## Ecclesiastes 8:10-17 Both the Righteous & the Wicked die Both are judged according to their works Best for a man to find Joy in all his Labor Impossible to find the Secrets of God's Work

## Death Comes to All

<sup>10</sup> Then I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of holiness, and they were forgotten\* in the city where they had so done. This also is vanity.

<sup>11</sup> Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

<sup>12</sup> Though a sinner does evil a hundred *times*, and his *days* are prolonged, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear Elohiym (God), who fear before Him. <sup>13</sup> But it will not be well with the wicked; nor will he prolong *his* days, *which are* as a shadow, because he does not fear before Elohiym (God).

<sup>14</sup> There is a vanity which occurs on earth, that there are just *men* to whom it happens according to the work of the wicked; again, there are wicked *men* to whom it happens according to the work of the righteous. I said that this also *is* vanity.

<sup>15</sup> So I commended enjoyment, because a man has nothing better under the sun than to eat, drink, and be merry; for this will remain with him in his labor *all* the days of his life which Elohiym (God) gives him under the sun.

<sup>16</sup> When I applied my heart to know wisdom and to see the business that is done on earth, even though one sees no sleep day or night,

<sup>17</sup> then I saw all the work of Elohiym (God), that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. For though a man labors to discover *it*, yet he will not find *it*; moreover, though a wise *man* attempts to know *it*, he will not be able to find *it*.

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## [Ecclesiastes 8:10]

Facts Revealed:

- Then I saw the wicked buried, who had come (departed) and gone from the place of holiness, and they were forgotten\* in the city where they had so done. This also is vanity. [Ecclesiastes 8:10]
  - $\diamond$  Good observation.

Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.
Though a sinner does evil a hundred *times*, and his *days* are prolonged, yet I surely know that it will be well with those who fear Elohiym (God), who fear before Him. But it will not be well with the wicked; nor will he prolong *his* days, *which are* as a shadow, because he does not fear before Elohiym (God). [Ecclesiastes 8:11-13]

- ☆ To be an effective deterrence from evil, judgment and execution must be done speedily. [Ezra 7:26]
- $\diamond$  For lack of deterrence, the heart of men is set to do evil.
- $\diamond$  Solomon is convinced that it will be well for the ones who fear Elohiym.
- ♦ He is also confident that it will not be well for those who do not fear Elohiym and whose life is as a shadow.
- There is a vanity which occurs on earth, that there are just *men* to whom it happens according to the work of the wicked; again, there are wicked *men* to whom it happens according to the work of the righteous. I said that this also *is* vanity. [Ecclesiastes 8:14]
  - $\diamond$  Solomon views the early death of just men and the long lives of wicked men as vanity.
- So I commended enjoyment, because a man has nothing better under the sun than to eat, drink, and be merry; for this will remain with him in his labor *all* the days of his life which Elohiym (God) gives him under the sun. [Ecclesiastes 8:15]
  - ☆ The best thing in life is to enjoy the fruit of your labor all the days of your life for the time Elohiym gives you.
- When I applied my heart to know wisdom and to see the business that is done on earth, even though one sees no sleep day or night, then I saw all the work of Elohiym (God), that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. For though a man labors to discover *it*, yet he will not find *it*; moreover, though a wise *man* attempts to know *it*, he will not be able to find *it*. [Ecclesiastes 8:16-17]
  - ♦ His search for wisdom brought Solomon to consider all the work of Elohiym and to the conclusion that it is impossible for man to discover all the things that Elohiym has done in creation and is doing to maintain everything on earth.
  - $\diamond$  The scientific approach failed as it does today.
  - ♦ His focus continues to be through the eye of flesh with no understanding of the eternal plan of God after the resurrection of the dead and eternal life through Messiah Jesus.
  - ♦ Earthly wisdom does not know of the New Heaven, the New earth and eternity with God in a world without sin.
  - $\diamond$  It is not discernable by the human eye but is spiritually discerned. [1 Corinthians 2:14]