



## **Ketouvim (hagiographes) - Job**

### **Chapter 12**

- 12,1 {S} Then Job answered and said:
- 12,2 No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you.
- 12,3 But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you; yea, who knoweth not such things as these?  
{S} Then Job answered and said:
- 12,4 I am as one that is a laughing-stock to his neighbour, a man that called upon God, and He answered him; the just, the innocent man is a laughing-stock,
- 12,5 A contemptible brand in the thought of him that is at ease, a thing ready for them whose foot slippeth.
- 12,6 The tents of robbers prosper, and they that provoke God are secure, in whatsoever God bringeth into their hand.
- 12,7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee;
- 12,8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee; and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee;
- 12,9 Who knoweth not among all these, that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this?
- 12,10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind.--
- 12,11 Doth not the ear try words, even as the palate tasteth its food?
- 12,12 Is wisdom with aged men, and understanding in length of days?--
- 12,13 With Him is wisdom and might; He hath counsel and understanding.
- 12,14 Behold, He breaketh down, and it cannot be built again; He shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening.
- 12,15 Behold, He withholdeth the waters, and they dry up; also He sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.
- 12,16 With Him is strength and sound wisdom; the deceived and the deceiver are His.
- 12,17 He leadeth counsellors away stripped, and judges maketh He fools.
- 12,18 He looseth the bond of kings, and bindeth their loins with a girdle.
- 12,19 He leadeth priests away stripped, and overthroweth the mighty.
- 12,20 He removeth the speech of men of trust, and taketh away the sense of the elders.
- 12,21 He poureth contempt upon princes, and looseth the belt of the strong.
- 12,22 He uncovereth deep things out of darkness, and bringeth out to light the shadow of death.
- 12,23 He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them; He enlargeth the nations, and leadeth them away.
- 12,24 He taketh away the heart of the chiefs of the people of the land, and causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.
- 12,25 They grope in the dark without light, and He maketh them to stagger like a drunken man.