 21 Let your being love a good servant,
 and do not withhold his freedom.
 22 Do you have cattle? Keep an eye on
 them;
 And if they are for your profit, keep
 them with you.
 23 Do you have children? Instruct
 them,
 And bow their neck from their youth.
 24 Do you have daughters? Look after
 their body,
 And do not be too generous toward
 them.
 25 Give your daughter in marriage, and
 you shall have performed a weighty
 matter;
 But give her to a man of under-
 standing.
 26 Do you have a wife in mind? Do not
 forsake her;
 And do not give yourself over to an
 easy woman.
 27 Esteem your father with your whole
 heart,
 And do not forget the sorrows of your
 mother.
 28 Remember that you were brought
 forth by them;
 And how would you repay them what
 they have done for you?
 29 Revere אָרָא with all your being,
 and revere his kohenim.
 30 Love He who made you with all your
 strength,
 And do not forsake his servants.
 31 Revere אָרָא, and honour the
 kohēn;
 And give him his portion, as it is
 Commanded you;
 The first-fruits, and the guilt offering,
 and the wave offering,
 And the qodesh offering, and the first-
 fruits of qodeshah.
 32 And stretch out your hand to the
 poor,

That your berakah may be perfected.
 33 A gift has favour in the sight of every living man;
 And do not hold back for the dead.
 34 Do not fail to accompany those who weep,
 And mourn with those who mourn.
 35 Do not be slow to visit the sick;
 For that shall cause you to be loved.
 36 Whatever you take in hand,
 remember the end,
 And you shall never do wrong.
8 Do not strive with a mighty man
 lest you fall into his hands.
 2 Do not quarrel with a wealthy man,
 lest he outweigh you;
 For gold has destroyed many, and
 twisted the hearts of sovereigns.
 3 Do not strive with a man that is a
 babler,
 And do not heap wood upon his fire.
 4 Do not jest with a rude man,
 Lest your ancestors be shamed.
 5 Do not reproach a man that turns
 from sin,
 But remember that we are all worthy of
 punishment.
 6 Do not shame a man in his old age;
 For even some of us grow old.
 7 Do not rejoice over the death of your
 greatest enemy,
 But remember that we all die.
 8 Do not despise the discourse of the
 wise,
 But acquaint yourself with their
 proverbs;
 For from them you shall learn
 instruction,
 And how to serve great men with ease.
 9 Do not avoid the discourse of the
 elders;
 For they also learned from their
 fathers,
 And from them you shall learn
 understanding,
 And to give answer as needed.
 10 Do not kindle the coals of a sinner,
 Lest you be burned with the flame of
 his fire.
 11 Do not rise up at the presence of an
 insulter,
 Lest he lie in wait to entrap you in your
 words.
 12 Do not lend to he who is mightier

than yourself;
 For if you lend to him, count it but lost.
 13 Do not be guarantor above your
 ability;
 For if you be guarantor, take care to
 pay it.
 14 Do not go to law against a judge;
 For they shall judge for him according
 to his esteem.
 15 Do not travel on the way with one
 who is headstrong,
 Lest he become burdensome to you;
 For he shall do according to his own
 desire,
 And you shall perish with him through
 his folly.
 16 Do not strive with a man of wrath,
 And do not go with him to a lonely
 place;
 For bloodshed is naught in his sight,
 And where there is no help, he shall
 overthrow you.
 17 Do not counsel a fool;
 For he does not heed advice.
 18 Do not speak secrets before a
 stranger;
 For you do not know what he shall
 reveal.
 19 Do not open your heart to every
 man,
 Lest he repay you craftily.
9 Do not be jealous over the wife of
 your bosom,
 And do not teach her an evil lesson
 against yourself.
 2 Do not give yourself to a woman to
 trample your strength.
 3 Do not go into a whore, lest you fall
 into her snares.
 4 Do not keep company with a
 flirtatious woman,
 Lest you be taken by her attempts.
 5 Do not stare upon a maiden,
 So you do not fall by that which is
 precious in her.
 6 Do not give yourself to whores,
 So that you do not lose your
 inheritance.
 7 Do not look about in the streets of the
 city,
 Neither wander in its lonely places.
 8 Turn your eye away from a good-
 looking woman,
 And do not look upon another's

loveliness;
 For many have been deceived by the
 loveliness of a woman;
 For desire is kindled by it like a fire.
 9 Do not sit at all with another man's
 wife,
 Nor sit down with her in your arms,
 And do not spend your silver with her
 on wine;
 Lest your heart incline toward her,
 And so, through your desire fall into
 destruction.
 10 Do not forsake an old friend;
 For the new is not comparable to him.
 A new friend is like new wine;
 When it is old, you shall drink it with
 pleasure.
 11 Do not envy the esteem of a sinner;
 For you do not know what his end shall
 be.
 12 Do not delight in that which the
 wicked have pleasure in;
 But remember they shall not go
 unpunished to their grave.
 13 Keep far from the man who has
 power to kill;
 So the fear of death shall not concern
 you.
 And if you encounter him, make no
 mistake,
 Lest he take away your life
 immediately.
 Remember that you walk in the midst
 of snares,
 And that you walk upon the walls of
 the city.
 14 When you draw near, reason with
 your neighbour,
 And consult with the wise.
 15 Let your words be with the wise,
 And all your talk in the Law of the Most
 High.
 16 And let righteous men eat and drink
 with you;
 And let your esteem be in the
 reverence of אלהים.
 17 For the hand of the craftsman the
 work shall be praised,
 And the wise ruler of the people for his
 words.
 18 A man of an evil tongue is
 dangerous in his city;
 And he who is hasty with his words
 shall be hated.

10 A wise judge shall instruct his
 people;
 And the reign of a clever man is well
 ordered.
 2 As the judge of the people is himself,
 so are his officers;
 And what manner of man the ruler of
 the city is,
 Such are all those who dwell in it.
 3 An unwise sovereign destroys his
 people;
 But through the insight of those who
 are in authority the city shall be
 inhabited.
 4 The power of the earth is in the hand
 of אלהים,
 And in due time He shall appoint it to
 One who is worthy.
 5 The prosperity of man is in the hand
 of Elohim;
 And He shall lay His esteem upon the
 face of the scribe.
 6 Do not bear hatred against your
 neighbour for every wrong;
 And do not act as an insulter at all.
 7 Pride is hateful before Elohim and
 man;
 And against both, one commits
 wickedness.
 8 Because of unrighteous dealings,
 maltreatment, and wealth gained by
 deceit,
 The rule is transferred from one
 people to another.
 9 How could earth and ashes be
 proud?
 There is none more wicked than a
 covetous man;
 For such a one puts his own being up
 for sale;
 For while he lives he destroys his inner
 being.
 10 The physician ends a long disease;
 And he who is a sovereign today shall
 die tomorrow.
 11 For when a man is dead,
 He shall inherit insects, creatures and
 worms.
 12 The beginning of pride is when one
 departs from Elohim,
 And his heart is turned away from his
 Maker.
 13 For pride is the beginning of sin,
 And he who has it shall pour out

abominations:
 And therefore אֱלֹהִים brings upon them
 unknown calamity,
 And overthrows them completely.
 14 אֱלֹהִים has thrown down the thrones
 of proud princes,
 And appointed the meek in their place.
 15 אֱלֹהִים has plucked up the roots of
 the proud nations,
 And planted the lowly in their place.
 16 אֱלֹהִים overthrew the lands of the
 gentiles,
 And destroyed them to the foundations
 of the earth.
 17 He took some of them away, and
 destroyed them,
 And has caused their remembrance to
 cease from the earth.
 18 Pride was not made for man,
 Nor violent wrath for those who are
 born of a woman.
 19 Those who revere אֱלֹהִים are a
 continual seed,
 And those who love Him an esteemed
 plant.
 Those who disregard the Law are a
 shameful seed;
 Those who transgress the Commands
 are a deceptive seed.
 20 Among brothers he who is chief is
 esteemed;
 So are those who revere אֱלֹהִים in his
 eyes.
 21 The reverence of אֱלֹהִים goes before
 the obtaining of authority;
 But stubbornness and pride is the loss
 of it.
 22 Whether he is wealthy, noble or
 poor,
 Their esteem is the reverence of
 אֱלֹהִים.
 23 It is not right to despise the poor
 who has understanding;
 Neither is it proper to exalt a sinner.
 24 Great men and judges and rulers
 shall be esteemed;
 Yet there is none greater than he who
 reveres אֱלֹהִים.
 25 Those who are free shall do service
 to the servant that is wise;
 And he who has knowledge shall not
 grumble when he is instructed.
 26 Do not be overwise in doing your
 business;

And do not boast in the time of your
 distress.
 27 Better is he who labours and
 overflows in all,
 Than he who boasts and lacks bread.
 28 My son, esteem your being in
 meekness,
 And give it respect according to its
 quality.
 29 Who shall declare right he who sins
 against his own being?
 And who shall esteem he who shames
 his own life?
 30 The poor man is esteemed for his
 skill,
 And the wealthy man is esteemed for
 his wealth.
 31 He who is esteemed in poverty, how
 much more in wealth?
 And he who is ashamed in wealth, how
 much more in poverty?
 11 Wisdom lifts up the head of he
 who is of low degree,
 And makes him to sit among great
 men.
 2 Do not commend a man for his good
 looks;
 Neither despise a man for his outward
 appearance.
 3 The bee is little among those that fly;
 But her fruit is the first of that which is
 sweet.
 4 Do not boast of your garments and
 clothes,
 And do not exalt yourself in the day of
 esteem;
 For the works of אֱלֹהִים are wondrous,
 And His works among men are hidden.
 5 Many sovereigns have sat down on
 the ground;
 And one that was never considered
 has worn the crown.
 6 Many mighty men have been greatly
 shamed;
 And those esteemed delivered into
 other men's hands.
 7 Do not accuse before you have
 examined the truth;
 Understand first, and then reprove.
 8 Do not answer before you have
 heard the case;
 Neither interrupt men in the middle of
 speaking.
 9 Do not strive in a matter that does

- not concern you;
And do not sit in judgment with sinners.
- 10 My son, do not engage in many matters;
For if you strive greatly, you shall not be innocent;
And if you pursue, you shall not obtain,
Neither shall you escape by fleeing.
- 11 There is one who labours, and struggles, and hurries,
And is so much more behind.
- 12 Again, there is another that is slow, and needs help,
Lacking skill, and full of poverty;
Yet the eye of אֱלֹהִים looks upon him for good,
And raises him up from his humiliation,
- 13 And lifts his head from misery;
So that many see His peace over all this.
- 14 Prosperity and adversity, life and death,
Poverty and wealth, come from אֱלֹהִים.
- 15 Wisdom, knowledge and understanding of the Law, are of אֱלֹהִים;
Love, and the way of good works, are from Him.
- 16 Sin and darkness had their beginning together with sinners;
And evil shall grow old with those who boast in them.
- 17 The gift of אֱלֹהִים remains with the righteous,
And His favour brings peace forever.
- 18 There is he who grows wealthy by his cunning and frugality,
And this is the portion of his reward:
- 19 For he says, "I have found rest, and now shall eat continually of my goods."
And yet he does not know what event shall come upon him,
And that he must leave those to others, and die.
- 20 Be steadfast in your agreement, and be acquainted with it,
And grow old in your work.
- 21 Do not marvel at the works of sinners;
But trust in אֱלֹהִים, and continue in your labour;
For it is light in the eyes of אֱלֹהִים to
- suddenly make a poor man wealthy.
- 22 The berakah of אֱלֹהִים is in the reward of the reverent,
And suddenly He makes his berakah flourish.
- 23 Do not say, "What profit is there of my service?
And what good shall I have afterward?"
- 24 Again, do not say, "I have enough, and possess much,
And what evil shall come to me afterward?"
- 25 In the day of good there is a forgetfulness of affliction;
And in the day of affliction there is no remembrance of good.
- 26 For it is light for אֱלֹהִים to reward a man according to his ways on the day of death.
- 27 The affliction of an hour makes a man forget pleasure;
And in the end his deeds shall be exposed.
- 28 Judge none baruk before his death;
For a man shall be known in his children.
- 29 Do not bring every man into your house;
For the deceitful man has many schemes.
- 30 As a partridge taken in a cage,
So is the heart of the proud;
And as a spy, he watches for your fall;
- 31 For he lies in wait, and turns good into evil,
And in that which is worthy of praise shall accuse you.
- 32 From a spark of fire a heap of coals is kindled;
And a sinful man lays in wait for blood.
- 33 Take heed of an evil-doer, for he works wickedness;
Lest he bring upon you an everlasting stain.
- 34 Receive a stranger into your house, and he shall disturb you,
And turn you out of your own.
- 12** When you do good, know to whom you do it;
So you shall be thanked for your good works.
- 2 Do good to the upright, and you shall find a recompense;

- And if not from him, even from the Most High.
- 3 No good shall come to he who is always occupied with evil,
Nor to he who does no kind deed.
- 4 Give to the upright man, and do not help a sinner.
- 5 Do good to he who is lowly, but do not give to the wicked;
Withhold your bread, and do not give it to him,
Lest he overthrow you by it;
For you shall receive twice as much evil for all the good you have done to him.
- 6 For the Most High hates sinners, and shall repay the wicked with retribution,
And keeps them for the great day of their punishment.
- 7 Give to the good, and do not help the sinner.
- 8 A friend cannot be known in good times;
And an enemy cannot be hidden in adversity.
- 9 In the prosperity of a man enemies shall be grieved:
But in his adversity even a friend shall turn away.
- 10 Never trust your enemy;
For as iron rusts, so is his wickedness.
- 11 Though he humbles himself, and comes bowed down,
Yet be on your guard and beware of him,
And be to him as if you had wiped a mirror,
And you shall know that its tarnish has not been wiped away altogether.
- 12 do not put him near you,
Lest when he has overthrown you, he stands in your place;
Neither let him sit at your right hand,
Lest he seek to take your seat, and you remember my words in the end,
And be pierced by them.
- 13 Who shall pity a charmer that is bitten by a serpent,
Or any who come near wild beasts?
- 14 So one that goes to a sinner, and is defiled by him in his sins,
Who shall pity?
- 15 For a while he shall remain with you,
But if you begin to fall, he shall not wait.
- 16 An enemy speaks sweetly with his lips,
But in his heart he imagines how to throw you into a pit;
He weeps with his eyes, but if he finds opportunity,
He shall not be satisfied with blood.
- 17 If adversity comes upon you, you shall find him there first;
And though he pretends to help you, even so he shall wrong you.
- 18 He shall shake his head, and clap his hands,
And whisper much, and change his face.
- 13** He who handles tar is made unclean by it;
And he who has fellowship with a proud man shall be like him.
- 2 Do not burden yourself above your strength while you live;
And have no fellowship with one who is mightier and wealthier than yourself;
For how is the kettle and the earthen pot in agreement?
For if the one be struck against the other, it shall be broken.
- 3 The wealthy man has done wrong, and yet he threatens all;
The poor is wronged, and he must also plead.
- 4 If you profit him, he shall use you;
But if you have naught, he shall forsake you.
- 5 If you possess whatever, he shall live with you;
He shall also leave you naked, and shall not be sorry for it.
- 6 If he has need of you, he shall deceive you,
And smile at you, and have you in expectancy;
He shall speak smooth words to you, and say, "What do you need?"
- 7 And he shall shame you with his delicacies,
Until he has drained you dry two or three times,
And in the end he shall mock you afterward.
When he sees you, he shall forsake

you, and shake his head at you.
 8 Beware that you are not deceived
 and brought down in your rejoicing.
 9 If you are invited by a mighty man,
 withdraw yourself,
 And he shall invite you so much more.
 10 Do not push yourself on him, lest
 you be turned away;
 Do not stand far off, lest you be
 forgotten.
 11 Do not be eager to be equal to him
 in speech,
 And do not believe his many words;
 For with much talk he shall persuade
 you,
 And smiling at you shall draw out your
 secrets;
 12 But cruelly he shall lay up your
 words, and not spare to do you
 harm,
 And deliver you up.
 13 Observe, and be on your guard,
 For you walk in danger of being
 overthrown;
 When you hear these, awake from
 your sleep.
 14 Love **ٱٱٱ** all your life,
 And call upon Him for your
 deliverance.
 15 Every beast loves its kind,
 And every man loves his neighbour.
 16 All flesh associates according to
 kind,
 And a man shall cling to those like
 himself.
 17 What fellowship has the wolf with
 the lamb?
 So the sinner with the righteous.
 18 What agreement is there between
 the hyena and a dog?
 And what peace between the wealthy
 and the poor?
 19 As the wild donkey is the lion's prey
 in the wilderness;
 So the wealthy eat up the poor.
 20 As the proud hate humility;
 So does the wealthy abhor the poor.
 21 A wealthy man beginning to fall is
 supported by his friends;
 But a poor man fallen is pushed
 away by his friends.
 22 When a wealthy man is fallen, he
 has many helpers;
 He speaks words not to be spoken,

and yet men declare him right:
 The poor man slips, and yet they also
 rebuke him;
 He speaks wisely, but is not heeded.
 23 When a wealthy man speaks, every
 man holds his tongue,
 And look, what he says, they exalt it to
 the clouds;
 But if the poor man speaks, they say,
 "What fellow is this?"
 And if he stumbles, they shall help to
 overthrow him.
 24 Wealth is good to he who has no
 sin,
 and poverty is evil in the mouth of the
 wicked.
 25 The heart of a man changes his
 face, whether it be for good or evil;
 And a glad heart makes a good face.
 26 A good face is a sign of a heart that
 is good;
 And the searching out of parables is a
 wearisome labour of the mind.
14 Baruk is the man that has not
 slipped with his mouth,
 And is not pierced with the great
 number of sins.
 2 Baruk is he whose conscience has
 not condemned him,
 And who has not fallen from his
 expectancy in **ٱٱٱ**.
 3 Wealth is not fitting for a miser;
 And what should an envious man do
 with silver?
 4 He who gathers by depriving his own
 being,
 Gathers for others that shall spend his
 goods loosely.
 5 He who is evil to himself, to whom
 shall he be good?
 He shall not take pleasure in his
 goods.
 6 There is none worse than he who
 envies himself;
 And this is to repay for his wickedness.
 7 And if he does good, he does it
 unwillingly;
 And in the end he shall declare his
 wickedness.
 8 The greedy man has an evil eye;
 He turns away his face, and despises
 men.
 9 A covetous man's eye is not satisfied
 with his portion;

