

ECCLESIASTES

AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #21



AUTHOR: SOLOMON



WRITTEN: 940-931 BC

The book contains timeless wisdom meant for all generations to enjoy.

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Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: The book is the thoughts of King Solomon and shows his great wisdom in essay format, as opposed to short rhyming verses like the Proverbs.

MOST FAMOUS VERSES:

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: ***Ecclesiastes 3:1***

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of every human being. ***Ecclesiastes 12:13***

Important Points about the Book:

- Solomon was wealthy, wise, and successful in all of his dealings, including building the first temple for God. However, he shared an emptiness in Ecclesiastes that comes from not conversing with God enough to have a strong relationship with him. Solomon had already tried many things to ease his sense of feeling lost in the world—pleasure, work, and intelligence.
- The book is 12 chapters long and reads like essays or even journals, where Solomon was simply thinking aloud. However, it is organized, without the “little of this/little of that” feeling that comes with the Proverbs and even the Psalms.
- This book is a favorite of several types of people. Those suffering from depression can relate to Solomon. Those with great intellect enjoy his wisdom, even if this book isn't greatly hopeful in its tone. People looking to fill a void that pleasure hasn't filled will find it very relatable.