Ecclesiastes 7:8

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Hebrew	hebrew
	Meanings:
	* Beginning * Finest (or choice) * First (first fruits) * Principal thing
	Embraces the idea of beginnings, first part, chief value and first-fruits. The context determines the specific meaning.
	Derived from ראשׁ
	Feminine, noun יְּיִבְ אֶבֶדְּ רְיִּתַּ plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_big רוּתַ
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	* Wind * Breath * Spirit
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ESV	Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.
NIV	The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride.
NLT	Finishing is better than starting. Patience is better than pride.
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ἀγαθὴ ἐσχάτη λόγωνplugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip bigλόγος

Meaning

* A word or words * Statement * Message * Speech * Account * Used in John to mean God the Son

Masculine noun. Related to the verb λέγω.

λόγος in Greek Thought

Before the New Testament, λόγος already had deep philosophical use. In Greek philosophy, λόγος was the rational principle that ordered the universe, the divine reason that structured all things. In Heraclitus, λόγος referred to the unifying rational principle behind the constant change in the world.... ὑπὲρ ἀρχὴνρlugin-autotooltip default plugin-autotooltip bigἀρχή

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LXX

Meaning:

* Beginning * First * Elementary * Rulers, rule, domain

Noun, feminine (first declension)

Occurs 56 times in the New Testament, consistently conveying the idea of primacy - whether temporal (i.e. the start, e.g. John 1:1) or causal (i.e. the source) or governmental (i.e. the ruler, e.g. Ephesians 6:12 $\alpha \dot{0} \tau o \tilde{0}$ plugin-autotooltip_default plugin-autotooltip_big $\alpha \dot{0} \tau o \tilde{0}$

greek

Meaning

* He, she, it * Himself, herself, itself * Same

Personal pronoun (reflexive). Occurs more than 5,000 times in the New Testament.

Core uses Function English Equivalent Typical Translation Example (Greek) Example (English) ἀγαθὸν μακρόθυμος ὑπὲρ ὑψηλὸν πνεύματι

KJV

Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

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