

Wisdom – Part 32

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A Study in Wisdom

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Chapter 31

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30. 1-33 (F¹, above). **THE WORDS OF AGUR.** (*Alternation and Introversions.*)

Title, v. 1-.

F ¹		G		-1-3.	Confession.	Himself.	}	God.	
		H		J ¹		4.			Address.
				K ¹		5.			Declaration.
				J ²		6.			Address.
G		G		7-9.	Prayer.	Himself.	}	Man.	
		H		J ³		10.			Address.
				K ²		11-31.			Declaration.
				J ⁴		32, 33.			Address.

Agur, Jakeh, Ithiel, Ucal

KJV Proverbs 30:1 The words of **Agur** the son of Jakeh, even the prophecy: **the man** spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal,

The meaning of these names in some cases is uncertain

Agur = "gathered"
Jaker = "blameless"
Ithiel = "God is with me"
Ucal = "devoured"

דְּבָרָיו אֶגּוּר בֶּן־יָקֹה הַמְּשָׁא נָאִם הַגֵּבֶר לְאִיתִיאל לְאִיתִיאל וְאָכַל: ^{WTT} Proverbs 30:1
(Prov. 30:1 WTT)

Geber
Strong man

What do we know of this “man”?

כִּי בָעַר אֶנְכִי מֵאִישׁ וְלֹא-בִינַת אָדָם לִי: ^{WTT} Proverbs 30:2
(Prov. 30:2 WTT)

2 Surely I am more brutish than **any man**, and have not the understanding of **a man**.

3 I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy.1 (Prov. 30:2-3 KJV)

Pr. 12:1
Brutish

No Wisdom No knowledge

4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell? (Prov. 30:4 KJV)

To refine

5 Every word of God is **pure**: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.1

6 **Add thou not unto his words**, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

(Prov. 30:5-6 KJV)

כָּל-אִמְרַת אֱלֹהִים **צְרוּפָה** מִגֵּן הוּא לְחֹסִים בּוֹ: **Proverbs 30:5**
(Prov. 30:5 WTT)



6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.¹ (Ps. 12:6-7 KJV)

KJV Deuteronomy 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. (Deut. 4:2 KJV)

KJV Deuteronomy 12:32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it. (Deut. 12:32 KJV)

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. (Gal. 1:8-9 KJV)

