

INTRODUCTION TO
Ecclesiastes

BOOK BASICS

WHERE IS IT IN THE BIBLE?

- 18. JOB
- 19. PSALMS
- 20. PROVERBS
- 21. ECCLESIASTES**
- 22. SONG OF SONGS
- 23. ISAIAH
- 24. JEREMIAH

MESSAGE

Ecclesiastes examines the futility of “life under the sun” (1:14), which is the author’s way of addressing the human experience in a fallen world. Ecclesiastes demonstrates the emptiness of life apart from the fear of the Lord, and serves as a reminder that the pursuit of God and His ways is the only way to experience joy and purpose in this life (12:13).

KEY THEMES

- The world is corrupted by sin, and as a result this life can feel toilsome and empty.
- Joy is not found in relationships, finances, or status.
- God encourages us to enjoy life and His good creation.
- True joy and purpose can only be found by knowing the Lord and keeping His commandments.



DATE



TYPE

Wisdom



AUTHOR

Likely
Solomon

The author is identified as the “Teacher (or preacher), the son of David” (1:1). While the identity of this teacher is technically not revealed, Solomon has traditionally been viewed as the author of Ecclesiastes

BASIC STRUCTURE

12 CHAPTERS

