



## *“The First Glance at the Enigma”*

*Ecclesiastes 1:1-2 • part 1*

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### INTRODUCTION

- solving the Enigma

Eccl. 2:17; 3:19-21; 6:9; 7:18; 8:15; 9:11; 10:19

- should Ecclesiastes even be in the Bible?

Eccl. 11:9; Num. 15:38-39

### *1. The Man (1:1)*

- his role: “Qoheleth”

- his identity: Solomon

Eccl. 1:1, 12, 16; 2:4-9

1 Ki. 3:5-13; 4:21; 10:6-7, 23

### *2. The Message (1:2)*

- the tension in “wisdom literature”

- the Preacher’s conclusion

– “vanity” raised to the superlative level

Eccl. 1:14; 2:15, 19, 21, 23, 26; 3:19; 4:4, 8, 16; 5:10; 6:2...  
Eccl. 12:8

– the meaning of *hebel* (“vanity”)

### CONCLUSION