And the wickedness of the wicked
dries up his being.
10 A wicked eye is greedy for bread,
And he is a miser at his table.
11 My son, according to your ability do
good to yourself,
And give ^{אֱלֹהִים} His due offering.
12 Remember that death shall not be
long in coming,
And that the promise of the grave is
not revealed to you.
13 Do good to your friend before you
die,
And according to your ability stretch
out your hand and give to him.
14 Do not deprive yourself of a good
day,
And do not let the share of a good
desire overlook you.
15 Shall you not leave your hardships
to another?
And your labours to be divided by lot?
16 Give and take, and qadosh your
being;
For there is no seeking delicacies in
the grave.
17 All flesh grows old as a garment;
For the promise from the beginning is:
You shall die in death.
18 As the green leaves on a thick tree,
some fall, and some grow;
So is the generation of flesh and
blood:
One comes to an end, and another is
born.
19 Every work rots and eats away,
And the worker of it shall go likewise.
20 Baruk is the man who meditates on
goodness in wisdom,
And thinks upon qodesh matters with
his understanding.
21 He who considers her ways in his
heart,
Shall also have understanding of her
secrets.
22 Go after her as one that follows, and
lie in wait on her ways.
23 He who peers in her windows shall
also listen at her doors.
24 He who lodges near her house shall
also fasten a peg on her walls.
25 He shall pitch his tent near to her,
And shall lodge in a lodging where
goodness is.

26 He shall put his children under her
shelter,
And shall lodge under her branches.
27 By her he shall be covered from
heat,
And in her esteem he shall dwell.
15 He who reveres ^{אֱלֹהִים} shall do
good,
And he who has the knowledge of the
Law shall obtain her.
2 And as a mother she shall meet him,
And receive him as a wife married in
maidenhood.
3 With the bread of understanding she
shall feed him,
And give him the water of wisdom to
drink.
4 He shall be visited by her, and shall
not be moved;
And shall rely on her, and shall not be
ashamed.
5 She shall exalt him above his
neighbours,
And she shall open his mouth in the
midst of the assembly.
6 He shall find joy and a crown of
gladness,
And she shall cause him to inherit an
everlasting name.
7 But foolish men shall not obtain her,
And sinners shall not see her.
8 For she is far from pride,
And men that are liars cannot
remember her.
9 Praise is not fitting for the mouth of a
sinner,
For it was not sent to him by ^{אֱלֹהִים}.
10 For praise shall be uttered in
wisdom,
And ^{אֱלֹהִים} shall make it prosper.
11 Do not say, "It is because of ^{אֱלֹהִים}
that I fell away."
For you ought not to do that which He
hates.
12 Do not say, "He has caused me to
stray."
For He has no need of the sinful man.
13 ^{אֱלֹהִים} hates all abomination;
And those who revere Elohim do not
love it.
14 He Himself made man from the
beginning,
And left him in the hand of his own
counsel;

15 So you shall guard the Commands,
 And act trustworthily.
 16 He has put fire and water before
 you;
 Stretch out your hand to which you
 choose.
 17 Hai and death is before man;
 And what he chooses shall be given
 him.
 18 For the wisdom of אֱלֹהִים is great,
 And He is mighty in power, and sees
 all.
 19 And His eyes are upon those who
 revere Him,
 And He knows every work of man.
 20 He has commanded no man to do
 wickedly,
 Neither has He given any man
 permission to sin.
16 Do not desire a great number
 of worthless children,
 Neither delight in wicked sons.
 2 Though they increase, do not rejoice
 in them,
 Unless the reverence of אֱלֹהִים is with
 them.
 3 Do not trust in them living, neither
 regard their great number;
 For one that is righteous is better than
 a thousand;
 And it is better to die without children,
 than to have those who are
 wicked.
 4 For by one that has understanding
 the city shall be filled;
 But the offspring of the wicked shall be
 quickly laid waste.
 5 Many such matters I have seen with
 my eyes,
 And my ear has heard greater than
 these.
 6 In the assembly of the wicked a fire
 shall be kindled;
 And in a rebellious nation wrath is lit
 on fire.
 7 He was not appeased toward the
 giants of old,
 Who fell in the strength of their
 foolishness.
 8 Neither did He spare the place where
 Lot sojourned,
 But loathed them for their pride.
 9 He had no compassion for the
 people of destruction,

Who were taken away in their sins;
 10 Nor the six hundred thousand foot
 soldiers,
 Who were gathered together in the
 hardness of their hearts.
 11 And if there is one stiff-necked
 among the people,
 It is marvel if he escapes unpunished;
 For kindness and wrath are with Him.
 He is mighty to forgive, and to pour out
 displeasure.
 12 As His kindness is great, so is His
 discipline also.
 He judges a man according to his
 works.
 13 The sinner shall not escape with his
 plunder;
 And the patience of the righteous shall
 not be defeated.
 14 Make room for every act of
 kindness;
 For everyone shall receive according
 to his works.
 15 אֱלֹהִים hardened Pharaoh, that he
 should not know Him,
 That His mighty works might be known
 to the world.
 16 His kindness is revealed to every
 creature;
 And He has separated His light from
 the darkness and is unbreakable.
 17 Do not say, "I shall hide myself from
 אֱלֹהִים."
 "Shall any remember me from above?
 "I shall not be remembered among so
 many people;
 "For what is my being among such a
 limitless number of creatures?"
 18 See, the shamayim, and the
 shamayim of shamayim,
 The deep, and the earth, and all that is
 in it,
 Shall be moved at His visitation.
 19 The mountains and foundations of
 the earth shall also be shaken with
 trembling,
 When אֱלֹהִים looks upon them.
 20 No heart may think upon these
 worthily;
 And who is able to perceive His ways?
 21 It is a whirlwind that no man sees;
 For most of his works are hidden.
 22 Who shall declare the works of His
 righteousness?

Or who shall endure them?
 For His decree is far off,
 And the trial of all is at the end.
 23 He who lacks understanding shall
 think upon emptiness;
 And a foolish man straying plots
 foolishness.
 24 My son, listen to me and learn
 knowledge,
 And know my words in your heart.
 25 I shall present instruction by
 measure,
 And declare His knowledge exactly.
 26 The works of אֱלֹהִים are done in
 right-ruling from the beginning;
 And from the time He made them He
 laid out their parts.
 27 He decorated His works forever,
 And in His hand are the beginning of
 them to all generations;
 They neither labour, nor are weary, nor
 cease from their works.
 28 None of them withholds another,
 And they never disobey His word.
 29 After this אֱלֹהִים looked upon the
 earth,
 And filled it with his birekoth.
 30 Has he covered the face of it with all
 manner of living creatures;
 And they shall return to it again.
17 אֱלֹהִים created man from the
 earth,
 And returns him to it again.
 2 He gave them few days, and a short
 time,
 And also authority over that within it.
 3 He gave them strength within
 themselves,
 And made them according to His
 image,
 4 And put the fear of man upon all
 flesh,
 And gave him rule over beasts and
 birds.
 5 They received the use of the five
 senses of אֱלֹהִים,
 And in the sixth place He gave them
 understanding,
 And in the seventh speech, an
 interpreter of the thoughts.
 6 Counsel, and a tongue, and eyes,
 ears, and a heart,
 He gave them to understand.
 7 He filled them with the knowledge of

understanding,
 And showed them good and evil.
 8 He put His eye on their hearts,
 That He might show them the
 greatness of His works.
 9 He appointed them to boast in His
 marvellous deeds forever,
 That they might declare His works with
 understanding.
 10 And the elect shall praise His
 qodesh Name.
 11 Besides this He gave them
 knowledge,
 And the Law of Hai for a inheritance.
 12 He made an everlasting Covenant
 with them,
 And gave them His Right-Rulings.
 13 Their eyes saw the excellence of His
 esteem,
 And their ears heard His esteemed
 voice.
 14 And He said to them, "Beware of all
 unrighteousness."
 And He gave every man Command
 concerning his neighbour.
 15 Their ways are ever before Him,
 And shall not be hid from His eyes.
 16 Every man from his youth is given to
 evil;
 Neither could they make hearts of
 flesh for themselves from stony.
 17 For in the division of the nations of
 the whole earth He appointed a
 ruler over every people;
 But Yisra'el is the portion of אֱלֹהִים;
 18 Whom being His firstborn, He
 nourishes with discipline,
 And giving him the light of His love,
 does not forsake him.
 19 Therefore all their works are as the
 sun before Him,
 And His eyes are continually upon
 their ways.
 20 None of their unrighteous deeds are
 hid from Him,
 But all their sins are before אֱלֹהִים.
 21 But אֱלֹהִים showing favour and
 knowing His workmanship,
 Neither left nor forsook them, but
 spared them.
 22 The kind deeds of a man are as a
 signet with Him,
 And He shall guard the good deeds of
 man as the apple of His eye,

And give repentance to His sons and daughters.

23 Afterwards He shall rise up and reward them,

And render their recompense upon their heads.

24 And to those who repent, He provides a return,

And comforts those whose expectancy is failing.

25 Return to אלהים, and leave your sins.

Make your prayer before His face, and be guiltless.

26 Turn again to the Most High, and turn away from wickedness;

For He shall lead you out of darkness into the light of peace,

And intensely hate your abominations.

27 Who shall praise the Most High in the grave,

Except for those who live and give thanks?

28 Thanksgiving perishes from the dead, as from one who is not;

The living and perfect in heart shall praise אלהים.

29 How great is the kindness of אלהים our Elohim,

And His compassion to those who turn to him in qodeshah!

30 For not all is within man,

For the son of man is not incorruptible.

31 What is brighter than the sun, yet its light fails?

So flesh and blood shall imagine evil.

32 He views the power of the height of the shamayim;

And all men are but dust and ashes.

18 He who lives forever Has created all in its entirety.

2 אלהים alone is righteous,

And there is no other but He,

3 Who guides the world with the palm of His hand,

And all obey His desire;

For he is the Sovereign of all by His power,

Dividing the qodesh from among the profane.

4 To whom has He given power to declare His works?

And who shall find out His noble acts?

5 Who shall measure the strength of

His excellence?

And who also shall tell of His kindnesses?

6 As for the wondrous works of אלהים, there is naught taken from them,

Nor any that are compared to them,

Nor may the expanse of them be found out.

7 When a man is finished, then one begins;

And when he leaves, then he shall be uncertain.

8 What is man, and what use is he?

What is his good, and what is his evil?

9 The number of a man's days at the greatest are a hundred years.

10 As a drop of water into the sea, and a grain compared to the sand;

So are a thousand years to everlasting days.

11 Therefore Elohim is patient with them,

And pours out His kindness upon them.

12 He looked and saw their end to be evil;

Therefore He multiplied His compassion.

13 The kindness of man is toward his neighbour;

But the kindness of אלהים is upon all flesh.

He reproveth, and disciplines, and teaches and turns them back again, as a shepherd his flock.

14 He has kindness on those who receive discipline,

And who diligently seek after His Right-Rulings.

15 My son, do not blemish your good deeds,

Nor use harsh words when you give.

16 Does the dew not relieve the heat? So a word is better than a gift.

17 Look, is a word not better than a gift?

But both are with one showing kindness.

18 A fool shall reproach harshly,

And a gift of the selfish consumes the eyes.

19 Learn before you speak,

And use healing if you are ever sick.

20 Before judgment examine yourself,

- And in the day of visitation you shall find kindness.
- 21 Humble yourself before you become sick,
And in the time of sins show repentance.
- 22 Let naught hinder you to pay your vow in due time,
And do not delay till death to be declared right.
- 23 Before you pray, prepare yourself;
And do not be as one that tries ~~אֵלֵי~~.
- 24 Think upon the wrath that shall be in the end,
And the time of vengeance, when He turns away His face.
- 25 When you have enough, remember the time of hunger:
And when you are wealthy, think upon poverty and need.
- 26 From the morning until the evening the times change,
And all are soon done before ~~אֵלֵי~~.
- 27 A wise man shall revere in every matter,
And in the day of sinning he shall beware of trespass.
But a fool does not observe time.
- 28 Every man of understanding knows wisdom,
And shall barak he who finds her.
- 29 Those who have understanding in words also become wise themselves,
And pour forth splendid parables.
- 30 Do not pursue your lusts,
But restrain yourself from your appetites.
- 31 If you give your being the desires that it pleases,
It shall make you a mockery to your enemies that slander you.
- 32 Do not revel in excessive pleasure,
Nor be bound by its expense.
- 33 Do not become a beggar by feasting through borrowing,
When you have naught in your purse;
For you shall be lying in wait for your own life, and be plotted upon.
- 19** A labourer that is given to drunkenness shall not be wealthy;
And he who despises small matters shall fall little by little.
- 2 Wine and women shall cause men of understanding to fall away:
And he who clings to whores shall become hardened.
- 3 Moths and worms shall have him to inherit,
And a bold man shall be taken away.
- 4 He who is hasty to give credit is light-minded;
And he who sins corrupts his own being.
- 5 Whoever takes pleasure in wickedness shall be condemned:
But he who resists pleasures crowns his hai.
- 6 He who rules his tongue shall live without strife;
And he who hates gossip shall have less evil.
- 7 Do not repeat to another that which is told to you,
And you shall not suffer harm.
- 8 Whether to friend or enemy, do not speak of another's life;
And if you may without offense, do not reveal them.
- 9 For if he hears and sees you,
So in time to come he shall hate you.
- 10 If you have heard a word, let it die with you;
And be brave, it shall not burst you!
- 11 A fool struggles with a word,
As a woman in labour with a child.
- 12 As an arrow that sticks in a man's thigh,
So is a word inside a fool.
- 13 Admonish a friend, it may be he has not done it;
And if he has done it, that he does it no more.
- 14 Admonish your friend, it may be he has not said it;
And if he has, that he does not speak it again.
- 15 Admonish a friend, for many times it is slander,
And do not believe every whisper.
- 16 There is one that slips in his speech,
but not from his heart;
And who is he who has not offended with his tongue?
- 17 Admonish your neighbour before you threaten him;
And not being wroth, give place to the

Law of the Most High.
 18 The reverence of אֱלֹהִים is the
 beginning of acceptance,
 And wisdom obtains His love.
 19 The knowledge of the Commands of
 אֱלֹהִים is the instruction of Hai:
 And those who do that which pleases
 Him,
 Shall receive the fruit of the tree of
 immortality.
 20 The reverence of אֱלֹהִים is complete
 wisdom;
 And in all wisdom is the doing of the
 Law,
 And the knowledge of His mightiness.
 21 If a servant says to his master, "I
 shall not do as it pleases you."
 Though afterward he does it, he
 angers him who feeds him.
 22 The knowledge of wickedness is not
 wisdom,
 Nor at any time is insight the counsel
 of sinners.
 23 There is a wickedness, and such is
 an abomination;
 And there is a fool lacking in wisdom.
 24 He who has little understanding, and
 reveres Elohim,
 Is better than one that has much
 wisdom,
 And transgresses the Law of the Most
 High.
 25 There is a delicate craftiness, and
 the same is unrighteous;
 And there is one that turns aside to
 make judgment appear;
 And there is a wise man that speaks
 rightly in judgment.
 26 There is a wicked man that bows his
 head sadly;
 But inwardly he is full of deceit,
 27 Casting down his face, and making
 as if he did not hear.
 Where he is unknown, he shall do you
 evil before you are aware.
 28 And if for need of power he may
 cease from sinning,
 Yet when he finds opportunity he shall
 do evil.
 29 A man may be known by his
 appearance,
 And one that has understanding, by
 his face when you meet him.
 30 A man's dress, and excessive

laughter, and walk, reveal what he
 is.

