

Ecc1 3 Paraphrase

For everything a time has been set—a time for every matter in the world.

A time to bear children and a time to die,
A time to plant and a time to pull out what is planted,
A time to kill and a time to heal,
A time to break and a time to build,
A time to weep and a time to laugh at,
A time to wail and a time to skip about,
A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones,
A time to come together and a time to part what was together,
A time to search for and a time to get rid of,
A time to keep and a time to cast off,
A time to tear and a time to mend,
A time to be silent and a time to speak,
A time to love and a time to hate,
A time for war and a time for peace.

So what does a person gain from doing anything? I've seen how God humbles mankind!

The beauty of everything together becomes apparent in time. And people were given an understanding of time—without it a person couldn't discover all the things God has done.

I've realized that there's nothing good in this except to rejoice and make something good of life. Indeed, people eating and drinking and seeing good in what they do is God's gift.

I've realized that all God has done has always happened because nothing can change it! God did this for people to revere him. What has been was from long ago and what will be from long ago has been, but God demands to be followed.

And yet I've seen in the world where there is justice there is still wickedness. Where there is fairness there is still wickedness. I told myself that God was judging both the righteous and the wicked by a time for every matter and deed there.

I told myself that this is in order for God to test people and to show them they are but animals. For unexpected things happen to men just as unexpected things happen to animals. And death comes unexpectedly to the one just like the other. And all have one spirit. People are no greater than animals. All are vapor. All are going to one place. Each came from the dust and returned to the dust. Who knows if the spirit of people really goes someplace superior to where the spirit of animals goes?

So I've seen that nothing good comes from this! A person should just rejoice and do his or her part, because who can come to see what will happen afterwards?

1. For all a set time and a time for all that one delights in under heaven.
2. A time to bear and a time to die a time to plant and a time to pluck up planted.
3. A time to kill and a time to heal a time to break and a time to build.
4. A time to weep and a time to laugh in derision a time to wail and a time to skip about.
5. A time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones a time to embrace and a time to be far to embrace
6. A time to search and a time to get rid of a time to keep and a time to cast off.
7. A time to tear and a time to sew together a time to be quiet and a time to speak.
8. A time to love and a time to hate a time for war and a time for peace.
9. What profit accomplishing from which he laborer?
10. I have seen the task which has given Gods to sons a man for to be put low by.
11. All together made beautiful in time moreover all time given to heart without which not find mankind deed done Gods from beginning to end.
12. I have perceived that without good in that for to rejoice and for to make a good thing of life.
13. Moreover mankind was eating and has drunk and has seen a good thing in his toil gift Gods.
14. I have perceived all which was doing Gods it was occurring for ever because without to increase and because without to diminish Gods made for were afraid of his faces.
15. What has been long ago it and that for to be long ago has been and Gods demands to be pursued.
16. And yet I have seen under the sun place the justice there the wickedness and place the justness there the wickedness.
17. I said myself in my heart, "The righteous and the wicked was judging Gods by a time for all that one delights in and for every deed there."
18. I said myself in my heart, "for cause sons the man for to purify (choose, test) Gods and for to show to them animal they belong."
19. For chance the human sons and chance the animal and chance one toward by death the one therefore death the other and spirit one all and greatness mankind over the animal without; that all vapors.
20. Each going to place one. Each happened from the dust and each returned to the dust.
21. Who? knowing spirit sons the man rising it higher or spirit the animal descending it below the earth.
22. And I've seen that nothing good out of that rejoice man in work for that part that who? gathers for to see what? happens afterwards