

## **Ecclesiastes**

### **Summary**

Solomon is a written sermon. Solomon had it all and still felt empty and useless without God.

This is an important book because we find a man who has made mistakes that would eventually split his entire kingdom. We get to learn from his mistakes. Wisdom book that contains a divine record of thoughts from the wisest man who ever lived. Solomon was more wealthy and wise than any other king, but with all that he sought out the meaning to life. Ecclesiastes is wisdom literature. It's for more of a mature reader, whereas proverbs has a more basic wisdom. Must be read with care because some verses, if read in isolation, seem to contradict other biblical teachings.

### **Author and Date:**

Solomon. 935 BC. The author states that he is the son of David and "King over Israel in Jerusalem." (1:1,12)

### **Audience/ Setting:**

Solomon's subjects, in particular, and all people in general. Israelites living in the land of Israel. Reflections arose as King Solomon looked back on his life, some of which he lived apart from God.

### **Purpose:**

To spare future generations the bitterness of learning from their own experience that life apart from God is meaningless. It also deals with what life is all about and shows how real the bible is.

### **Key People:** Solomon

Note: What we do in the dark will come out and we will be judged for it.

## **References**

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