20 There is a reproof that is not
 proper;
 Again, some man holds his tongue,
 and he is wise.
 2 It is much better to reprove, than to
 be wroth secretly;
 And he who confesses his wrong shall
 be preserved from harm.
 3 How good is it, when you are
 reprov'd, to show repentance!
 For so you shall escape deliberate sin.
 4 As is the lust of a eunuch to defile a
 maiden;
 So is he who executes judgment with
 violence.
 5 There is one that keeps silent, and is
 found wise;
 And another by much babbling
 becomes hated.
 6 Some man holds his tongue,
 because he has no answer:
 And some keep silent, knowing his
 time.
 7 A wise man shall hold his tongue till
 he sees opportunity;
 But a babbler and a fool shall regard
 no time.
 8 He who uses many words shall be
 loathed;
 And he who takes authority for himself
 in this shall be hated.
 9 There is a sinner that has good
 success in evil;
 And there is a gain that turns to loss.
 10 There is a gift that shall not profit
 you;
 And there is a gift whose recompense
 is double.
 11 There is he who is shamed because
 of esteem;
 And there he who lifts up his head
 from a low estate.
 12 There is he who buys much for a
 little,
 But repays it sevenfold.
 13 A wise man by his words makes him
 beloved;
 But the favours of fools shall be
 poured out.
 14 The gift of a fool shall do you no
 good when you have it;
 Nor that of the greedy by necessity;

For he looks to receive much for one.
 15 He gives little, and insults greatly;
 He opens his mouth as an accuser.
 Today he lends, and tomorrow he shall
 ask it again;
 Such a one is to be hated of Elohim
 and man.
 16 The fool says, "I have no friends,
 I have no thanks for all my good
 deeds,
 And those who eat my bread speak
 evil of me."
 17 How often, and by how many shall
 he be mocked!
 For he does not know what it is to
 have;
 And it is all the same to him as if he
 did not have.
 18 To slip upon a pavement is better
 than to slip with the tongue;
 So shall the fall of the wicked come
 speedily.
 19 An untimely word shall always be in
 the mouth of the unwise.
 20 A wise word shall be rejected when
 it comes from the mouth of a fool;
 For he shall not speak it in its season.
 21 There is he who is hindered from
 sinning through poverty;
 And when he takes rest, he is not
 troubled.
 22 There is he who destroys his own
 being through shame,
 And overthrows himself by showing
 partiality.
 23 There is he who promises to his
 friend from shame,
 And makes him his enemy for naught.
 24 A lie is an unclean stain within a
 man,
 Yet it is continually in the mouth of the
 unlearned.
 25 A thief is better than a man who is
 known to lie:
 But they shall both inherit destruction.
 26 The way of a liar is humiliation,
 And his shame is ever with him.
 27 With his words a wise man shall
 promote himself to esteem:
 And he who has understanding shall
 please great men.
 28 He who tills his land shall increase
 his heap:
 And he who pleases great men shall

receive pardon for wrong.
 29 Presents and bribes blind the eyes
 of the wise,
 And stop up his mouth so he cannot
 reprove.
 30 Wisdom that is hidden, and treasure
 that is hoarded up,
 What profit is there in either?
 31 Better is he who hides his folly
 Than a man who hides his wisdom.
 32 Enduring patience in seeking **אֱלֹהִים**,
 Is better than he who leads his life
 without a guide.
21 My son, have you sinned?
 Do so no more,
 But ask forgiveness for your former
 sins.
 2 Flee from sin as from the face of a
 serpent;
 For if you come too close to it, it shall
 bite you.
 The teeth of it are as the teeth of a
 lion,
 Slaying the beings of men.
 3 All wickedness is as a two-edged
 sword,
 The wounds of which cannot be
 healed.
 4 Fear and wickedness shall waste
 wealth;
 Therefore the house the proud shall be
 made desolate.
 5 A prayer out of a poor man's mouth
 reaches the ears of Elohim,
 And his right-ruling comes speedily.
 6 He who hates to be reproved is in the
 path of sinners;
 But he who reveres **אֱלֹהִים** shall repent
 from his heart.
 7 A learned man is known far and
 near;
 And a man of understanding knows
 when he slips.
 8 He who builds his house with another
 man's silver,
 Is like one that gathers stones for the
 tomb of his burial.
 9 The assembly of the wicked is like
 tow wrapped together;
 And their end is a flame of fire to
 destroy them.
 10 The way of sinners is paved with
 stones,
 But at the end of it is the pit of She'ol.

- 11 He who guards the Law of אִתָּךְ
gains understanding from it;
And the perfect reverence of אִתָּךְ is
wisdom.
- 12 He who is not wise cannot be
taught;
But there is a knowledge which
multiplies bitterness.
- 13 The knowledge of a wise man shall
increase as a flood:
And his counsel is like a pure fountain
of life.
- 14 The inward parts of a fool are like a
broken vessel,
And he shall hold no knowledge as
long as he lives.
- 15 If a skilled man hears a wise word,
He commends it, and adds to it;
But when one of no understanding
hears it,
It displeases him, and he throws it
behind his back.
- 16 The talking of a fool is like a burden
on the way;
But favour shall be found in the lips of
the wise.
- 17 They inquire at the mouth of the
wise in the assembly,
And they shall consider his words in
their heart.
- 18 As is a house that is destroyed, so is
wisdom to a fool;
And the knowledge of the unwise are
words without sense.
- 19 Instruction to fools is as chains on
the feet,
And like shackles on the right hand.
- 20 A fool lifts up his voice with laughter;
But a wise man hardly smiles a little.
- 21 Learning is to a wise man as an
ornament of gold,
And like a bracelet upon his right arm.
- 22 The foot of a fool hurries into his
house;
But a diligent man is ashamed of him.
- 23 A fool shall peep at the door into the
house;
But he who is disciplined shall stand
outside.
- 24 It is the disrespect of a man to listen
at the door:
But a wise man shall be grieved with
the shame.
- 25 The lips of gossipers speak that
which does not pertain to them;
But the words of those who have
understanding are weighed in the
balance.
- 26 The heart of fools is in their mouth;
But the mouth of the wise is in their
heart.
- 27 When the wicked curses an
adverary,
He curses his own being.
- 28 A whisperer defiles his own being,
and is hated wherever he dwells.
- 22** A lazy man is compared to a
filthy stone,
And all shall hiss him to shame.
- 2 An idle man is compared to the filth
of a dunghill:
Every man that picks it up shall shake
off his hand.
- 3 An undisciplined man is the shame of
his father that brought him forth;
And a daughter is brought forth to his
loss.
- 4 A wise daughter brings an
inheritance to her husband;
But she who lives dishonestly is her
father's heaviness.
- 5 She who is bold shames both her
father and her husband,
And they shall both despise her.
- 6 An untimely word is music in
mourning;
But blows and discipline by wisdom
are never untimely.
- 7 Whoever teaches a fool is as one
who glues a potsherd together,
And as he who wakes one from a
sound sleep.
- 8 He who speaks a word to a fool
speaks to one in a slumber;
When he has spoken a word, he shall
say, "What is this word?"
- 9 If children live decently, and have
means,
They shall cover the lowliness of their
parents.
- 10 But children, being haughty, through
pride and lacking discipline,
Stain the nobility of their relatives.
- 11 Weep for the dead, for he has lost
the light;
And weep for the fool, for he lacks
understanding.
Make little weeping for the dead, for he

is at rest:
 But the life of the fool is worse than death.
 12 Seven days men shall mourn for the dead;
 But all the days of his life for a fool and a wicked man.
 13 Do not speak much with a fool,
 And do not go to he who has no understanding.
 Beware of him, lest you have trouble,
 And you shall never be defiled with his foolishness.
 Depart from him, and you shall find rest,
 And never be worried with madness.
 14 What is heavier than lead?
 And what is its name, but a fool?
 15 Sand, and salt, and a mass of iron,
 is easier to bear,
 Than a man without understanding.
 16 As timber girded and bound together in a building cannot be loosed with shaking;
 So the heart that is established by wise counsel shall fear at no time.
 17 A heart rested upon a thought of understanding,
 Is as a lovely plastering on the wall of a gallery.
 18 Fences put on a high place shall never stand against the wind;
 So a fearful heart in the mind of a fool cannot stand against any fear.
 19 He who pricks the eye makes tears fall;
 And he who pricks the heart makes it show her knowledge.
 20 Whoever throws a stone at the birds frightens them away;
 And he who reproaches his friend breaks a friendship.
 21 Though you draw a sword against your friend, yet do not despair;
 For there may be a returning.
 22 If you have opened your mouth against your friend,
 Do not fear;
 For there may be an atonement,
 Except for reproach, or pride, or disclosing secrets, or a deadly wound;
 For these matters every friend shall depart.

23 Be trustworthy to your neighbour in his poverty,
 That you may rejoice in his prosperity.
 Remain steadfast with him in the time of his distress,
 That you may be heir with him in his inheritance;
 For a poor position is not always to be despised;
 Nor the wealthy, who are foolish to be held in admiration.
 24 As the clouds and smoke of a furnace goes before the fire;
 So reviling before blood.
 25 I shall not be ashamed to defend a friend;
 Nor shall I hide myself from him.
 26 But if any evil comes upon me because of him,
 Every one that hears it shall beware of him.
 27 Who shall appoint a guard before my mouth,
 And a seal of wisdom upon my lips,
 So I do not suddenly fall by them,
 And that my tongue does not destroy me?
23 O 𐤒𐤕𐤕, Father and Adon of all my hai,
 Do not leave me to their counsels,
 And do not let me fall by them.
 2 Who shall appoint whips over my thoughts,
 And the discipline of wisdom over my heart?
 That they do not spare me for my ignorances,
 And it does not pass by my sins;
 3 Lest my ignorances increase, and my sins multiply to my destruction,
 And I fall before my adversaries, and my enemy rejoice over me,
 Whose expectancy is far from Your kindness.
 4 O 𐤒𐤕𐤕, Father and Elohim of my hai,
 Do not give me a proud look,
 But always turn your servants away from a haughty mind.
 5 Turn me away from worthless expectation and lust,
 And You hold up he who desires to always serve You.
 6 Do not let the gluttony of the stomach

- nor lust of the flesh take hold of me;
And do not give me, your servant, over
to a hardened heart.
- 7 Hear O you children, the instruction
of the mouth;
He who guards it shall never be
overtaken with his lips.
- 8 The sinner shall be left in his
foolishness;
Both the speaker of evil and the proud
shall fall by it.
- 9 Do not accustom your mouth to
swearing;
Nor use the Name of the Qadosh One.
- 10 For as a servant that is continually
beaten shall not be without a bruise;
So he who swears Naming Elohim
continually shall not be guiltless.
- 11 A man that swears much is filled
with wickedness,
And the plague shall never depart from
his house.
If he transgresses, his sin shall be
upon him;
And if he does not acknowledge his
sin, he commits a double offense:
And if he swears in vain, he shall not
be innocent,
But his house shall be filled with
calamities.
- 12 There is a word that is clothed with
death;
Elohim grant that it not be found in the
inheritance of Ya'aqob;
For all such matters shall be far from
the reverent,
And they shall not wallow in their sins.
- 13 Do not use your mouth to swear
rashly,
For in these words there is sin.
- 14 Remember your father and your
mother when you sit among great
men.
Do not be forgetful before them, and
so, by your habit,
Become a fool, and wish that you had
not been born,
And curse the day of your birth.
- 15 The man who is accustomed to
insulting words
Shall never be instructed all the days
of his life.
- 16 Two kinds of men multiply sin, and
the third shall bring wrath:
- A heated spirit as a burning fire shall
never be quenched till it is
consumed:
One who whores in the body of his
flesh shall never cease till he has
kindled a fire.
- 17 All bread is sweet to those who
whore,
He does not cease till he dies.
- 18 An adulterer, says thus in his heart:
"Who sees me? I am surrounded with
darkness.
"The walls cover me, and no one sees
me; what do I need to fear?
"The Most High shall not remember
my sins."
- 19 Such a man only fears the eyes of
men,
And does not know that the eyes of
אֱלֹהִים are ten thousand times
brighter than the sun,
Watching all the ways of men, and
observing the most secret places.
- 20 He knew all when they were
created;
So after they were accomplished he
looked upon them all.
- 21 This man shall be punished in the
streets of the city,
And he shall be taken where he does
not suspect.
- 22 So it shall also be for the wife that
leaves her husband,
And brings forth an heir by another.
- 23 For firstly, she has disobeyed the
Law of the Most High;
And secondly, she has trespassed
against her own husband;
And thirdly, she has committed whoring
by adultery,
And brought forth children by another
man.
- 24 She shall be brought out into the
assembly,
And inquiry shall be made of her
children.
- 25 Her children shall not take root,
And her branches shall not bring forth
fruit.
- 26 She shall leave a cursed
remembrance,
And her reproach shall not be blotted
out.
- 27 And those who remain shall know

that there is none better than the
 reverence of אֱלֹהִים,
 And that there is naught sweeter than
 to guard the Commands of אֱלֹהִים.
 28 It is great esteem to follow אֱלֹהִים,
 And to be accepted by Him is long life.
24 Wisdom shall praise herself,
 And be esteemed in the midst
 of her people.
 2 In the assembly of the Most High she
 opens her mouth,
 And overcomes before His power.
 3 I came out of the mouth of the Most
 High,
 And covered the earth as a cloud.
 4 I dwelt in high places,
 And my throne is in a cloudy pillar.
 5 I alone surrounded the circuit of the
 shamayim,
 And walked in the bottom of the deep.
 6 In the waves of the sea and in all the
 earth,
 And in every people and nation, I
 obtained a possession.
 7 With all these I sought rest;
 And in whose inheritance shall I
 remain?
 8 So the Creator of all gave me a
 command,
 And He who made me gave rest for
 my tent, and said,
 "Let your dwelling be in Ya'aqob, and
 your inheritance in Yisra'el."
 9 He created me from the beginning
 before the world,
 And I shall never fail.
 10 In the qodesh Mishkan I served
 before Him;
 And so I was established in Tsiyon.
 11 Likewise in the beloved city He gave
 me rest,
 And in Yerushalayim was my strength.
 12 And I took root in an esteemed
 people,
 Even in the portion of the inheritance
 of אֱלֹהִים.
 13 I was exalted like a cedar in
 Leḅanon,
 And as a cypress upon the mountains
 of Ḥermon.
 14 I was exalted like a palm tree in Ēyn
 Geḏi,
 And as a rosebush in Yeriḥo,
 As a fair olive tree in a pleasant field,

