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The Hebrew title of this book is Qoheleth - one who speaks at the assembly - the preacher. Solomon is not specifically mentioned in this book written around 935 bc though all references point to him as author. Martin Luther seems to be the first to suggest Solomon might not have written the book: but that it was written sometime after the Babylonian exile.

The NASB outlines Ecclesiastes with the following divisions: The Author and the Thesis: The Thesis demonstrated: God's Design for Life; The Futility of Life; The Futility of Riches; Advice for Living, and Conclusion.



- ¹ So remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil day comes, and years approach, when you will say, I find no joy in them;
- ² before the sun goes dark, and moon and stars are not seen, when clouds gather after rain;
- ³ in a day when the watchmen of the house tremble, and strong men stoop, and women grinding grain cease and are few, and those who watch at the windows see dimly,
- ⁴ when the doors to the street are shut, when the sound of the mill fades, when the twitter of birds is faint, and the daughters of song fade away;
- ⁵ when old age fears high places, even terrors on the road, and the grav hear like a grasshopper loses its spring, and the caper berry has no effect - impaired and impotent: because man is headed to his eternal home, and mourners pass in the streets:
- ⁶ Remember... before the silver cord snaps, and the golden lamp drops ruined, when the pitcher shatters at the fountain, and the wheel at the well is broken.
- ⁷ then the dust returns to the earth as it was: and the spirit returns to God who gave it.
- ⁸ Vanity of vanities, says the preacher; everything is vanity.

The Conclusion.

- ⁹ The more wise the preacher became, the more he taught the people knowledge of God; yes, he pondered, and examined, and arranged many proverbs.
- 10 The preacher sought pleasing words: and what he wrote was right, even words of truth.

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¹¹ A wise man's words are like goads, and the collected sayings of the master are like nails firmly fastened in the assemblies, given by one Shepherd / we know that Shepherd - Psalm 23.

¹² And further, by these, my son be warned: there is no end to the making of many books; and much study exhausts of the flesh.

¹³ To sum it all up, in conclusion:

Fear God, and keep His instructions: because this is for all mankind.

¹⁴ For God will bring every single thing before Him, even every concealed thing to decide, whether it was good or evil.

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