

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-23.

1:2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity, even unto the oils with which I dress my flowing locks.

1:12 I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem. though I know not how it was that I was, but there it was...

1:13 And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom and by enquiry of many books and wise men, and I did google every hour until I was satisfied, and I learnt concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith, and forthwith, and muchly. With sore fingers also. And an low battery, whatever that is.

1:14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun, for I hath an mighty telescope and an keen eye with which to observe; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

2:18 Yea, I hated all my labour which I had taken under the sun: because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me, and many there are that are after me, for my locks are flowing, as usual, and my countenance lusty. Well, now and again. But this is vanity.

2:19 And who knoweth whether he that shall be here in my place shall be a wise man or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and access to all my lotions wherein I have shewed myself wise under the sun. This is also vanity.

2:20 Therefore I went about adorned with Fuller's Earth to cause my countenance to be grey and my heart to despair of all the labour which I took under the sun.

2:21 For there is a man whose labour is in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity, and he liveth not far from the city, but I have not visited him for a length of time; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein shall he leave it for his portion, let the reader understand if he can. Because I don't. This also is vanity and a great evil.

2:22 For what hath man of all his labour, and of the vexation of his heart, and of the lotions with which he hath perfumed himself and creams with which he hath softened his skin, and conditioner to apply to his locks (mine in particular – just to mention them) wherein he hath laboured in front of the mirror many hours and hath kept himself out of the sun?

2:23 For all his days are sorrows, and his travail grief, and his beauty expenses high; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night, nor doth he entertain any other upon his bed. This is also vanity and a very rude awakening.