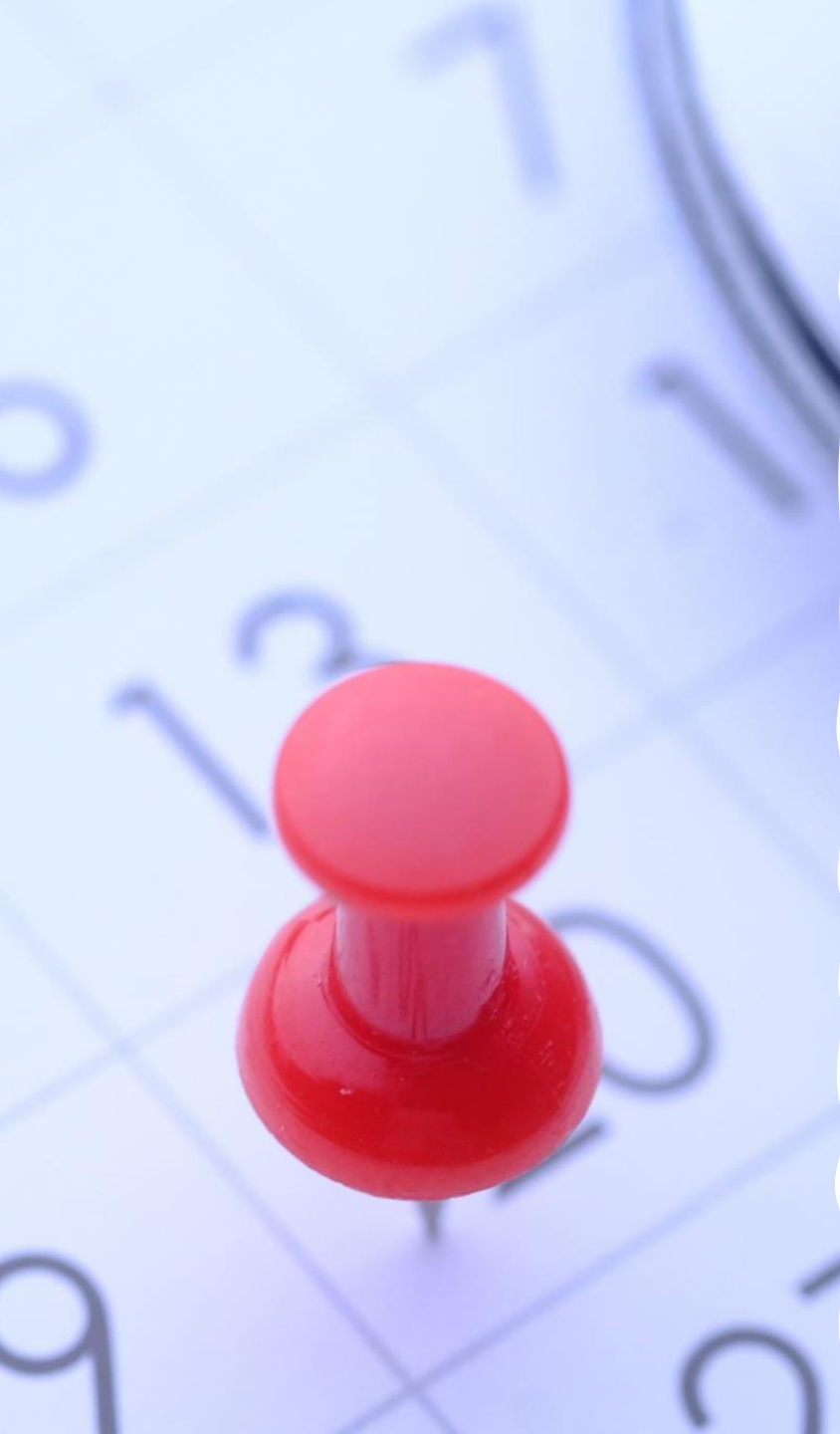
18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.¹

(Rev. 22:18-19 KJV)

11-31 (K², p. 903). **DECLARATION.**
(Alternation and Divisions.)

K ²	L		11. Parents. Cursing of.					
		M		N ¹		12. Impurity.	} Four- fold enumeration.	
				N ²		13. Pride.		
				N ³		14. Violence.		
				N ⁴		15, 16. Insatiableness.		
		L		17. Parents. Mocking of.				
			M		N ⁵		18-20. Four things inscrutable (<i>m</i>).	} Four- fold enu- meration.
					N ⁶		21-23. Four things disquieting (<i>f</i>).	
					N ⁷		24-28. Four things little and wise (<i>m</i>).	
					N ⁸		29-31. Four things graceful (<i>m</i>).	



Today



Proverbs 31

From The Companion Bible

thyself,
 Or if thou hast ° thought evil,
 Lay thine hand upon thy mouth.
33 Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth
 butter,
 And the wringing of the nose bringeth
 forth blood:
 So the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

¹ P
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31 ° The words of ° king Lemuel, the
 ° prophecy that ° his mother taught
 him.
2 What, ° my son? and what, the son of my
 womb?
 And what, the son of my vows?

king Lemuel = to El and for El, a king. Cp. Jedidiah = beloved of Jah (2 Sam. 12. 25). Solomon was the royal seed in the line of Him Who is King of kings and Lord of lords. The Talmud says (*Avoth d'Rab. Nathan*, c. 39): "Solomon was called by six names: Solomon, Jedidiah, Koheleth, Son of Jakeh, Agur, and Lemuel".
 prophecy = oracle, oracular utterance, or burden. his mother. Cp. the Structure, **A** (p. 864).
 2 my son? Cp. the Structure, **A** (p. 864).

thought evil = meditated [with evil intent].

31. 1-31 (F², p. 903). THE WORDS OF KING LEMUEL, FOR SOLOMON: A PRINCE AND KING. (Division.)