And grew as a fig tree by the water.
 15 I gave a sweet smell like cinnamon
 and rosewood,
 And I yielded a pleasant fragrance like
 the best myrrh,
 As galbanam, and shoham, and
 fragrant gum,
 And as the fragrance of frankincense
 in the Mishkan.
 16 As the cypress I stretched out my
 branches,
 And my branches are the branches of
 esteem and favour.
 17 As the vine I brought forth a
 pleasant fragrance,
 And my flowers are the fruit of esteem
 and wealth.
 18 I am the mother of pleasant love,
 and reverence, and knowledge, and
 qodesh expectancy:
 I therefore, being of old,
 Am given to all my children who are
 named by Him.
 19 Come to me, all you who desire me,
 And fill yourselves with my fruit.
 20 For my remembrance is sweeter
 than honey,
 And my inheritance than the
 honeycomb.
 21 those who eat of me shall hunger for
 more,
 And those who drink me shall thirst for
 more.
 22 He who obeys me shall never be
 ashamed,
 And those who work beside me shall
 not do wrong.
 23 All these are the Book of the
 Covenant of the Most High Elohim,
 Even the Law which Mosheh
 Commanded for an inheritance to
 the congregations of Ya'aqob.
 24 Do not lose heart, but be strong in
 אֱלֹהִים, that He may confirm you;
 Cling to Him, for אֱלֹהִים Almighty is
 Elohim alone,
 And beside Him there is no other
 Saviour.
 25 He fills all with his wisdom,
 As Pishon and as Ḥiddeqel in the time
 of first-fruits.
 26 He makes understanding to abound
 like Perath,
 And as the Yardēn in the time of the

harvest.
 27 He makes the instruction of
 knowledge appear as the light,
 And as Giḥon in the time of grape
 harvest.
 28 The first man did not know her fully;
 Nor shall the last find her out.
 29 For her thoughts are more than the
 sea,
 And her counsels deeper than the
 great deep.
 30 I also came out as a wadi from a
 river,
 And as a channel into a garden.
 31 I said, "I shall water my best garden,
 And shall water my garden bed very
 much."
 And see, my wadi became a river, and
 my river became a sea.
 32 I shall yet make instruction to shine
 as the morning,
 And shall send forth her light far away.
 33 I shall yet pour out instruction as
 neḅuah,
 And leave it to all ages forever.
 34 See that I have not laboured for
 myself only,
 But for all those who seek wisdom.
25 In three matters I was adorned,
 And stood in loveliness both
 before Elohim and man:
 The oneness of brothers, the love of
 neighbours,
 A man and wife that agree together.
 2 Three sorts of men my being hates,
 And I greatly loathe of their life:
 A poor man who is proud, a wealthy
 man who is a liar,
 And an old adulterer who is foolish.
 3 If you have gathered naught in your
 youth,
 How shall you find any matter in your
 old age?
 4 O how lovely is judgment for grey
 hairs,
 And for the aged to know counsel!
 5 O how lovely is the wisdom of old
 men,
 And understanding and counsel in
 men of esteem.
 6 Much experience is the crown of old
 men,
 And the reverence of Elohim is their
 esteem.

7 There are nine which I have judged
 in my heart to be baruk,
 And the tenth I shall relate with my
 tongue:
 A man that has joy from his children;
 And he who lives to see the fall of his
 enemy.
 8 Good is he who dwells with a wife of
 understanding,
 And that has not slipped with his
 tongue,
 And that has not served a man more
 unworthy than himself.
 9 Good is he who has found insight,
 And he who speaks in the ears of
 those who listen.
 10 O how great is he who finds
 wisdom!
 Yet there is none above he who
 reveres אָתָּא.
 11 But the love of אָתָּא passes all in
 understanding;
 He who possesses it, to what shall he
 be likened?
 12 The reverence of אָתָּא is the
 beginning of His love;
 And belief is the beginning of clinging
 to Him.
 13 Any wound, but a wound of the
 heart;
 And any wickedness, but the
 wickedness of a woman.
 14 And any affliction, but the affliction
 from those who hate me;
 And any revenge, but the revenge of
 enemies.
 15 There is no venom above the venom
 of a serpent;
 And there is no wrath above the wrath
 of an enemy.
 16 I would rather dwell with a lion and a
 dragon,
 Than to dwell in a house with a wicked
 woman.
 17 The wickedness of a woman
 changes her appearance,
 And darkens her face like sackcloth.
 18 Her husband shall sit among his
 neighbours;
 And listening he shall sigh bitterly.
 19 All wickedness is but little to the
 wickedness of a woman;
 Let the portion of a sinner fall upon
 her.

- 20 As the climbing of a sandy way is to the feet of the aged,
So is a wife full of words to a quiet man.
- 21 Do not stumble at the loveliness of a woman,
And do not desire her for pleasure.
- 22 A woman supporting her husband,
Is full of wrath, hardness, and much reproach.
- 23 A wicked woman causes courage to cease,
Causes a heavy face and a wounded heart;
A woman that does not comfort her husband in distress
Causes weak hands and feeble knees.
- 24 From the woman came the beginning of sin,
And because of her we all die.
- 25 Give water no outlet;
Nor a wicked woman freedom to roam.
- 26 If she does not do as you would have her,
Cut her off from yourself,
And give her a certificate of divorce, and let her go.
- 26** Baruk is the man that has a capable wife,
For the number of his days shall be double.
- 2 A capable woman gladdens her husband,
And he shall fill the years of his life in peace.
- 3 A good wife is a good portion,
Which shall be given in the portion of those who revere אֱלֹהִים.
- 4 Whether a man is wealthy or poor,
If he has a good heart toward אֱלֹהִים,
He shall rejoice at all times with a cheerful face.
- 5 There are three matters that my heart fears;
And of the fourth I was very afraid:
The slander of a city, the gathering together of an unruly crowd, and a false accusation;
All these are worse than death.
- 6 But a woman that is jealous over another woman is grieving to the heart and sorrow;
And a lashing tongue which makes known to all.
- 7 An evil wife is a yoke shaken to and fro;
He who has hold of her is as though he held a scorpion.
- 8 A drunken and wandering woman causes great wrath,
And she does not cover her own shame.
- 9 The whoring of a woman is known by her haughty looks and eyelids.
- 10 If your daughter is wayward, keep her straight,
Lest she abuse herself through too much freedom.
- 11 Watch over one with a hard eye;
And do not marvel if she trespasses against you.
- 12 She shall open her mouth, as a thirsty traveller who has found a fountain,
And drink of every water near her.
By every hedge she shall sit down,
And open her quiver for every arrow.
- 13 The favour of a wife delights her husband,
And her discretion shall fatten his bones.
- 14 A silent and loving woman is a gift of אֱלֹהִים;
And there is naught worth as much as a mind well instructed.
- 15 A humble and trustworthy woman is a double favour,
And her sober mind cannot be valued.
- 16 As the sun when it rises high in the shamayim;
So is the loveliness of a good wife in the ordering of her house.
- 17 As the shining light upon the qodesh candlestick;
So is the loveliness of the face in ripe age.
- 18 As the golden stands upon the sockets of silver;
So are the lovely feet with a constant heart.
- 19 My son, guard the flower of your youth well;
And do not give your strength to foreigners.
- 20 When you have acquired a fruitful possession through all the field,
Sow it with your own seed, trusting in the goodness of your stock.

- 21 So your relatives which you leave
are made great,
Having the confidence of their good
genealogy.
- 22 A whore shall be counted as
spittle;
But a married woman is a tower
against death to her husband.
- 23 A wicked woman is given as a
portion to a wicked man;
But a reverent woman is given to he
who reveres 𐤀𐤃𐤀𐤃.
- 24 A dishonest woman is despised and
shamed;
But an honest woman shall revere her
husband.
- 25 A headstrong woman shall be
counted as a dog;
But she that is humble reveres 𐤀𐤃𐤀𐤃.
- 26 A woman that esteems her husband
shall be judged wise among all;
But she that shames him in her pride
shall be counted wicked among all.
- 27 A loud-mouthed woman and a
nagger shall be sought out to drive
away the enemies.
- 28 There are two matters that grieve
my heart;
And the third makes me wroth:
A man of battle that suffers poverty;
And men of understanding that are not
respected;
And one that turns from righteousness
to sin;
𐤀𐤃𐤀𐤃 prepares such a one for the
sword.
- 29 A merchant hardly guards himself
from doing wrong;
And a trader is not free from sin.
- 27** Many have sinned for a small
matter;
And he who seeks abundance turns
his eyes away.
- 2 As a nail holds fast between the join
of stones;
So sin holds close between buying and
selling.
- 3 Unless a man behaves diligently in
the reverence of 𐤀𐤃𐤀𐤃,
His house shall soon be overthrown.
- 4 As when one sifts with a sieve, the
refuse remains;
So the filth of man is in his words.
- 5 The furnace tries the potter's vessels;
- So the trial of man is in his reasoning.
- 6 The fruit declares if the tree has been
cultivated;
So is the speaking of pride in the heart
of man.
- 7 Praise no man before you hear him
speak;
For this is the trial of men.
- 8 If you follow righteousness, you shall
obtain it,
And put it on, as a long robe of
esteem.
- 9 The birds shall gather with their kind;
So shall truth return to those who
practise it.
- 10 As the lion lies in wait for prey;
So does sin for those who work
wickedness.
- 11 The words of a reverent man are
always with wisdom;
But a fool changes as the moon.
- 12 Watch the time if you are among the
foolish;
But be continually among men of
understanding.
- 13 The words of fools are troublesome,
And their entertainment is the
indecentcy of sin.
- 14 The words of he who swears much
makes the hair stand upright;
And their uproar makes one stop his
ears.
- 15 The strife of the proud is bloodshed,
And their revilings are grievous to the
ear.
- 16 Whoever uncovers secrets loses his
trust;
And shall never find a friend of his
being.
- 17 Love your friend, and be trustworthy
to him;
But if you betray his secrets, never
again follow after him.
- 18 For as a man has destroyed his
enemy;
So you have lost the love of your
neighbour.
- 19 As one that releases a bird out of his
hand,
So you have let your neighbour go,
And shall not have him again.
- 20 Do not follow after him, for he is too
far off;
He is like a gazelle escaped out of the

- snare.
 21 As for a wound, it may be bound up,
 And after reviling there may be peace;
 But he who betrays secrets is without
 expectancy.
 22 He who winks with the eyes works
 evil;
 And he who knows him departs from
 him.
 23 When you are present, he shall
 speak sweetly, and shall admire
 your words;
 But in the end he shall twist his mouth,
 and slander your sayings.
 24 I have hated many matters, but
 naught like him;
 for ~~אויב~~ shall hate him.
 25 Whoever throws a stone high,
 throws it on his own head;
 And a blow in deceit makes wounds.
 26 Whoever digs a pit shall fall in to it;
 And he who lays a trap shall be caught
 in it.
 27 He who does evil, it shall fall upon
 him,
 And he shall not know from where it
 comes.
 28 Mockery and reproach are from the
 proud;
 But vengeance as a lion, lies in wait for
 them.
 29 Those who rejoice at the fall of the
 righteous shall be taken in the
 snare;
 And anguish shall consume them
 before they die.
 30 Evil and wrath, even these are
 abominations;
 And the sinful man has them both.
28 He who is vengeful shall find
 vengeance from ~~אויב~~,
 And He shall surely keep account of
 his sins.
 2 Forgive your neighbour the harm that
 he has done to you,
 So your sins shall also be forgiven
 when you pray.
 3 One man bears hatred against
 another,
 And should he seek forgiveness from
~~אויב~~?
- 4 He shows no kindness to a man, who
 is like himself;
 And does he ask forgiveness of his
 own sins?
 5 If he who is but flesh maintains
 hatred,
 Who shall pray forgiveness for his
 sins?
 6 Remember your end, and let enmity
 cease;
 Corruption and death, and remain in
 the Commands.
 7 Remember the Commands, and bear
 no evil against your neighbour;
 The Covenant of the Most High, and
 overlook faults.
 8 Abstain from strife, and you shall
 diminish your sins;
 For a man of rage kindles strife,
 9 A sinful man disrupts friendships,
 And creates quarrels among those
 who are at peace.
 10 As the structure of the fire, so it
 burns:
 And as a man's strength is, so is his
 wrath;
 And according to his wealth his wrath
 rises;
 And the stronger they are who
 contend,
 The more they shall be inflamed.
 11 A hasty quarrel kindles a fire;
 And hasty fighting sheds blood.
 12 If you blow the spark, it shall burn;
 If you spit upon it, it shall be quenched;
 And both of these come out of your
 mouth.
 13 Curse the gossiper and double-
 tongued;
 For such have destroyed many who
 were at peace.
 14 A backbiting tongue has troubled
 many, and driven them from nation
 to nation;
 It has pulled down strong cities, and
 overthrown the houses of great
 men.
 15 A backbiting tongue has thrown out
 virtuous women,
 And deprived them of their labours.
 16 Whoever listens to it shall never find
 rest, and never dwell quietly.
 17 The stroke of the whip makes marks
 in the flesh;
 But the stroke of the tongue breaks the
 bones.
 18 Many have fallen by the edge of the

sword;
 But not as many who have fallen by
 the tongue.
 19 It is good for he who is protected
 from its venom;
 Who has not drawn its yoke, nor been
 bound in its bands.
 20 For its yoke is a yoke of iron,
 And its bands are bands of bronze.
 21 The death from it is an evil death;
 The grave is better than it.
 22 It shall not rule over those who
 revere Elohim,
 Nor shall they be burned with its flame.
 23 Those who forsake אֱלֹהִים shall fall
 into it;
 And it shall burn in them, and not be
 quenched.
 It shall be sent upon them as a lion,
 And devour them as a leopard.
 24 As you hedge your possessions with
 thorns around,
 And bind up your silver and gold,
 25 Weigh your words in a balance,
 And make a door and bar for your
 mouth.
 26 Beware you do not slip by it,
 Lest you fall before he who lies in wait.
29 He who is kind shall lend to his
 neighbour;
 And he who strengthens his hand
 guards the Commands.
 2 Lend to your neighbour in his time of
 need,
 And repay your neighbour again in due
 season.
 3 Guard your word, and deal
 trustworthily with him,
 And you shall always find that which is
 necessary for you.
 4 Many reckon what was loaned to
 them to be found,
 And put to trouble those who helped
 them.
 5 Till he has received, he shall kiss a
 man's hand;
 And for his neighbour's silver he shall
 speak softly;
 But when he should repay, he shall
 prolong the time,
 And return words of grief, and
 complain of the time.
 6 If he overcomes, he shall hardly give
 the half,

And he shall count it as though he had
 found it.
 If not, he has deprived him of his silver,
 and he has gained an enemy
 without cause.
 He pays him with cursings and
 slander;
 And instead of esteem he shall pay
 him shame.
 7 Many have therefore refused to lend
 for other men's evil deeds,
 Fearing to be cheated.
 8 Yet have patience with a man in
 poverty,
 And do not delay to show him
 kindness.
 9 Help the poor for the sake of the
 Command,
 And do not turn him away because of
 his poverty.
 10 Lose your silver for your brother and
 your friend,
 And do not let it rust under a stone to
 be lost.
 11 Lay up your treasure according to
 the Commands of the Most High,
 And it shall bring you more profit than
 gold.
 12 Store up kind deeds in your
 storehouses,
 And it shall deliver you from all
 affliction.
 13 It shall fight for you against your
 enemies better than a mighty shield
 and strong spear.
 14 An honest man stands guarantor for
 his neighbour;
 But he who is impudent shall forsake
 him.
 15 Do not forget the friendship of your
 guarantor,
 For he has given his life for you.
 16 A sinner shall overthrow the good
 manner of his guarantor;
 17 And he who is thankless shall
 forsake he who delivered him.
 18 Guarantee has undone many of
 good estate,
 And shaken them as a wave of the
 sea.
 It has driven mighty men from their
 houses,
 So that they wandered among foreign
 nations.

