

Under the Sun (An Overview of Ecclesiastes)

I. Introduction:

The lessons from the book of *Ecclesiastes* illustrated in the life of scientists and inventors

II. The Preacher and his message

Who is *Qoheleth*?

Ecclesiastes: A neglected book

Qoheleth's message:

Everything in life is absurd. No matter what you do, it will come up empty, because you live and you die. The only things you have in life are what God gives you; and you can't do anything to change it, and you have God to blame for it.

A Biblical message

A timely message

Read it – but optimists beware!

III. Themes in the book of Ecclesiastes

"Vanity of vanities"

"Under the sun"

The circle of life

The randomness of life

Living for the present vs. the future

The certainty of death and an afterlife

IV. The God of Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes will teach you about the One True God, who is:

Mighty Creator

Sovereign Lord

Ecclesiastes will direct you to Jesus Christ, who is:

Greater than Solomon (Mt 12:42)

The Wisdom of God (1 Co 1:24, Col 2:3)

The Conqueror of Death (1 Co 15:55-57)

The Resurrection and the Life (Jn 11:25)