

WORKSHEET - THE CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER

Question 1: In Eccl 12v1 Qoheleth asks us to remember our Creator in days of our youth but he also asks us to imagine something. What does he ask us to imagine being?
WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE TO GROW OLD

Question 2: Can you break the code and identify what Qoheleth is imagining with the following descriptions?

V2 The sun or the light or the moon or the stars be darkened (RV, NIV)	Code for: MEMORY & UNDERSTANDING SLOW DOWN
V3 The keepers of the house shall tremble	Code for: ARMS & HANDS GROW WEAK
V3 The strong men shall bow themselves	Code for: LEGS BEGIN TO BOW
V3 The grinders cease because they are few	Code for: TEETH FALL OUT
V3 Those that look out of the windows be darkened	Code for: EYES BEGIN TO FAIL - CATARACTS?
V4 The doors shall be shut in the streets When the sound of the grinding is low	Code for: LIPS FALL BACKWARD INTO MOUTH BECAUSE NO TEETH
V5 He shall rise up at the voice of the bird	Code for: PARDON? (DEAFNESS)
V4 All the daughters of music shall be brought low	Code for: CANNOT SLEEP - EARLY MORNINGS
V5 Shall be afraid of that which is high	Code for: AFRAID OF HEIGHTS!
V5 Fears shall be in the way	Code for: UNSTEADY ON FEET - BRING ME MY ZIMMER!
V5 The Almond tree shall flourish	Code for: WHITE BLOSSOM - HAIR
V5 The grasshopper shall be a burden	Code for: CAN'T CARRY ANYTHING
V5 Desire shall fail	Code for: SEXUAL DESIRE
V6 The silver cord is loosed	Code for: SPINE WEAKENED
V6 The golden bowl be broken	Code for: MIND / BRAIN IS LOST
V6 The pitcher be broken at the fountain	Code for: HEART BEGINS TO FAIL
V6 The wheel be broken at the cistern	Code for: VEINS & ARTERIES WEAKEN

Question 3: Why do you think that Qoheleth thought that the exercise which you have completed might be useful in helping you to decide whether to fear God?
IF JESUS DOES NOT RETURN IN OUR LIFETIMES THEN ALL OF US WILL GROW OLD AND DIE WHETHER WE DECIDE TO FEAR GOD OR NOT - QOHELETH WANTS US TO FACE THE MISERY AND REALITY OF DEATH - DO YOU WANT TO BE OLD AND HOPELESS OR OLD & FULL OF HOPE HE ASKS US.