- 19 A wicked man transgressing the
Commands of אֱלֹהִים shall fall in
guarantee;
And he who undertakes and follows
other men's business for gain shall
fall into lawsuits.
- 20 Assist your neighbour according to
your ability,
And beware that you do not fall into
the same.
- 21 The necessities for life are water,
and bread, and garments,
And a house for privacy.
- 22 Better is the life of a poor man in a
lowly cottage,
Than food of delicacies in another
man's house.
- 23 Whether little or much, be content,
That you do not hear the reproach of
your house.
- 24 For it is a miserable life to go from
house to house;
For where you are a stranger, you dare
not open your mouth.
- 25 You shall entertain, and feast, and
have no thanks;
And you shall hear bitter words:
- 26 "Come, you stranger, and furnish a
table,
And feed me of what you have ready.
- 27 "Give place, you stranger, to an
esteemed man;
My brother seeks lodging, and I
have need of my house."
- 28 These matters are grievous to a
man of understanding;
The contempt of a household, and a
reproach of the lender.
- 30** He who loves his son causes
him to often feel the rod,
That he may have joy from him in the
end.
- 2 He who punishes his son shall have
joy in him,
And shall rejoice in him among his
acquaintances.
- 3 He who teaches his son grieves the
enemy;
And before his friends he shall rejoice
in him.
- 4 Though his father dies, it is as though
he were not dead;
For he has left one behind who is like
himself.
- 5 While he lived, he saw and rejoiced
in him:
And when he died, he was not
grieved.
- 6 He left behind an avenger against his
enemies,
And one that shall repay kindness to
his friends.
- 7 He who makes too much of his son
binds up his wounds;
And his body shall be troubled at
every cry.
- 8 A horse unbroken becomes
headstrong:
And a child left to himself shall be
unruly.
- 9 Spoil your child, and he shall cause
you dread;
Play with him, and he shall bring you
to grief.
- 10 Do not laugh with him, lest you have
sorrow from him,
And lest you gnash your teeth in the
end.
- 11 Give him no freedom in his youth,
And do not wink at his foolishness.
- 12 Bow down his neck while he is
young,
And beat his side while he is a child,
Lest he become stubborn, and be
disobedient to you,
And so bring sorrow to your heart.
- 13 Discipline your son, and put him to
work,
Lest his wicked behaviour be a
stumbling to you.
- 14 Better is the poor, being healthy and
strong in body,
Than a wealthy man who is afflicted in
his body.
- 15 Health and good state of body are
better than any gold,
And a strong body above infinite
wealth.
- 16 There is no wealth above a healthy
body,
And no joy above the joy of the heart.
- 17 Death is better than a bitter life or
continual sickness.
- 18 Delicacies poured upon a closed
mouth,
Are as servings of meat placed upon a
grave.
- 19 What good is the offering to an idol?

For it neither eats nor smells;
 So is he who is persecuted by 𐤀𐤃𐤃𐤃.
 20 He sees with his eyes and groans,
 As a eunuch that embraces a maiden
 and sighs.
 21 Do not give your mind over to
 sorrow,
 And do not afflict yourself on purpose.
 22 The gladness of the heart is the life
 of man,
 And the joy of a man prolongs his
 days.
 23 Love your own being, and comfort
 your heart.
 Remove sorrow far from you;
 For sorrow has killed many, and there
 is no profit in it.
 24 Envy and wrath shorten the life,
 And worry brings age before time.
 25 A cheerful and good heart pays
 attention to his meat and diet.
31 Watching for wealth consumes
 the flesh,
 And the worry of it drives away sleep.
 2 Watchful worry does not let a man
 slumber,
 As a painful disease breaks sleep.
 3 The wealthy labours greatly in
 gathering wealth together;
 And when he rests, he is filled with his
 delicacies.
 4 The poor labours in his poverty;
 And when he finishes, he is still needy.
 5 He who loves gold shall not be
 declared right,
 And he who pursues corruption shall
 have enough.
 6 Gold has been the ruin of many,
 And their destruction stands.
 7 It is a stumbling block to those who
 offer to it,
 And every fool shall be taken in it.
 8 Baruk is the wealthy who is found
 without blemish,
 And has not gone after gold.
 9 Who is he, that we may call him
 baruk?
 For he has done wonders among his
 people.
 10 Who has been tried by it, and found
 perfect?
 Then let him boast.
 Who might offend, and has not
 offended?

Or may do evil, and has not done it?
 11 His goods shall be established,
 And the assembly shall declare his
 kind deeds.
 12 If you sit at a plentiful table, do not
 be greedy on it,
 And do not say, "There is much food
 on it."
 13 Remember that an evil eye is
 wickedness;
 And what is created more evil than an
 eye?
 Therefore it weeps at every occasion.
 14 Do not stretch your hand wherever
 you look,
 And do not thrust with it into the dish.
 15 Do not judge your neighbour by
 yourself;
 But be discerning in every matter.
 16 Eat as is allowed, that which is put
 before you;
 But do not devour, lest you be hated.
 17 For the sake of manners, be first to
 cease;
 And do not be gluttonous, lest you
 cause stumbling.
 18 When you sit among many,
 Do not be the first to reach out your
 hand.
 19 A very little is sufficient for a man of
 discipline,
 And he is not short of breath on his
 bed.
 20 Sound sleep comes from moderate
 eating;
 He rises early, and is attentive;
 But the pain of worry, and bitterness,
 and stomach pangs,
 Are with a gluttonous man.
 21 And if you have been forced to eat,
 Rise up, go vomit, and you shall have
 rest.
 22 My son, listen to me, and do not
 despise me,
 And in the end you shall find as I told
 you.
 In all your work be efficient, so that no
 sickness comes to you.
 23 Whoever is generous with his food,
 men shall speak well of him;
 And the report of his good hospitality
 shall be believed.
 24 But against he who is greedy with
 his food, the whole city shall

murmur;
 And the report of his selfishness shall
 not be doubted.
 25 Do not show your boldness with
 wine;
 For wine has destroyed many.
 26 The furnace proves the sword edge
 by dipping;
 So wine tries the hearts of the proud in
 drunkenness.
 27 Wine is as good as life to a man, if it
 is drunk moderately.
 What then is life to a man that is
 without wine?
 For it was made to make men glad.
 28 Wine drunk moderately and in
 season brings gladness of the heart,
 And cheerfulness of the mind;
 29 But wine drunken in excess makes
 bitterness of the mind,
 With brawling and quarreling.
 30 Drunkenness increases the rage of
 a fool till he stumbles:
 It diminishes strength, and causes
 wounds.
 31 Do not rebuke your neighbour while
 at wine,
 And do not despise him in his
 rejoicing;
 Give him no words of grief, and do not
 urge him on.
32 If you are appointed master do
 not lift yourself up,
 But be among them as one of the rest.
 Diligently look after them, and then sit
 down.
 2 And when you have fulfilled your
 office, take your place,
 That you may rejoice with them,
 And receive a crown for your well
 ordering of the feast.
 3 Speak, you who are the elder, for it is
 fitting for you,
 But with right-ruling; and do not withhold
 music.
 4 Do not pour out words when there is
 a musician,
 And do not put forth wisdom out of
 time.
 5 A concert of music at a banquet of
 wine is as a signet of ruby mounted
 in gold.
 6 As a signet of an emerald mounted in
 a work of gold,

So is the melody of music with
 pleasant wine.
 7 Speak, young man, if there is need of
 you;
 And yet only twice when you are
 asked.
 8 Let your words be few, saying much
 with few words;
 Be as one who knows and yet holds
 his tongue.
 9 If you are among great men, do not
 make yourself equal with them;
 And when aged men are in place, do
 not use many words.
 10 Before the thunder goes lightning;
 And before a humble man goes favour.
 11 Rise up early, and do not be the last;
 And get home without delay.
 12 There fulfill your office, and do what
 you shall:
 But do not sin with proud speech.
 13 And for these barak He who made
 you,
 And has filled you with His goodness.
 14 Whoever reveres אֱלֹהִים shall receive
 His discipline;
 And those who seek Him early shall
 find favour.
 15 He who seeks the Law shall be filled
 with it;
 But the hypocrite shall stumble over it.
 16 Those who revere אֱלֹהִים shall find
 Right-Ruling,
 And shall kindle righteousness as a
 light.
 17 A sinful man shall not be reproved,
 But finds an excuse according to his
 liking.
 18 A man of counsel is considerate;
 But a strange and proud man is not
 troubled by fear,
 Even when he himself has done
 without counsel.
 19 Do no deed without advice;
 And when you are done, do not regret
 it.
 20 Do not go in a way in which you
 may fall,
 And do not stumble among the
 stones.
 21 Do not be reckless on an easy road.
 22 And beware of your own children.
 23 In every good work guard your own
 being;

- For this is the keeping of the
Commands.
- 24 He who believes in אֱלֹהִים guards the
Commands;
And he who trusts in Him does not
come to harm.
- 33** No evil shall come upon he
who reveres אֱלֹהִים;
And in trials He also shall deliver him.
- 2 A wise man does not hate the Law;
But he who is a hypocrite in it, is like a
ship in a storm.
- 3 A man of understanding trusts in the
Law;
And the Law is trustworthy to him, as a
Word.
- 4 Prepare what to say, and so you shall
be heard;
And draw upon instruction, and then
give answer.
- 5 The heart of the foolish is like a
cartwheel;
And his thoughts are like a rolling
axle.
- 6 A mocking friend is like a stallion,
He neighs under everyone that rides
him.
- 7 Why is one day better than another,
When all the light of every day of the
year is from the sun?
- 8 By the knowledge of אֱלֹהִים they were
appointed;
And He turns seasons and Feasts.
- 9 Some of them He has made High
Days, and qadosh them,
And some of them He has made
regular days.
- 10 And all men are from the ground,
And Adam was created from the earth.
- 11 In much knowledge אֱלֹהִים has
spread them,
And made their ways different.
- 12 Some of them He has barak and
exalted,
And some of them He qadosh, and
placed near Himself;
But some of them He has cursed and
brought low,
And removed from their places.
- 13 As the clay is in the potter's hand, to
fashion it at his desire;
So is man in the hand of He who made
him,
To give unto them as He thinks best.
- 14 Good opposes evil, and life against
death;
So is the righteous against the sinner,
and the wicked against the reverent.
- 15 So look upon all the works of the
Most High;
And there are pairs of two, one against
another.
- 16 I woke up last of all, as one that
gathers after the grapegatherers;
By the berakah of אֱלֹהִים I profited, and
trod my winepress like a gatherer of
grapes.
- 17 Consider that I did not labour for
myself only,
But for all those who seek learning.
- 18 Hear me, O you great men of the
people,
And listen with your ears, you rulers of
the assembly.
- 19 Do not give your son and wife, your
brother and friend, power over you
while you live,
And do not give your goods to another;
Lest you reconsider, and you ask for
its return.
- 20 As long as you live and have breath
in you,
Do not give yourself over to any.
- 21 For it is better that your children
should seek from you,
Than that you should stand to their
sympathy.
- 22 Be the best in all your works;
Do not leave a blot on your esteem.
- 23 At the time when you shall end your
days, and finish your life,
Distribute your inheritance.
- 24 Fodder, a rod, and burdens, are for
the donkey;
And bread, discipline, and work, for a
servant.
- 25 If you put your servant to labour, you
shall find rest:
But if you let him go idle, he shall seek
freedom.
- 26 A yoke and a collar bow the neck;
So are tortures and punishment for an
evil servant.
- 27 Send him to work, so he is not idle;
For idleness teaches much evil.
- 28 Put him to work, as is fit for him;
If he is not obedient, put on heavier
shackles.

29 But do not be excessive toward any;
And do naught without discretion.
30 If you have a servant, let him be to
you as yourself,
Because you have bought him for a
price.
31 If you have a servant, treat him as a
brother;
For you have need of him, as of your
own being.
If you treat him evilly, and he runs from
you,
Which way shall you go to seek him?
34 The expectancies of a man of
no understanding are empty
and false;
And dreams raise up fools.
2 Whoever regards dreams is like he
who catches at a shadow,
And follows after the wind.
3 The vision of dreams is the reflection
of one to another,
Even as the likeness of a face to a
face.
4 From an unclean matter, what may
be cleansed?
And from that which is false, what truth
shall come?
5 Divination, and predictions, and
dreams, are empty;
And imaginations of the heart,
As the heart of a woman in childbirth.
6 If they are not sent from the Most
High in your visitation,
Do not lay your heart upon them.
7 For dreams have deceived many,
And they have failed those who put
their trust in them.
8 The Law shall be found perfect
without falsehood;
And wisdom is perfection to a
trustworthy mouth.
9 A man that has travelled knows
much;
And he who has much experience
shall declare wisdom.
10 He who has no experience knows
little;
But he who has travelled is full of
insight.
11 When I travelled, I saw much;
And I understand more than I could
express.
12 I was often in danger of death;

Yet I was delivered because of these:
13 The spirit of those who revere אֱלֹהִים
shall live;
For their expectancy is in He who
saves them.
14 Whoever reveres אֱלֹהִים shall not
fear nor be afraid;
For He is his expectancy.
15 Baruk is the being of he who
reveres אֱלֹהִים:
To whom does he look, and who is his
strength?
16 For the eyes of אֱלֹהִים are upon
those who love Him,
He is their mighty shield and strong
support,
A protection from heat, and a cover
from the sun at noon,
A preservation from stumbling, and a
help from falling.
17 He raises up the being, and lightens
the eyes:
He gives health, הַי, and berakah.
18 He who offers of what is wrongfully
gotten, his offering is a mockery;
And the gifts of unrighteous men are
not accepted.
19 The Most High is not pleased with
the offerings of the wicked;
Nor is He appeased by the multitude of
offerings for sin.
20 Whoever brings an offering from the
goods of the poor,
Does as one that kills the son before
his father's eyes.
21 The bread of the needy is their life;
He who deprives him of it is a man of
blood.
22 He who takes away the livelihood of
his neighbour slays him;
And he who deprives the labourer of
his wage is a shedder of blood.
23 When one builds, and another pulls
down,
What profit do they have but labour?
24 When one prays, and another
curses,
Whose voice shall אֱלֹהִים hear?
25 He who washes himself after
touching a dead body,
If he touches it again, what use is his
washing?
26 So it is with a man that fasts for his
sins, and goes again, and does the

same;
 Who shall hear his prayer, or what
 does his humbling profit him?
35 He who guards the Law brings
 offerings enough;
 He who guards the Command offers a
 peace offering.
 2 He who repays a good deed offers
 fine flour;
 And he who gives in kindness offers
 praise.
 3 To depart from wickedness is
 pleasing to **אֱלֹהִים**;
 And to forsake unrighteousness is an
 atonement.
 4 You shall not appear empty-handed
 before **אֱלֹהִים**.
 5 For all these are because of the
 Command.
 6 The offering of the righteous makes
 the altar fat,
 And its sweet savour is before the
 Most High.
 7 The offering of a righteous man is
 acceptable.
 And the remembrance of it shall never
 be forgotten.
 8 Give **אֱלֹהִים** His esteem with a good
 eye,
 And do not diminish the first-fruits of
 your hands.
 9 In all your gifts show a cheerful face,
 And dedicate your tithes with
 gladness.
 10 Give to the Most High according to
 His enrichment unto you;
 And as you have received, give with a
 cheerful eye.
 11 For **אֱלֹהִים** repays,
 And shall give you seven times as
 much.
 12 Do not think to corrupt with gifts; for
 He does not accept these:
 And do not trust in unrighteous
 offerings;
 For **אֱלֹהִים** is Judge, and with Him is no
 partiality.
 13 He shows no partiality against the
 poor,
 But shall hear the prayer of the
 oppressed.
 14 He shall not despise the prayer of
 the fatherless;
 Nor the widow, when she pours out her

complaint.
 15 Do not the tears run down the
 widow's cheeks?
 And is not her cry against he who
 causes them to fall?
 16 He who serves **אֱלֹהִים** shall be
 accepted with favour,
 And his prayer reaches to the clouds.
 17 The prayer of the humble pierces
 the clouds;
 And he shall not be comforted till it
 comes near;
 And shall not depart, till the Most High
 executes right-ruling and judgment.
 18 For **אֱלֹהִים** does not delay, nor is the
 Almighty patient toward them,
 Till He has crushed the loins of the
 ruthless,
 And repayed vengeance upon the
 gentiles;
 Till He has taken away the crowd of
 the proud,
 And broken the sceptre of the
 unrighteous;
 19 Till He has given to everyone
 according to their deeds,
 And to the works of men according to
 their schemes;
 Till He has judged the cause of His
 people,
 And caused them to rejoice in His
 kindness.
 20 Favour is welcomed in the time of
 affliction,
 As clouds of rain in the time of
 drought.
36 Show favour upon us, O **אֱלֹהִים**
 Elohim of all, and look on us;
 2 And send Your fear upon all the
 nations that do not seek You.
 3 Lift up Your hand against the foreign
 nations,
 And let them see Your strength.
 4 As You were qadosh in us before
 them:
 So You be exalted among them
 before us.
 5 And let them know You, as we have
 known You,
 That there is no Elohim but You alone,
 O Elohim.
 6 Show new signs, and make other
 awesome wonders;
 Esteem Your hand and Your right arm,

