



Ketouvim (hagiographes) - Proverbs

Chapter 31

- 31,1 The words of king Lemuel; the burden wherewith his mother corrected him.
- 31,2 What, my son? and what, O son of my womb? and what, O son of my vows?
- 31,3 Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.
- 31,4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine: nor for princes to say: 'Where is strong drink?'
- 31,5 Lest they drink, and forget that which is decreed, and pervert the justice due to any that is afflicted.
- 31,6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto the bitter in soul;
- 31,7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.
- 31,8 Open thy mouth for the dumb, in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.
- 31,9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.
- 31,10 A woman of valour who can find? for her price is far above rubies.
- 31,11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, and he hath no lack of gain.
- 31,12 She doeth him good and not evil all the days of her life.
- 31,13 She seeketh wool and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
- 31,14 She is like the merchant-ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
- 31,15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth food to her household, and a portion to her maidens.
- 31,16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
- 31,17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and maketh strong her arms.
- 31,18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good; her lamp goeth not out by night.
- 31,19 She layeth her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
- 31,20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
- 31,21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
- 31,22 She maketh for herself coverlets; her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- 31,23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
- 31,24 She maketh linen garments and selleth them; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
- 31,25 Strength and dignity are her clothing; and she laugheth at the time to come.
- 31,26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and the law of kindness is on her tongue.
- 31,27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
- 31,28 Her children rise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her:
- 31,29 'Many daughters have done valiantly, but thou excellest them all.'
- 31,30 Grace is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.
- 31,31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her works praise her in the gates.