F² | O¹ | 1-9. Warnings. Women and wine.
 | O² | 10-31. Example. The model woman.

31. 1-9 (O¹, above). WARNINGS. "MY SON" (v. 2). SECOND PERSON. "THY" (vv. 3, 8, 9). (Introversion.)

O¹ | P | 1, 2. Call to attention.
 | Q | 3. Women. } Warning.
 | Q | 4-7. Wine. }
 | P | 8, 9. Call to advocacy.

1 The words, &c. The Heb. *dibrēy* has no governing noun; so one must be understood thus: "[An unnamed one's] words [addressed] to king Lemuel: a burden which his mother [repeatedly] taught him".

THE PROVERBS¹.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK AS A WHOLE.

(Introversion and Alternation.)

INTRODUCTION. 1. 1-6-.

- A** | 1. -6—9. 18. "THE WORDS OF THE WISE". FOR SOLOMON. FOR A PRINCE AND A KING. SECOND PERSON ("MY SON", "THY", "THEE", "THOU", "THINE"). THE "MOTHER".
- B** | **C** | 10. 1—19. 19. PROVERBS BY SOLOMON. FOR ALL. THIRD PERSON ("HE", "HIS", "HIM", "THEY", "THEM").
- | **D** | 19. 20—24. 34. PROVERBS FOR SOLOMON. FOR A PRINCE AND A KING. SECOND PERSON ("MY SON", "THOU", "THY").
- B** | **C** | 25. 1—26. 28. PROVERBS BY SOLOMON. FOR ALL. "COPIED BY THE MEN OF HEZEKIAH". THIRD PERSON ("HE", "HIM", "HIS").
- | **D** | 27. 1—29. 27. PROVERBS FOR SOLOMON. FOR A PRINCE AND A KING. SECOND PERSON ("MY SON", "THEE", "THY").
- A** | 30. 1—31. 31. "THE WORDS OF AGUR" AND "THE WORDS OF LEMUEL". FOR SOLOMON. FOR A PRINCE AND A KING ("MY SON", "THY"). THE "MOTHER".
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¹ For Introduction and Analysis explanatory of the above Structure, see Appendix 74.

1. -6-9. 18 (A, p. 864). "THE WORDS OF THE WISE". FOR SOLOMON (FOR A PRINCE AND A KING).
SECOND PERSON ("MY SON", "THY", "THEE", "THOU", "THINE"). THE "MOTHER".

(Repeated Alternation.)

A	A ¹	1. -6-2. 15. Wisdom's Call.
	B ¹	2. 16-22. The Foreign Woman.
A ²	3. 1-4. 27. Wisdom's Call.	
	B ²	5. 1-23. The Foreign Woman.
A ³	6. 1-23. Wisdom's Call.	
	B ³	6. 24-35. The Foreign Woman.
A ⁴	7. 1-4. Wisdom's Call.	
	B ⁴	7. 5-27. The Foreign Woman.
A ⁵	8. 1-9. 12. Wisdom's Call.	
	B ⁵	9. 13-18. The Foolish Woman.

4 For **it came to pass**, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.¹

6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as did David his father.¹

7 Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

8 And likewise did he for all his **strange wives**, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. (1 Ki. 11:4-8 KJV)

31. 10-31 (O², p. 904). THE MODEL WOMAN.
(*Extended Alternation.*)

O ²	R	S	10-12. Her husband (ס—ג).	
		T	13-19. Her occupation (י—י).	
		U	20. Her character. Bounty (ב).	
		V	21. Her household (ב).	
		W	22. Herself. Without (ב).	
		R	S	23. Her husband (ג).
			T	24, 25. Her occupation (ב and ג).
U	26. Her character. Wisdom (ס).			
V	27, 28. Her household (ג and ה).			
W	29-31. Herself. Within (י—ת).			