- That they may put forth Your wondrous works.
- 7 Raise up displeasure, and pour out wrath;
Remove the adversary, and destroy the enemy.
- 8 Shorten the time, remember the Covenant,
And let them declare Your wonders.
- 9 Let he who escapes be consumed by the rage of the fire;
And let those who oppress the people perish.
- 10 Crush the heads of the rulers of the gentiles that say,
"There is no one else but us!"
- 11 Gather all the tribes of Ya'aqob together;
Your inheritance, as from the beginning.
- 12 O אֱלֹהִים, show favour upon the people that are called by Your Name,
And upon Yisra'ël, whom You have named Your firstborn.
- 13 O be kind to Yerushalayim, Your qodesh city,
The place of Your rest.
- 14 Fill Tsiyon with Your unspeakable words,
And Your people with Your esteem.
- 15 Give witness to those who You have possessed from the beginning,
And raise up nebi'im that are for Your Name.
- 16 Reward those who wait for You,
And let Your nebi'im be found trustworthy.
- 17 O אֱלֹהִים, hear the prayer of Your servants,
According to the beraḳah of Aharon over Your people,
That all those who dwell on the earth may know that You are אֱלֹהִים,
The Elohim of old.
- 18 The stomach consumes all foods,
Yet one meat is better than another.
- 19 As the mouth tastes different kinds of game;
So does a heart of understanding false speeches.
- 20 A crooked heart causes grief;
But a man of experience shall repay him.
- 21 A woman shall accept any man,
Yet one daughter is better than another.
- 22 The loveliness of a woman cheers the face,
And there is naught a man loves better.
- 23 If there is kindness, meekness, and comfort, in her tongue,
Then her husband is not like other men.
- 24 He who acquires a wife begins a possession,
A help like himself, and a pillar of rest.
- 25 Where no wall is, there possessions are plundered;
And he who has no wife shall wander about sighing.
- 26 Who shall trust a crafty thief that skips from city to city?
Even so a man that has no house, and lodges wherever the night takes him?
- 37** Every friend says, "I am his friend also."
But there is a friend, which is only a friend in name.
- 2 Is it not a grief unto death,
When a companion and friend is turned to an enemy?
- 3 O wicked thoughts, where have you come from,
To cover the earth with deceit?
- 4 There is a companion, who rejoices in the prosperity of a friend,
But in the time of trouble shall be against him.
- 5 There is a companion, who helps his friend for his stomach,
And takes up a shield against the enemy.
- 6 Do not forget your friend in your heart,
And do not forget him in your wealth.
- 7 Every counsellor extolls counsel;
But some who counsel for themselves.
- 8 Beware of a counsellor, and know before what need he has;
For he shall counsel for himself;
And cast the lot against you,
- 9 And say to you, "Your way is good."
And afterward stand on the other side,
to see what shall befall you.
- 10 Do not consult with one that

suspects you;
 And hide your counsel from those who
 envy you.
 11 Nor consult with a woman regarding
 she of whom she is jealous;
 Nor with a coward in matters of battle;
 Nor with a merchant concerning
 exchange;
 Nor with a buyer about selling;
 Nor with an envious man about
 thankfulness;
 Nor with a ruthless man regarding
 kindness;
 Nor with the lazy for any work;
 Nor with a yearly hired man about
 finishing work;
 Nor with an idle servant of much
 business.
 Do not listen to these in any matter of
 counsel,
 12 But be continually with a reverent
 man,
 Whom you know to guard the
 Commands of אֱלֹהִים,
 Whose mind is according to your
 mind,
 And shall grieve with you, if you fail.
 13 And let the counsel of your own
 heart stand;
 For there is no man more trustworthy
 to you than it.
 14 For the mind of a man sometimes
 tells him more than seven
 watchmen,
 That sit above in a high tower.
 15 And above all this, pray to the Most
 High,
 That He directs your way in truth.
 16 Let reason go before every work,
 And counsel before every action.
 17 The face is a sign of changing of the
 heart.
 18 Four ways of all are apparent:
 Good and evil, life and death;
 But the tongue rules over them
 continually.
 19 There is one who is wise and
 teaches many,
 And yet does not profit himself.
 20 There is one who shows wisdom in
 words, and is hated;
 He shall be destitute of all food.
 21 For favour is not given to him from
 אֱלֹהִים,

Because he has neglected all wisdom.
 22 Another is wise to himself;
 And the fruits of understanding are as
 praise in his mouth.
 23 A wise man instructs his people;
 And the fruits of his understanding do
 not fail.
 24 A wise man shall be filled with
 birekoth;
 And all those who see him shall regard
 him as baruk.
 25 The days of the life of man may be
 numbered;
 But the days of Yisra'el are without
 number.
 26 A wise man shall inherit esteem
 among his people,
 And his name shall be forever.
 27 My son, prove your being in your
 life,
 And see what is evil for it, and do not
 give in to it.
 28 For not all is profitable for all men,
 Nor has every being pleasure in every
 matter.
 29 Do not be gluttinous in any delicacy,
 Nor too greedy with food;
 30 For excess of food brings sickness,
 And gluttony shall turn to disgust.
 31 Many have perished by gluttony;
 But he who guards himself prolongs
 his life.
38 Esteem a physician with the
 esteem due to him for the uses
 which you may have for him:
 For אֱלֹהִים has created him.
 2 For healing comes from the Most
 High,
 And He shall receive esteem from the
 sovereign.
 3 The skill of the physician shall raise
 his head;
 And in the sight of great men he shall
 be admired.
 4 אֱלֹהִים has created medicines out of
 the earth;
 And he who is wise does not reject
 them.
 5 Was not the water made sweet with
 wood,
 That its power might be known?
 6 And He has given men skill,
 That He might be esteemed by His
 marvellous works.

- 7 With such He heals and takes away their pains.
- 8 Of such the perfumer makes a perfume;
And of His works there is no end;
And from Him there is peace over all the earth.
- 9 My son, in your sickness do not be slack;
But pray to אלהים, and He shall heal you.
- 10 Cease from sin, and order your hands well,
And cleanse your heart from all wickedness.
- 11 Offer a sweet fragrance, and a remembrance of fine flour;
And make an offering of fat of your being.
- 12 So give place to the physician, for אלהים has created him;
Do not let him leave you, for you have need of him.
- 13 There is a time when there is good success in their hands.
- 14 For they shall also pray to אלהים,
That He would prosper that which they give,
For ease and health to prolong life.
- 15 He who sins before his Maker,
Let him fall in the hand of the physician.
- 16 My son, let tears fall down over the dead,
And begin to lament, as if you had suffered great harm yourself;
And then cover his body according to the custom,
And do not neglect his burial.
- 17 Weep bitterly, and make a great mourning with lamentation, as he is worthy,
And that a day or two, lest you are spoken evil of;
And then comfort yourself for your grief.
- 18 For from grief comes death, and heaviness of the heart destroys strength.
- 19 In affliction sorrow also remains;
And the life of the poor is the curse of the heart.
- 20 Take no grief to heart;
Drive it away, and remember the latter end.
- 21 Do not forget it, for there is no returning again;
You shall do him no good, but harm yourself.
- 22 "Remember my judgment; for so shall yours be also...
Yesterday for me, and today for you."
- 23 When the dead is at rest, let his remembrance rest;
And be comforted for him, when his spirit has departed from him.
- 24 The wisdom of a learned man comes by opportunity of leisure;
And he who has little business may become wise.
- 25 How shall he who holds the plough attain wisdom,
And who sharpens the goad, who drives oxen, and is occupied in their labour, and whose talk is of bulls?
- 26 He gives his mind to making furrows;
And is diligent to give the cattle fodder.
- 27 So every carpenter and worker, that labours night and day;
And those who cut and engrave seals, and are diligent to make great variety, and give themselves to copy imagery, and watch to finish a work;
- 28 Also the smith sitting by the anvil, and considering the iron work,
The smoke of the fire weakens his flesh, and he fights the heat of the furnace;
The noise of the hammer and the anvil is constantly in his ears, and his eyes are fixed on the pattern of that which he makes;
He applies his mind to finish his work, and watches to polish it perfectly.
- 29 So the potter sits at his work, and turns the wheel around with his feet,
Who is always focussed at his work, and makes all his work by number;
- 30 He moulds the clay with his arm, and bows down his strength before his feet;
He applies himself to the glazing;
And he is diligent to clean the furnace.
- 31 All these rely on their hands,
And everyone is skilled in his work.
- 32 Without these a city cannot be

inhabited;
 And they could not dwell where they
 do, nor go up and down.
 33 They shall not be sought in public
 counsel, nor sit high in the
 assembly;
 They shall not sit on the seat of
 judges, nor understand the ruling of
 judgment;
 They cannot declare righteousness
 and right-ruling;
 And they shall not be found where
 parables are spoken.
 34 But they maintain the face of the
 world,
 And their desire is in the work of their
 craft.

39 But he who gives his mind to
 the Law of the Most High,
 And is occupied in the study of it,
 Seeks out of all the ancient wisdom,
 and is occupied in nebuoth.

2 He guards the sayings of the men of
 name;
 And where wise parables are, he shall
 be there also.

3 He shall seek out the secrets of
 proverbs,
 And speak of hidden parables.

4 He shall serve among great men,
 and appear before princes;
 He shall travel through foreign
 countries;
 For he has examined the good and the
 evil among men.

5 He applies his heart early to look to
 אלהים who made him,
 And shall pray before the Most High,
 And opens his mouth in prayer,
 And makes supplication for his sins.

6 When אלהים the Almighty acts, he
 shall be filled with the spirit of
 understanding;
 He shall pour out wise sayings, and
 give thanks to אלהים in his prayer.

7 He shall guide his counsel and
 knowledge,
 And on His secrets he meditates.

8 He reveals that which he has
 learned,
 And shall boast in the Law of the
 Covenant of אלהים.

9 Many shall commend his
 understanding;

And as long as the world endures, it
 shall not be blotted out;
 His remembrance shall not depart, and
 his name shall live from generation
 to generation.

10 Nations shall speak of his wisdom,
 And the assembly shall declare him
 baruk.

11 If he dies, he shall leave a greater
 name than a thousand:
 And if he lives, he shall increase it.

12 Yet I have more to say, which I have
 thought upon;
 For I am filled as at the full moon.

13 Listen to me, you qodesh children,
 And bud as a rose of the field growing
 by the wadi;

14 And give a sweet fragrance as
 frankincense, and flourish as a lily.
 Send out a fragrance, and sing a song
 of praise,
 Barak אלהים in all His works.

15 Exalt His name, and extol His
 praise with the songs of your lips,
 and with harps,
 And in praising Him you shall say after
 this manner:

16 All the works of אלהים are
 exceedingly good,
 And whatever He commands shall be
 accomplished in due season.

17 And none shall say, "What is this?
 Why is that?"
 For at an appropriate time they shall all
 be sought out:
 At His command the waters stood as a
 heap,
 And the reservoir of waters at the
 words of His mouth.

18 Whatever pleases Him is done at
 His command;
 And none reverses His deliverance.

19 The works of all flesh are before
 Him,
 And there is none hidden from His
 eyes.

20 He sees from everlasting to
 everlasting;
 And there is no matter too marvellous
 for Him.

21 A man need not say, "What is this?
 Why is that?"
 For He has made all for their uses.

22 His beraḥah covered the dry land as

a river,
 And watered it as a flood.
 23 As He has turned the waters salty;
 So shall the gentiles inherit His wrath.
 24 As His ways are clear to the
 qodesh;
 So they are stumbling blocks to the
 wicked.
 25 The good matters are created for
 the good from the beginning;
 So evil matters for sinners.
 26 The basic necessities for the whole
 use of man's life are:
 Water, fire, iron, and salt, flour of
 wheat, honey, milk, and the juice of
 grapes, and oil, and garments.
 27 All these are for good to the
 righteous;
 So to the sinners they are turned to
 evil.
 28 There are spirits that are created for
 punishment,
 Who in their wrath lay on many
 strokes;
 In the time of destruction they pour out
 their strength,
 And appease the wrath of He who
 made them.
 29 Fire, and hail, and scarcity of food,
 and death,
 All these were created for punishment;
 30 Teeth of wild beasts, and scorpions,
 serpents,
 And the sword punishing the wicked to
 destruction.
 31 They shall rejoice in His command,
 and they shall be ready upon earth
 when needed;
 And when their time comes, they do
 not transgress His word.
 32 Therefore from the beginning I
 knew,
 And thought upon these, and have left
 them in writing.
 33 All the works of אֱלֹהִים are good;
 And He shall give all that is needed in
 due season;
 34 So that a man cannot say, "This is
 worse than that."
 For in time they all shall be prove
 good;
 35 And therefore praise אֱלֹהִים with all
 your heart and voice,
 And baraḵ the Name of אֱלֹהִים.

40 Great hardship is created for
 every man,
 And a heavy yoke is upon the sons of
 Adam;
 From the day that they go out of their
 mother's womb,
 Till the day that they return to the
 mother of all.
 2 Their imagination of what is to come,
 and the day of death,
 Are their thoughts, and fear of heart;
 3 From he who sits on a throne of
 esteem,
 To he who is humbled in dirt and
 ashes;
 4 From he who wears purple and a
 crown,
 To he who is clothed with a linen robe.
 5 Wrath, and envy, trouble, and unrest,
 fear of death, and displeasure, and
 strife,
 And in the time of rest on his bed his
 sleep at night changes his knowledge.
 6 He gets little or no rest, and after his
 sleep, is as in a day of watching,
 Troubled in the vision of his mind, as if
 he had escaped out of a battle.
 7 When all is safe, he wakes,
 And marvels that the fear was naught.
 8 These come to all flesh, both man
 and beast,
 And seven times more upon sinners.
 9 Death, and bloodshed, strife, and
 sword,
 Calamities, scarcity of food, distress,
 and the scourge;
 10 These are created for the wicked,
 And the flood came for their sakes.
 11 All that are of the earth shall return
 to the earth again;
 And that which is of the waters returns
 to the sea.
 12 All bribery and unrighteousness
 shall be blotted out;
 But right-dealing endures forever.
 13 The goods of the unrighteous shall
 be dried up like a wadi,
 And shall vanish with noise, like great
 thunder in rain.
 14 While the generous shall rejoice;
 So transgressors shall come to
 naught.
 15 The children of the wicked shall not
 bring forth many branches;

But are as unclean roots on a hard rock.
 16 The weed growing on all water and riverbank,
 Shall be pulled up before any grass.
 17 Kindness is like a most fruitful garden,
 And favour endures forever.
 18 To labour, and to be content with what a man has, is a sweet life;
 But he who finds a treasure is above them both.
 19 Children and the building of a city continue a man's name;
 But a blameless wife is counted above them both.
 20 Wine and music rejoice the heart;
 But the love of wisdom is above them both.
 21 The flute and the harp make a sweet melody;
 But a pleasant tongue is above them both.
 22 Your eye desires favour and loveliness;
 But more than both is grain while green.
 23 A friend and companion never meet wrongfully;
 but above both is a wife with her husband.
 24 Brothers are a help for time of trouble;
 But kind deeds shall deliver more than them both.
 25 Gold and silver make a solid footing;
 But counsel is esteemed above them both.
 26 Wealth and power lift the heart;
 But the reverence of אלהים is above them both.
 There is no lack with the reverence of אלהים,
 And with it you need not seek help.
 27 The reverence of אלהים is a fruitful garden,
 And covers him above all esteem.
 28 My son, do not lead a beggar's life;
 For better it is to die than to beg.
 29 The life of he who depends on another man's table.,
 Cannot be considered a life;
 For he pollutes himself with the food of other men;

But a wise, disciplined man guards himself from it.
 30 Begging is sweet in the mouth of the shameless;
 But in his inward parts a fire burns.
 41 O death, how bitter is the remembrance of you to a man that lives at rest in his possessions,
 To the man who has no pain unto him, and that has prosperity in all;
 Even to he who is yet able to gain food!
 2 O death, your lot is acceptable to the needy,
 And to him whose strength fails, that is now in the last age, and pained with all,
 And to he who despairs, and has lost patience!
 3 Do not fear the lot of death;
 Remember those who have been before you, and who come after;
 For this is the lot from אלהים over all flesh.
 4 And why are you against the decision of the Most High?
 There is no searching in the grave,
 Whether you have lived ten, or a hundred, or a thousand years.
 5 The children of sinners are abominable children,
 And those who keep company in the dwelling of the wicked.
 6 The inheritance of the children of sinners shall perish,
 And their descendants shall be an everlasting reproach.
 7 The children complain of a wicked father,
 Because they shall be reproached for his sake.
 8 Woe unto you, wicked men, who have forsaken the Law of the Most High Elohim!
 For if you increase, it shall be to your destruction:
 9 And if you are born, you shall be born into a curse:
 And if you die, a curse shall be your lot.
 10 All that are of the earth shall turn to earth again;
 So the wicked shall go from a curse to destruction.

