

Old Testament PowerPoint presentation

Ecclesiastes

Suggested Bible Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 1-15

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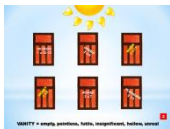
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– The book of Ecclesiastes is about King Solomon, the ‡ Preacher. It is one of three books (Proverbs, Song of Solomon, Ecclesiastes) written by Solomon or collected from his writings/sayings. Sometimes called the book of the NATURAL MAN. Possibly a biography of Solomon's life, reviewing his search for happiness. If not Solomon, it is typical of thousands of men and women. Man is mentioned 47 times. Vanity is mentioned continuously = signifies the emptiness of life. It is the final result of life lived apart from God. ‡ “UNDER THE SUN” is often used. ‡ to open →

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– ‡ Here are some of the doors that MAN knocks on in seeking happiness – Wisdom, Goods, Work, Money, Power, Pleasure. Note - verse 10a of chapter 2 shows the achievement of all “I wanted”; verse 11b sums it up – NO PROFIT. Wisdom ‡ = VANITY; Goods ‡ = VANITY; Work ‡ = VANITY; Money ‡ = VANITY; Power ‡ = VANITY; Pleasure ‡ = VANITY. VANITY means ‡ = empty, pointless, futile, insignificant, hollow, unreal. ‡ to open →

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– A time for everything. ‡ A time to ‡ be born/die; a time to ‡ build/break; a time to ‡ laugh/weep; a time to ‡ gain/lose; a time to ‡ speak/silent; a time to ‡ love/hate. (‡ to remove hands) ‡ to open →

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– there are some verses that we should note – Chapter 7: 1; 11: 1; 12: 1. We come to ‡ chapter 12 which deals with old age. Note – the windows (v.3) = failing eyes; grinders (v.3) = loss of teeth; sound of grinding is low (v.4) = loss of hearing; verse 5 = afraid of heights; verse 5 = the grasshopper is a burden; verse 3 = the shoulders bow down; From verse 6 & 7 we read about - The broken cord ‡ = departure from this life; the broken golden pitcher/bowl ‡ = no longer contains oil; the

wheel ‡ = is no longer used at the well; the shattered pitcher at the fountain ‡ = no longer contains water; the grave ‡ = we return to the dust. This is the end of every man - under the Sun. ‡ to open →

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- A lesson for us - ‡ Remember your Creator... ‡ The Preacher concludes that - ‡ All is vanity. ‡ to open →

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– Chapter 12: 9-14 ‡ - man's wisdom gathered into books. ‡ to open →

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– We are exhorted to keep the Law, ‡ God's commandments (12: 13). This is better than man's wisdom; it is a poor substitute for what God has to offer in the Lord Jesus Christ. ‡ to open →

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– ‡ Ecclesiastes – UNDER THE SUN? = ‡ No redemption; no hope; vanity of vanities – all is vanity; dismal failure. Note – where the NATURAL MAN in chapter 12: 13 leaves off, the SPIRITUAL MAN in Proverbs begins (Proverbs 1: 7). ‡ to open →

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– All Ecclesiastes is “Under the Sun”. To give life to the full, God sent His Son ‡ - the Lord Jesus Christ. ‡ He brings deliverance from sin, ‡ redemption, ‡ hope and ‡ life.

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