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Ecclesiastes

What a fantastic book!

Full of rich meaning and depth of words. Have been reading through it with a NKJ alongside the KJV+ (with Strong's Commentary numbers).

Am becoming even more fascinated with the Hebrew language, so ...expressive! My understanding is vague at best, so many derivatives, yet the 'root' that can be drawn from is aptly titled, root indeed.

heart3820

H3820

לב
lêb
labe

A form of H3824; the heart; also used (figuratively) very widely for the feelings, the will and even the intellect; likewise for the centre of anything: - + care for, comfortably, consent, X considered, courag, friend, (, , , , double) heart (), X heed, X I, kindly, midst, mind (-ed), X regard (, X themselves, X unawares, understanding, X well, willingly, wisdom.

H3824

לבב
lêbâb
lay-bawb'

From H3823; the heart (as the most interior organ); used also like H3820: - + bethink themselves, breast, comfortably, courage, (, heart(), midst, mind, X unawares, understanding.

H3823

לבב
lâbab
law-bab'

A primitive root; properly to be enclosed (as if with fat); by implication (as denominative from H3824) to unheart, that is, (in a good sense) transport (with love), or (in a bad sense) stultify; also (as denominative from H3834) to make cakes: - make cakes, ravish, be wise.

JeresulaemH3389

H3389

ירוּשׁלים ירוּשׁלם
yerûshâlaim yerûshâlayim
yer-oo-shaw-lah'-im, yer-oo-shaw-lah'-yim

A dual (in allusion to its two main hills (the true pointing, at least of the former reading, seems to be that of H3390)); probably from (the passive participle of) H3384 and H7999; founded peaceful; Jerushalaim or Jerusalem, the capital city of Palestine: - Jerusalem.

H7999

שׁלם
shâlam
shaw-lam'

A primitive root; to be safe (in mind, body or estate); figuratively to be (causatively make) completed; by implication to be friendly; by extension to reciprocate (in various applications): - make amends, (make an) end, finish, full, give again, mak

e good, (re-) pay (again), (make) (to) (be at) peace (-able), that is perfect, perform, (make) prosper (-ous), recompense, render, requite, make restitution, restore, reward, X surely.

perceived3045

H3045

ידע
yâda‛
yaw-dah'

A primitive root; to know (properly to ascertain by seeing); used in a great variety of senses, figuratively, literally, euphemistically and inferentially (including observation, care, recognition; and causatively instruction, designation, punishment, etc.): - acknowledge, acquaintance (-ted with), advise, answer, appoint, assuredly, be aware, awares, can, certainly, for a certainty, comprehend, consider, X could they, cunning, declare, be diligent, (can, cause to) discern, discover, endued with, familiar friend, famous, feel, can have, be norant, instruct, kinsfolk, kinsman, (cause to, let, make) know, (come to give, have, take) knowledge, have, (be, make, make to be, make self) known, + be learned, + lie by man, mark, perceive, privy to, X prognosticator, regard, have respect, skilful, shew, can (man of) skill, be sure, of a surety, teach, (can) tell, understand, have, X will be, wist, wit, wot.

Try 'wisdom', 'knowledge', 'vanity', 'sorrow', 'preacher', 'fool', 'labor', 'wind'...

Originally and prior to really digging in here was under the false impression that this was book was rather and only depressing, but that is only from a cursory reading. It certainly has these elements, Solomon's own pain being laid out in stark honesty. But looking at it from a different perspective it does not fail to stamp a reality check on our condition and our wonderful dependence on God. It goes a long way in showing the foolishness of the wise in mans wisdom and also the absurdity of pride before our sovereign God.

An interesting tidbit from John MacArthur's intro:

"Along with Ruth, Song of Solomon, Esther, and Lamentations, Ecclesiastes stands with the OT books of the Megilloth, or "five scrolls." Later rabbis read these books in the synagogue on 5 special occasions during the year- Ecclesiastes being read on Pentecost."

Wonder what he meant by later? My thoughts go back to the disciples tarrying until '*the Day of Pentecost had fully come*' (Acts 2), possible that this had been read amongst them that day? Mention it since the allusions often to 'wind' in the book and the "*sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.*" (Acts 2 :2)

Both 'wind' and 'spirit' being;

H7307

רוּח
rûach
roo'-akh

From H7306; wind; by resemblance breath, that is, a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; figuratively life, anger, unsubstantiality; by extension a region of the sky; by resemblance spirit, but only of a rational being (including its expression and functions): - air, anger, blast, breath, X cool, courage, mind, X quarter, X side, spirit (), tempest, X vain, () wind (-y).

H7306

רוּח
rûach
roo'-akh

A primitive root; properly to blow, that is, breathe; only (literally) to smell or (by implication perceive (figuratively to anticipate, enjoy): - accept, smell, X touch, make of quick understanding.

From Barnes Commentary re: Acts 2:2

As of a rushing mighty wind - Literally, "as of a violent blast borne along" - 1966; 1961; 1959; 1956; 1949; 1976; 1957; 1951; 1962; pheromone's - rushing along like a tempest. Such a wind sometimes borne along

g so violently, and with such a noise, as to make it difficult even to hear the thunder in the gale. Such appears to have been the sound of this remarkable phenomenon. It does not appear that there was any wind, but the sudden sound was like such a sweeping tempest. It may be remarked, however, that the wind in the sacred Scriptures is often put as an emblem of a divine influence. See Joh_3:8. It is invisible, yet mighty, and thus represents the agency of the Holy Spirit. The same word in Hebrew רוח; ruwach and in Greek πνεῦμα; pneuma is used to denote both. The mighty power of God may be denoted also by the violence of a tempest, 1 Ki_19:11; Psa_29:1-11; Psa_104:3; Psa_18:10. In this place the sound as of a gale was emblematic of the mighty power of the Spirit, and of the effects which his coming would accomplish among people.

Have a bazillion other thoughts, so much that incredibly parallels Jesus's own Words in this book...

Re: Ecclesiastical Reality - posted by mloaks, on: 2004/9/14 11:41

Way to dissect!

Too bad mod slang has appropriated ya dawg
yaw-dah'... :-P

"Later rabbis read these books in the synagogue on 5 special occasions during the year- Ecclesiastes being read on Pentecost." A reality check? And how! And what timing...