11 The mourning of men is over their bodies;
 But the evil name of sinners shall be blotted out.
 12 Have regard for your name;
 For that shall continue with you above a thousand great treasures of gold.
 13 A good life has few days;
 But a good name endures forever.
 14 My children, guard discipline in peace;
 For wisdom that is hidden, and a treasure that is not seen;
 What profit is there in either?
 15 A man that hides his foolishness is better than a man that hides his wisdom.
 16 Therefore be ashamed according to my word;
 For it is not good to retain all shame;
 Nor is it altogether approved in every matter:
 17 Be ashamed of whoring before your father and mother;
 And of a lie before a prince and a mighty man;
 18 Of an offense before a judge and ruler;
 Of wickedness before the assembly and people;
 Of unrighteous dealing before your partner and friend;
 19 And of theft in regard to the place where you sojourn,
 And in regard to the truth of Elohim and His Covenant;
 And to lean with your elbow upon the food;
 And despising to give and take;
 20 And of silence before those who greet you;
 And to look upon a whore;
 21 And to turn away your face from your relative;
 Or to take away a portion or a gift;
 Or to gaze upon another man's wife.
 22 Or to be meddling with his female servant,
 And do not come near her bed;
 Or words of reproach before friends;
 And after you have given, do not reproach;
 23 Or of repeating and speaking again that which you have heard;

And of revealing of secrets.
 24 So you shall be truly ashamed and find favour before all men.
42 Of these matters do not be ashamed, and allow no one to sin by them:
 2 Of the Law of the Most High, and His Covenant;
 And of judgment to declare the wicked right;
 3 Of reckoning with your partners and travellers;
 Or of the gift of the inheritance of friends;
 4 Of exactness of balance and weights;
 Or of acquiring much or little;
 5 And of the haughty selling by merchants;
 Of much correction of children;
 And to draw blood from the back of a wicked servant.
 6 Where a wicked wife is, safe-keeping is good;
 And shut up, where many hands are.
 7 Deliver all by number and weight;
 And put in writing all that you give out, or receive in.
 8 Do not be ashamed to inform the unwise and foolish,
 And the very old who contends with those who are young;
 Thus you shall be truly learned, and approved of all men living.
 9 The father wakes for the daughter, when no man knows;
 And the concern for her takes away sleep -
 When she is young, lest she pass the flower of youth;
 And being married, lest she should be hated;
 10 In her maidenhood, lest she should be defiled and become pregnant in her father's house;
 And having a husband, lest she should misbehave herself;
 And when she is married, lest she should be barren.
 11 Keep a close watch over a shameless daughter,
 Lest she make you a laughing-stock to your enemies,
 And a byword in the city, and a reproach among the people,

And make you ashamed before the assembly.
 12 Do not look upon the loveliness of every woman,
 And do not sit in the midst of women.
 13 For a moth comes from garments, and wickedness from women.
 14 Better is the hardness of a man than a courteous woman,
 A woman who brings shame and reproach.
 15 I shall now remember the works of *אֱלֹהִים*, and declare that which I have seen:
 In the Words of *אֱלֹהִים* are His works,
 And all His creation does His desire.
 16 The sun that gives light looks upon all,
 And its doing is full of the esteem of *אֱלֹהִים*.
 17 *אֱלֹהִים* has not given power to the *qodeshim* to declare all of His marvellous works,
 Which *אֱלֹהִים* the Almighty firmly settled,
 That whatever exists might be established for His esteem.
 18 He seeks out the deep, and the heart, and considers their crafty schemes;
 For *אֱלֹהִים* knows all that may be known,
 And He looks upon the signs of the world.
 19 He declares matters that are past, and those to come,
 And reveals the path of that which is hidden.
 20 No thought escapes Him,
 Nor is any word hidden from Him.
 21 He has adorned the excellent works of His wisdom,
 And He is from everlasting to everlasting:
 Unto Him none is added, nor shall He be diminished,
 And He has no need of any counsellor.
 22 Oh how desirable are all His works!
 And that a man may see even a spark.
 23 All these live and remain forever for all uses,
 And they are all obedient.
 24 All matters are equal, one against another;

And He has made none imperfect.
 25 One establishes the good of another;
 And who is ever filled with looking upon His esteem?
 43 The pride of the heights, the clear expanse,
 The loveliness of the shamayim, with His esteemed display;
 2 The sun when it appears, showing a marvellous instrument at its rising;
 The work of the Most High.
 3 At noon it scorches the land,
 And who shall stand its burning heat?
 4 A man blowing a furnace works with heat,
 But the sun burns the mountains three times more;
 Breathing out fiery vapours, and sending out bright rays, it blinds the eyes.
 5 Great is *אֱלֹהִים* who made it;
 And at His command it runs speedily.
 6 He made the moon also to serve in its season for appointed times,
 And a sign for the world.
 7 From the moon is the sign of Feasts,
 A light that decreases in its completion.
 8 The new moon is called after its name,
 Increasing wondrously in its changing, being an instrument for the hosts above,
 Shining in the expanse of the shamayim;
 9 The loveliness of the shamayim, the esteem of the stars,
 An ornament giving light in the highest places of *אֱלֹהִים*.
 10 At the command of the Qadosh One they stand in their order,
 And never weary in their watches.
 11 Look upon the rainbow, and praise He who made it;
 It is very lovely in its brightness.
 12 It surrounds the shamayim with a splendid arc,
 And the hands of the Most High have bent it.
 13 By His command He makes the snow to fall in place,
 And sends the lightnings of His judgment swiftly.
 14 Through this the storehouses are

opened;
 And clouds fly onward as birds.
 15 By His great power He makes the
 clouds pour out,
 And the hailstones are broken small.
 16 At His sight the mountains are
 shaken,
 And at His desire the south wind
 blows.
 17 The noise of thunder causes the
 earth to tremble;
 So does the northern storm and the
 whirlwind.
 As birds flying He scatters the snow,
 And its falling is as the settling of
 grasshoppers.
 18 The eye marvels at the loveliness of
 its whiteness,
 And the heart is astonished at its
 falling.
 19 He also pours the frost as salt upon
 the earth,
 And being hardened, it lays on the top
 as sharp icicles.
 20 When the cold north wind blows,
 and the water is hardened into ice,
 It remains upon every collection of
 water,
 And clothes the water like a
 breastplate.
 21 It devours the mountains, and burns
 the wilderness,
 And consumes the grass like fire.
 22 A mist coming speedily stands as a
 healer of all,
 A refreshing dew coming after heat.
 23 By His counsel He calms the deep,
 And plants islands within it.
 24 Those who sail on the sea tell of its
 dangers;
 And when we hear it with our ears, we
 marvel at it.
 25 For in it are strange and wondrous
 works,
 Differing kinds of all creatures and
 whales created.
 26 By Him the end of them has a
 benefit of good,
 And by His word all exists.
 27 We may speak much, and yet come
 short;
 Therefore in summary, He is all.
 28 How are we be able to exalt Him?
 For He is great above all His works.

29 ~~אֱלֹהִים~~ is awesome and exceedingly
 great,
 And His power is marvellous.
 30 When you esteem ~~אֱלֹהִים~~, exalt Him
 as much as you may;
 For He shall even yet far exceed.
 And when you exalt Him, deliver all
 your strength,
 And do not be weary; for you shall
 never declare enough.
 31 Who has seen Him, that he might
 tell us?
 And who could exalt Him as He is?
 32 There are still greater than these
 which are hidden,
 For we have seen but a few of His
 works.
 33 For ~~אֱלֹהִים~~ has made all;
 And to the reverent has he given
 wisdom.
44 Let us now barak men of name,
 And our fathers who brought us
 forth.
 2 ~~אֱלֹהִים~~ has worked great esteem by
 them,
 Through His great power from the
 beginning.
 3 Those who ruled in their reigns, men
 named for their strength,
 Giving counsel by their understanding,
 and declaring nebuoth.
 4 Leaders of the people by their
 counsels;
 And by their knowledge of learning,
 fitting for the people,
 Wise and learned are their
 instructions.
 5 Such who compose musical songs,
 and speak verses in writing;
 6 Wealthy men equipped with
 resource, living peaceably in their
 dwellings;
 7 All these were esteemed in their
 generations,
 And were the esteem of their times.
 8 There are some of them who have
 left behind a name,
 That their birekoth might be declared.
 9 And there are some who have no
 remembrance;
 Who have perished as though they
 had never been;
 And have become as though they had
 never been born;

And their children after them.
 10 But these were kind men,
 Whose righteousness has not been
 forgotten.
 11 With their seed a good inheritance
 shall continually remain,
 And their children are within the
 Covenant.
 12 Their seed stands fast,
 And their children for their sakes.
 13 Their seed shall remain forever,
 And their esteem shall not be blotted
 out.
 14 Their bodies are buried in peace;
 But their name lives forever.
 15 The people shall tell of their wisdom,
 And the assembly shall declare their
 praise.
 16 Hanok pleased אָנָה, and was
 translated,
 Being an example of repentance to all
 generations.
 17 Noah was found perfect and
 righteous;
 In the time of wrath he was taken in
 exchange;
 Therefore he was left as a remnant
 upon the earth when the flood
 came.
 18 An everlasting Covenant was made
 with him,
 That no longer would all flesh perish
 by the flood.
 19 Abraham was a great father of many
 people;
 There was none like him in esteem;
 20 Who kept the Law of the Most High,
 and was in Covenant with Him.
 He established the Covenant in his
 flesh;
 And when he was tried, he was found
 trustworthy.
 21 Therefore He assured him with an
 oath,
 That He would barak the nations in his
 seed,
 And that He would multiply him as the
 dust of the earth,
 And exalt his seed as the stars, and
 cause them to inherit from sea to
 sea,
 And from the River unto the utmost
 part of the land.
 22 With Yitshaq He likewise

established the beraqah of all men,
 and the Covenant,
 And caused it to rest upon the head of
 Ya'aqob.
 He acknowledged him with His
 beraqah,
 And gave him an inheritance, and
 divided his portions;
 Among the twelve tribes He divided
 them.
 45 And He brought out from him a
 kind man, who found favour in
 the sight of all flesh,
 Even Mosheh, beloved of Elohim and
 men, whose remembrance is baruq.
 2 He made him like the esteemed
 qodeshim,
 And exalted him, so that his
 enemies stood in fear of him.
 3 By his words He caused the wonders
 to cease,
 And He made him esteemed in the
 sight of sovereigns,
 And gave him a Command for His
 people,
 And showed him part of His esteem.
 4 He qadosh him in his trustworthiness
 and humility,
 And chose him out of all men.
 5 He caused him to hear His voice, and
 brought him into the thick cloud,
 And gave him Commands before His
 face,
 Even the Law of Hai and knowledge,
 That he might teach Ya'aqob His
 Covenant,
 And Yisra'el his Right-Rulings.
 6 He exalted Aharon, a qodesh man
 like him,
 Even his brother, of the tribe of Lewi.
 7 He made an everlasting Covenant
 with him,
 And gave him the kehunnah among
 the people;
 He adorned him with comely
 ornaments,
 And clothed him with a robe of esteem.
 8 He put upon him perfect esteem;
 And strengthened him with splendid
 garments,
 With linen trousers, with a long robe,
 and the shoulder garment.
 9 And He surrounded it with
 pomegranates,

And with many golden bells all around,
 So that as he walked there would be a
 sound,
 And a noise made that would be heard
 in the Hëykal,
 For a remembrance to the children of
 His people;
 10 With a qodesh garment of gold and
 blue silk and purple,
 The work of embroidery with a
 breastplate of Right-Ruling,
 And with Urim and Tummim;
 11 With woven scarlet, the work of the
 skilled workman,
 With precious stones engraved like
 seals, and mounted in gold,
 The work of the engraver with writing
 engraved for a remembrance,
 After the number of the tribes of
 Yisra'ël.
 12 He placed a crown of gold upon the
 turban, in which was engraved
 QODESHAH,
 An ornament of esteem, a precious
 work,
 The desire of the eyes, elegant and
 lovely.
 13 Before him there were none like
 them,
 Nor did any stranger ever put them on,
 But only his children and his children's
 children for all time.
 14 Their offerings shall be completely
 consumed twice every day
 continually.
 15 Mosheh ordained him, and anointed
 him with qodesh oil:
 This was appointed to him with an
 everlasting Covenant,
 And to his seed, so long as the
 shamayim should remain,
 That they should serve Him, and
 execute the office of the kehunnah,
 And baraḵ the people in His name.
 16 He chose him out of all men living to
 offer slaughterings to אֱלֹהִים,
 Incense, and a sweet savour, for a
 remembrance,
 To make atonement for His people.
 17 He gave him His Commands, and
 authority in the Laws of Right-
 Rulings,
 That he should teach Ya'aqob the
 Witnesses,

And instruct Yisra'ël in his Torot.
 18 Foreigners conspired together
 against him,
 And scorned him in the wilderness,
 Even the men that were on the side of
 Dathan and Aḅiram,
 And the assembly of Qorah, with rage
 and wrath.
 19 This אֱלֹהִים saw, and it displeased
 Him,
 And in His wrathful displeasure they
 were consumed;
 He did wonders upon them, to
 consume them with the fiery flame.
 20 But he made Aharon more
 esteemed,
 And gave him an inheritance, and
 divided to him the first-fruits of the
 increase;
 Most of all He prepared bread in
 abundance;
 21 For they eat of the offerings of
 אֱלֹהִים,
 Which He gave to him and his seed.
 22 However in the land of the people
 he had no inheritance,
 Nor had he any portion among the
 people;
 For אֱלֹהִים Himself is his portion and
 inheritance.
 23 The third in esteem is Pineḥas the
 son of Eli'ezer,
 Because he had ardour in the
 reverence of אֱלֹהִים,
 And stood up with good courage of
 heart when the people were turned
 back,
 And made atonement for Yisra'ël.
 24 Therefore there was a Covenant of
 peace made with him,
 That he should be the chief of the
 Miqdash and of His people,
 And that he and his descendants
 should have the height of the
 kehunnah forever;
 25 According to the Covenant made
 with Dawid son of Yishai, of the tribe
 of Yahudah,
 That the inheritance of the sovereign
 should be to his descendants alone;
 So the inheritance of Aharon should
 also be to his seed.
 26 Elohim give you wisdom in your
 heart to rightly rule His people in

righteousness,
That their good is not abolished, and
that their esteem may endure
forever.

46 Yahoshua the son a Nun was a
brave warrior,

And was the successor of Mosheh in
nebuoth,
Who according to his name was made
great for the saving of the elect of
Elohim,
And taking vengeance on the enemies
that rose up against them,
That he might place Yisra'ël in their
inheritance.

2 What great esteem he attained, when
he lifted up his hands,
And stretched out his sword against
the cities!

3 Who before him ever stood up to it?
For אֱלֹהִים Himself brought his enemies
to him.

4 Did the sun not go back by His
doing?

And was not one day as long as two?

5 He called upon the Most High Ēl,
when the enemies pressed upon
him on every side;

And אֱלֹהִים the Almighty heard him.

6 And with hailstones of great strength
He made the battle fall violently
against the nations,

And at the descent he destroyed those
who resisted,

That the nations might know all their
strength,

Because he fought in the sight of
אֱלֹהִים,

And he followed the Almighty.

7 In the time of Mosheh he also did a
work of kindness,

He and Kalëb the son of Yephunneh,
In that they withstood the assembly,
And withheld the people from sin, and
appeased the wicked murmuring.

8 And of six hundred thousand people
on foot,

These two were preserved to bring
them into the inheritance,
Even to the land that flows with milk
and honey.

9 אֱלֹהִים also gave strength to Kalëb,
Who remained with him to his old age;
So that he entered into the high

places of the land,

And his seed obtained it for an
inheritance;

10 That all the children of Yisra'ël might
see that it is good to follow אֱלֹהִים.

11 And concerning the judges, every
one by name,

Whose heart did not go whoring, nor
departed from אֱלֹהִים,

Let their memory be baruk.

