

# **Ecclesiastes**

## **Author and Date**

Who wrote Ecclesiastes and when?

## **Title**

What is the Hebrew term for Ecclesiastes?

## **Structure**

What is the structure of the book?

## **Place in the Canon**

Where does Ecclesiastes stand with regard to Jewish and Christian tradition?

## **Themes and Characteristics**

Does Ecclesiastes draw heavily from human reason and philosophy or from divine revelation?

## **Christian Perspective**

How does Ecclesiastes relate to Christian revelation?

(Read 1:1) What does Qohelleth mean? (Note 1:1)

(Read 1:2-11) What does vanity mean? (Note 1:2 and Word Study)

(Read Note 1:3-11) What does a man gain? (Note 1:3)

Is there anything new under the sun? (Note 1:9)

(Read Note 1:12-18) (Read 1:12-14) Can you catch the wind? (Note 1:14)

Vanity and self-indulgence (Note 2:1-11)

Vanity of folly and toil (Note 2:12-17) (Note 2:18-23)

Everything has a season (Read 3:1-9) (Note 3:1-8)

Is life and death beyond human control? (Note 3:2)

What is the difference between killing and murder? (Note 3:3)

How do love and hate relate to peace and war? (Note 3:8)

(Read 3:10-11) Has God put eternity into my man's mind? (Note 3:11)

(Read 3:16-17) Are men accountable to God for their actions? (Note 3:17)

(Read 4:1-3) Is the injustice of life rectified in this life? (Note 4:1-3)

(Read 4:9-12) Are two better than one? (Note 4:9-12)

(Read 6:7-9) Is most of man's toil for basic necessities? (Note 6:7 and Note 6:8)

(Read 7:15) Are rewards and punishments given in this life based on human actions? (Note 7:15)

(Read 7:20) Is anyone sinless? (Note 7:20)

(Read 7:29) Has fallen man been creative in inventing new ways of doing evil? (Note 7:29)

Does wisdom elude the searching mind? (Note 8:1-17)

(Read 8:10-11) Is God's patience with regard to punishment a sign of mercy? ( Note 8:11)

(Read 8:14) Is God's justice fully administered in this life? (Note 8:14)

(Read 9:1) Are the souls of the righteous dead in God's hands? (Note 9:1)

(Read 9:5) Do the dead do nothing? (Note 9:5)

(Read 9:7) Does this verse allude to the Eucharist? (Note 9:7)