- Rut 1:4 ... of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about
- Rut 1:14 ... her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.
- Rut 1:16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to
- Rut 1:22 ... Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her c
- Rut 2:2 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me
- Rut 2:8 ... said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my dau
- Rut 2:21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me a
- Rut 2:22 ... Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, It is
- Rut 3:9 ... answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread t
- Rut 4:5 ... it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the d
- Rut 4:10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlor
- Rut 4:13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and wh
- Mat 1:5 ... begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;

אִשְׁת־חַיִל מִי יִמְצָא וְרַחֵק מִפְּנִינִים מְכָרָה: 10
 בְּטַח בָּהּ לֵב בְּעֵלָהּ וְשִׁלָּל לֹא יַחְסֵר: 11
 גִּמְלָתָהּ טוֹב וְלֹא־רָע כֹּל יָמֵי חַיֶּיהָ: 12
 דִּרְשָׁה צֹמֵר וּפְשִׁטִים וְתַעֲשֶׂה בַחֲפִיץ כַּפְיָהּ: 13
 הִיטָה כְּאֵנוֹת סוֹחֵר מִמֶּרְחָק תָּבוֹא לַחֲמָה: 14
 וְתִקֶּם בְּעוֹד לַיְלָה וְתִתֵּן טָרֵף לְבֵיתָהּ וְחֵק לְנַעֲרֹתֶיהָ: 15
 זִמְמָה שָׂדֵה וְתִקְחֶהּ מִפְּרֵי כַּפְיָהּ (נָטַע) [נָטַע] כָּרֵם: 16
 חֲגֹרָה בְּעוֹז מִתְּנִיָּה וְתֹאמֵץ זְרַעוֹתֶיהָ: 17
 טָעַמָּה כִּי־טוֹב סָחֲרָה לֹא־יִכְבַּח (בְּלִיָּה) [בְּלִיָּה] יָרָה: 18
 יָדֶיהָ שִׁלְחָה בְּפִישׁוֹר וְכַפְיָהּ תִּמְכּוּ פֶלֶךְ: 19
 כַּפָּה פָּרְשָׁה לְיָדֶיהָ וְלֵבָבָהּ לֹא־יִגְדֹל: 20
 לֹא־תִירָא לְבִיטוֹן מִשִּׁבְלֵי מוֹתָהּ וְלֹא־יִפְּחֵץ שִׁנֶּיהָ: 21
 מִרְבָּדִים עָשְׂתָה־לָּהּ שֵׁשׁ וְאַרְגָּמָן לְבוּשָׁה: 22
 נוֹדַע בְּשָׁעֲרִים בְּעֵלָהּ בְּשִׁבְתּוֹ עִם־זַקְנֵי־אַרְיָן: 23
 סָדִין עָשְׂתָה וְתִמְכֹּר וְחָגוֹר נָתַנָּה לְכַנְעֵנִי: 24
 עֲזוּהָדָר לְבוּשָׁה וְתִשְׁחַק לַיּוֹם אַחֲרוֹן: 25
 פִּיהָ פִּתְחָה בְּחִכְמָה וְתוֹרַת־חֵסֶד עַל־לְשׁוֹנָהּ: 26
 צוֹפִיָּה הִלִּיכּוֹת בֵּיתָהּ וְלֶחֶם עֲצָלוֹת לֹא תֹאכַל: 27
 קָמוּ בָנֶיהָ וַיֵּאֲשְׁרוּהָ בְּעֵלָהּ וַיִּהְלְלֶהּ: 28
 רַבּוֹת בָּנוֹת עָשׂוּ חַיִל וְאֵת עֲלִית עַל־כָּלֵנָהּ: 29
 שִׁקְרַח וְהַבֵּל הֵיפִי אִשָּׁה יִרְאֵת־יְהוָה הִיא תִתְהַלֵּל: 30
 חֲנוּנִיָּה מִפְּרֵי יָדֶיהָ וַיִּהְלְלוּהָ בְּשָׁעֲרִים מַעֲשֵׂיהָ: 31

