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The Hebrew title of this book is Qoheleth – one who speaks at the assembly – the Speaker. 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 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men:

² A man to whom God has given riches, wealth, and honor, so he lacks nothing for his soul of all that he desires, yet God has not enabled him to eat of them, but a foreigner eats it: this is vanity, and an evil affliction.

³ If a man fathers a hundred children, and lives many years, however many they may be, yet if his soul is not satisfied with good things, and if he dies unburied; then I say, Better a miscarriage than he,

⁴ for it comes in futility, and departs in obscurity, and its name is covered in obscurity.

⁵ it never sees the sun, and it never knows anything: it is better off than he.

⁶ Yes, even if the other one lives a thousand years twice, and does not enjoy good things: -- do not both have the same end?

⁷ All a man's labor is for his mouth, and yet his appetite is not satisfied.

⁸ For a wise man fares no better than the fool? And what more does a poor man know, who lives uprightly.

⁹ What the eyes see is better than what the wandering soul desires: this also is vanity and an irritation of the spirit.

¹⁰ Whatever happens has already been determined, and what man is has been known of old: for he cannot contend with One who is stronger than himself;

¹¹ and any lavish speculation about it only adds to the vanity. So why talk about it?

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¹² **For who really knows what is good for the life of man,** during the few days of his empty life that pass like a shadow? Who can tell a man what will really happen after he is gone?

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