



# Ecclesiastes: *The Vanity of Life Under the Sun*

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## Introduction

### An introduction to our author

#### ❖ **Ecclesiastes 1:1**

- ❖ Ecclesiastes 1:16— *I said in my heart, "I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me, and my heart has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge."*
- ❖ 1 Kings 4:30-31— *Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all other men*
- ❖ Proverbs 1:1— *The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:*
- ❖ Song of Songs 1:1— *The Song of Songs, which is Solomon's*

### An introduction to the book's main theme

#### ❖ **Ecclesiastes 1:2**

- ❖ 1 Peter 1:8— *you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory*

#### ❖ **Ecclesiastes 1:3**

### The main theme worked out

#### ❖ **Ecclesiastes 1:4-6**

#### ❖ **Ecclesiastes 1:7**

#### ❖ **Ecclesiastes 1:8**

#### ❖ **Ecclesiastes 1:9**

#### ❖ **Ecclesiastes 1:10**

#### ❖ **Ecclesiastes 1:11**

### Hope in a pessimistic message



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- ❖ Colossians 3:2—*Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*
- ❖ Ecclesiastes 1:2—*What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun?*
- ❖ Matthew 16:26—*For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?*
- ❖ Ecclesiastes 3:11—*has put eternity into man's heart,*
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 15:58—*Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that **in the Lord your labor is not in vain.***