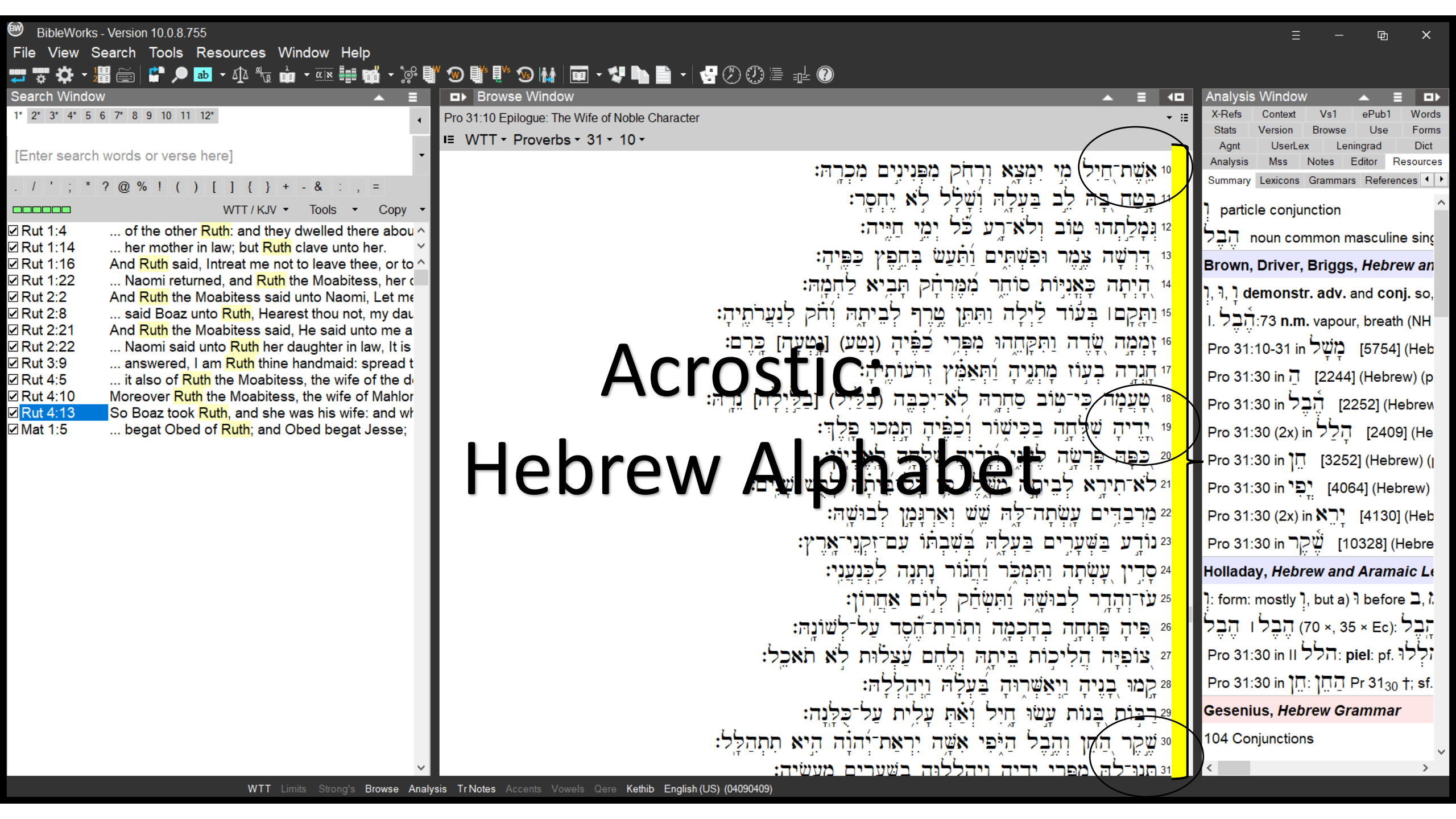
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THE 22 HEBREW LETTERS AND THE NUMERICAL VALUES

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
א	ב	ג	ד	ה	ו	ז	ח	ט	י	כ ך
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20
(a) Alef	B, V Bet	G Gimel	D Dalet	H He	W, V Vav	Z Zayin	H, X Chet	T Tet	J, I, Y Yod	K Kaph
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
ל	מ ם	נ ן	ס	ע	פ ף	ץ צ	ק	ר	ש	ת
30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	200	300	400
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