12 Let their bones flourish from their
place,

And let the name of those who were
esteemed be continued upon their
children.

13 Shemu'ël, the nabi of אֱלֹהִים, beloved
of his Adon,

Established a reign, and anointed
princes over His people.

14 By the Law of אֱלֹהִים he rightly-ruled
the assembly,

And אֱלֹהִים showed respect toward
Ya'aqob.

15 By his trustworthiness he was found
a true nabi,

And by his word he was known to be
trustworthy in vision.

16 He called upon אֱלֹהִים the Almighty,
When his enemies pressed upon him
on every side,

When he offered the suckling lamb.

17 And אֱלֹהִים thundered from the
shamayim,

And with a great noise made His voice
heard.

18 And He destroyed the rulers of the
Tsorites,

And all the princes of the Pelishtites.

19 And before his long sleep he bore
witness in the sight of אֱלֹהִים and His
anointed,

"I have not taken any man's goods, so
much as a shoe."

And no man accused him.

20 And after his death he naba, and
showed the sovereign his end,

And lifted up his voice from the earth in
nebuah,

To blot out the wickedness of the
people.

47 And after him rose up Nathan to
naba in the time of Dawid.

2 As the fat is taken away from the
peace offering,

So Dawid was chosen out of the children of Yisra'ël.
 3 He played with lions as with young goats,
 And bears as with lambs.
 4 Did he not slay a giant, when he was still young?
 And did he not take away the reproach of the people,
 When he lifted up his hand with the stone in the sling,
 And beat down the boasting of Golyath?
 5 For he called upon the Most High Ēl; And He gave him strength in his right hand to slay that mighty warrior,
 And raise up the horn of His people.
 6 So the people esteemed him with ten thousands,
 And praised him with the birekoth of ~~אֱלֹהִים~~,
 In that He gave him a crown of esteem.
 7 For he destroyed their enemies on every side,
 And brought to naught his adversaries, the Pelishtites,
 And broke their horn in pieces to this day.
 8 In all his works he praised the Qadosh One Most High with words of esteem;
 With his whole heart he sang songs, And loved He who made him.
 9 He also appointed singers before the altar,
 That with their voices they made sweet melody,
 And sang praises daily with their songs.
 10 He adorned their Feasts, and put in order the Appointed Times until the end,
 That they should praise His qodesh Name,
 And that the Hëykal might resound from the morning.
 11 ~~אֱלֹהִים~~ took away his sins, and exalted his horn forever:
 He gave him a Covenant of sovereigns,
 And a throne of esteem in Yisra'ël.
 12 After him rose up a wise son, and for his sake his dwelling was broad.

13 Shelomoh reigned in a peaceable time, and was esteemed;
 For Elohim made quiet all around him,
 That he might build a House for His Name,
 And prepare His Miqdash forever.
 14 How wise you were in your youth,
 And filled with understanding as a flood!
 15 Your being covered the whole earth, and you filled it with deep parables.
 16 Your name went to the far islands;
 And for your peace you were loved.
 17 The lands marvelled at you for your songs, and proverbs, and parables, and interpretations.
 18 By the Name of ~~אֱלֹהִים~~ Elohim, which is called ~~אֱלֹהִים~~ Elohim of Yisra'ël,
 You gathered gold as tin and multiplied silver as lead.
 19 You bowed your loins to women,
 And by your body you were brought into subjection.
 20 You stained your esteem, and polluted your seed;
 So that you brought wrath upon your children,
 And were grieved for your folly.
 21 So the reign was divided, and out of Ephrayim ruled a rebellious reign.
 22 But the kindness of ~~אֱלֹהִים~~ shall never cease,
 Nor shall any of His works perish,
 Neither shall He cut off the descendants of His elect,
 And the seed of he who loves Him He shall not take away;
 Therefore He gave a remnant to Ya'aqob,
 And out of him, a root of Dawid.
 23 Thus Shelomoh rested with his fathers,
 And of his seed he left behind him Reḥab'am,
 Even the foolishness of the people, and one who had no understanding,
 Who turned the people away through his counsel.
 There was also Yarob'am the son of Nebat,
 Who caused Yisra'ël to sin, and showed Ephrayim the way of sin;
 24 And their sins were multiplied exceedingly,

So they were driven out of the land.
 25 For they sought out all wickedness,
 Till the punishment came upon them.
48 Then Ēliyahu the nabi stood up
 as fire,
 And his word burned like a lamp.
 2 He brought a severe scarcity of food
 upon them,
 And by his ardour he diminished their
 number.
 3 By the word of אֱלֹהִים he shut up the
 shamayim,
 And also brought down fire three
 times.
 4 O Ēliyah, how you were esteemed in
 your wondrous deeds!
 And whose esteem is like yours?
 5 Who raised up a dead man from
 death,
 And his being from the place of the
 dead,
 By the word of the Most High;
 6 Who brought sovereigns to
 destruction,
 And honourable men from their bed;
 7 Who heard the rebuke of אֱלֹהִים at
 Sinai,
 And the judgment of punishment in
 Horëb;
 8 Who anointed sovereigns to take
 vengeance,
 And nebi'im to succeed after him;
 9 Who was taken up in a whirlwind of
 fire,
 And in a chariot of fiery horses;
 10 Who were ordained for reproofs in
 their times,
 To appease the wrath of judgment of
 אֱלֹהִים,
 Before it broke forth into wrath,
 And to turn the heart of the father to
 the son,
 And to restore the tribes of Ya'aqob.
 11 Baruk are those who saw You, and
 slept in love;
 For we shall surely live.
 12 It was Ēliyahu who was covered with
 a whirlwind:
 And Ēlisha was filled with His Ruaḥ.
 While he lived, he was not moved by
 the presence of any prince,
 Nor could any bring him into
 subjection.
 13 No word could overcome him;

And after his death his being naba.
 14 He did wonders in his life,
 And at his death his works were
 marvellous.
 15 For all this the people did not
 repent,
 Nor did they depart from their sins,
 Till they were plundered and carried
 out of their land,
 And were scattered through all the
 earth;
 Yet there remained a remnant of the
 people,
 And a ruler from the house of Dawid;
 16 Of whom some did that which was
 pleasing to Elohim,
 And some multiplied sins.
 17 Hizqiyahu fortified his city, and
 brought in water into the midst of it;
 He dug the solid rock with tools of iron,
 And made wells for water.
 18 In his time Sanḥëriḅ came up, and
 sent the Raḅshaqëh,
 And lifted up his hand against Tsiyon,
 And boasted proudly.
 19 Then their hearts and hands
 trembled,
 And they were in pain, as women in
 chidbirth.
 20 But they called upon אֱלֹהִים who is
 kind,
 And stretched out their hands toward
 Him.
 And immediately the Qadosh One
 heard them out of the shamayim,
 And delivered them by the service of
 Yeshayahu.
 21 He smote the army of Ashshur,
 And His messenger destroyed them.
 22 For Hizqiyahu had done that which
 pleased אֱלֹהִים,
 And was strong in the Ways of Dawid
 his father,
 As Yeshayahu the nabi, who was great
 and trustworthy in his vision, had
 commanded him.
 23 In his time the sun went backward,
 And he lengthened the sovereign's life.
 24 He saw by an excellent spirit what
 would come to pass,
 And he comforted those who mourned
 in Tsiyon.
 25 He showed what should come to be
 at the end of time,

And secrets before they came to be.

49 The remembrance of Yoshiyahu is like the composition of a perfume that is made with the skill of the perfumer;

It is sweet as honey in all mouths,
And as music at a feast of wine.

2 He acted uprightly by instructing the people,
And took away the wicked abominations.

3 He directed his heart toward אֱלֹהִים,
And in the time of the wicked he established the worship of Elohim.

4 All except Dawid and Hizqiyahu and Yoshiyahu, were wicked;

For they forsook the Law of the Most High,
Even the sovereigns of Yahuḏah failed.

5 Therefore He gave their strength to others,
And their esteem to a foreign nation.

6 They burned the chosen city of the Miqdash,
And made the streets desolate,
According to the neḅuah of Yirmeyah.

7 For they treated him evilly, who was yet a naḅi, qadosh in his mother's womb,

That he might root out, and afflict, and destroy;
And that he might also build up, and plant.

8 It was Yehezq'el who saw the esteemed vision,
Which was shown to him upon the chariot of the keruḅim.

9 For he remembered the enemies under the sign of rain,
And directed those who went rightly.

10 And of the twelve neḅi'im let their remembrance be baruḅ,
And let their bones flourish again out of their place;

For they comforted Ya'aqob, and delivered them with true expectancy.

11 How shall we exalt Zerubbabel?
Even he was as a signet on the right hand;

12 So was Yēshua son of Yotsadaq;
Who in their time built the House,
And raised a qodesh Hēyḅal to אֱלֹהִים,

Which was prepared for everlasting esteem.

13 And among the elect was Neḅemyah,

Whose name is great, who raised up for us the walls that had fallen,
And put up the gates and the bars, and raised up our ruins again.

14 But no man on the earth was created like Ḥanoḅ;

For he was taken from the earth.

15 Neither was there a young man born like Yosēph,

A governor over his brothers, a support to the people,

Whose bones were regarded by אֱלֹהִים.

16 Shēm and Shēth were in great esteem among men,
And so was Aḏam above every living creature in creation.

50 Shim'on the kohēn ha'gadol, the son of Onyah,

Who in his life repaired the House again,

And in his days fortified the Hēyḅal;
2 And by him the double height from the foundation was built,

The high fortress of the wall around the Hēyḅal;

3 In his days the cistern to receive water, being surrounded as the sea,
Was covered with plates of bronze;

4 He looked after of the Hēyḅal that it should not fall,

And fortified the city against a siege.

5 How esteemed he was in the midst of the people,

When coming out of the Miqdash!

6 He was as the morning star in the midst of a cloud,

And as the moon in its fullness;

7 As the sun shining upon the Hēyḅal of the Most High,

And as the rainbow giving light in the bright clouds,

8 And as the flower of roses in the spring of the year;

As lilies by the rivers of water,
And as the branches of frankincense in the time of summer;

9 As fire and incense in the fire holder,
And as a vessel of beaten gold mounted with all kinds of precious stones;

- 10 And as a fair olive tree budding forth
fruit,
And as a cypress which grows up to
the clouds.
- 11 When he put on the robe of esteem,
And was clothed with the perfection of
esteem,
When he went up to the qodesh altar,
He made the garment of qodeshah
esteemed.
- 12 When he took the portion out of the
hands of the kohenim,
He himself stood by the hearth of the
altar,
Surrounded as a young cedar in
Lebanon;
And as palm trees they surrounded
him.
- 13 So were all the sons of Aharon in
their esteem,
And the offerings of אֲשֵׁרָה in their
hands,
Before all the assembly of Yisra'ël.
- 14 And finishing the service at the altar,
That he might adorn the offering of the
Most High Almighty,
- 15 He stretched out his hand to the
cup,
And pouring the blood of the grape,
He poured out at the foot of the altar,
A sweet fragrance to the Most High
Sovereign of all.
- 16 Then the sons of Aharon shouted,
And sounded the silver trumpets,
And made a great noise to be heard,
For a remembrance before the Most
High.
- 17 Then all the people hurried together,
And fell down on their faces on the
earth to worship אֲשֵׁרָה Èl Shaddai,
the Most High.
- 18 The singers also sang praises with
their voices,
With all kinds of sounds sweet melody
was made.
- 19 And the people sought אֲשֵׁרָה the
Most High,
By prayer before He who is kind,
Till the qodeshah of אֲשֵׁרָה had ended,
And they had finished His service.
- 20 Then he went down, and raised his
hands over the whole assembly of
the children of Yisra'ël,
To give the beraḳah of אֲשֵׁרָה with his
lips, and to rejoice in His Name.
- 21 And they bowed themselves down
to worship a second time,
That they might receive a beraḳah
from the Most High.
- 22 Now therefore baraḳ the Elohim of
all,
Who does only wondrously
everywhere,
Who exalts our days from the womb,
And deals with us according to His
kindness.
- 23 He gives joy to the heart,
And that peace may be in our days in
Yisra'ël forever;
- 24 That He would confirm His kindness
with us,
And deliver us in His time!
- 25 There are two manner of nations
which my heart abhors,
And the third is no nation:
- 26 Those who sit on the mountain of
Shomeron,
And those who dwell among the
Pelishtites,
And those foolish people who dwell in
Sheḳem.
- 27 Yahoshua the son of Sira of Yeru-
shalayim,
Has written in this book the instruction
of understanding and knowledge,
From whose heart poured out wisdom.
- 28 Baruḳ is he who shall be exercised
in these;
And he who treasures them up in his
heart shall become wise.
- 29 For if he does them, he shall be
strong in all;
For the light of אֲשֵׁרָה leads he who
gives wisdom to the reverent.
Baruḳ be the Name of אֲשֵׁרָה forever.
Aměn, Aměn.
- 51** A Prayer of Yahoshua the son
of Sira.
- 1 I thank you, O Adon and Sovereign,
And praise You, O Elohim my Saviour;
I give praise to Your Name;
- 2 For You are my Defender and Helper,
And have preserved my body from
destruction,
And from the snare of the slanderous
tongue,
And from the lips that forge lies,
And have been my Helper against my

adversaries;
 3 And have delivered me, according to
 the multitude of Your kindnesses
 and greatness of Your Name,
 From the teeth of those who were
 ready to devour me,
 And out of the hands of those who
 sought after my life,
 And from the great afflictions which I
 had;
 4 From the choking fire on every side,
 And from the midst of the fire which I
 did not kindle;
 5 From the depth of the inward parts of
 She'ol,
 From an unclean tongue, and from
 lying words.
 6 By an accusation to the sovereign
 from an unrighteous tongue,
 My being drew near unto death,
 My life was near to She'ol beneath.
 7 They surrounded me on every side,
 And there was no one to help me.
 I looked for the support of men, but
 there was none.
 8 Then I thought upon Your favour,
 O אלהים,
 And upon Your acts of old,
 How You save those who wait on You,
 And save them out of the hands of
 their enemies.
 9 Then I lifted up my supplications from
 the earth,
 And prayed for deliverance from death.
 10 I called upon Adonai אלהים, the
 Father,
 That He would not leave me in the
 days of my trouble,
 And in the time of the proud, when
 there was no help.
 11 I praise Your Name continually,
 And sing praises with thanksgiving;
 And so my prayer is heard.
 12 For You saved me from destruction,
 And delivered me from the evil time;
 Therefore I thank and praise You,
 And barak Your name, O אלהים!
 13 When I was still young, or if I ever
 went travelling,
 I desired wisdom openly in my prayer.
 14 I prayed for her before the Hēykal,
 And shall seek her to the end.
 15 Even from the flower till the grape
 was ripe,

My heart has delighted in her;
 My foot went the right way,
 From my youth upward I sought after
 her.
 16 I bowed down my ear a little, and
 received her,
 And acquired much learning.
 17 I profited in this, therefore I shall
 ascribe esteem to He who gives me
 wisdom.
 18 For I purposed to go after her,
 And earnestly I followed that which is
 good;
 So I shall not be ashamed.
 19 My being has wrestled with her,
 And in my doings I was exact.
 I stretched forth my hands to the
 shamayim above,
 And bewailed my ignorances of her.
 20 I directed my being unto her,
 And I found her in pureness.
 I have had my heart joined with her
 from the beginning,
 Therefore I shall not be forsaken.
 21 My heart was troubled in seeking
 her;
 Therefore I have received a good
 possession.
 22 אלהים has given me a tongue for my
 reward,
 And I shall praise him with it!
 23 Draw near unto me, you unlearned,
 And dwell in the house of learning.
 24 Why are you slow, and what do you
 say to these?
 Seeing your beings are very thirsty.
 25 I opened my mouth, and said,
 "Acquire her for yourselves without
 silver."
 26 Put your neck under the yoke, and
 let your being receive instruction;
 She is found to be close at hand.
 27 See with your eyes, how I have only
 little labour,
 And have received much rest.
 28 Acquire learning with a great sum of
 silver,
 And get much gold by her.
 29 Let your being rejoice in His
 kindness,
 And do not be ashamed of His praise.
 30 Work your work early,
 And in His time He shall give you your
 reward.