

An open Bible is shown, with the title 'Ecclesiastes' overlaid in a large, bold, black font. The background text from the Bible is visible but blurred. The title is centered horizontally and slightly above the middle vertically. The Bible pages show text in both English and Hebrew, with some words like 'Ecclesiastes' and 'Teacher' visible. The lighting is soft, and the overall tone is scholarly and focused on the subject of the Bible.

Ecclesiastes

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At-A-Glance

An Overview of the Books of the Bible

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PENMAN: Solomon (1:1)

POSITION: OT - Wisdom

PERIOD: 970-931 (700) BC

PLACE: Israel (primarily)

PHASE: United Kingdom

PUBLIC: Israel (mankind)

KEY POINTS:

1	ANTE-DILUVIAN PHASE	Creation – 2349 B.C.	Gen. 1:1 - 8:12
2	POST-DILUVIAN PHASE	- 1921 B.C.	Gen. 8:13 - 11:26
3	PATRIARCH PHASE	- 1706 B.C.	Gen. 11:26 - 46:7
4	EGYPTIAN BONDAGE	- 1491 B.C.	Gen. 46:8 - Ex. 14:31
5	WILDERNESS WANDERING	- 1450 B.C.	Ex. 15:1 - Josh. 3:17
6	CONQUEST OF CANAAN	- 1430 B.C.	Joshua 4:1 - Judges 3:9
7	THE JUDGES	- 1095 B.C.	Judges 3:10 - 1 Sam 10:17
8	UNITED KINGDOM	- 975 B.C.	1 Sam 11:1 - 1 Kings 11:43 (Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song)
9	DIVIDED KINGDOM	- 721 B.C.	1 Kings 12:1 - 2 Kings 17:41
10	JUDAH ALONE	- 586 B.C.	2 Kings 18:1 - 25:30
11	BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY	- 536 B.C.	2 Chr. 36:22 - Ezra 1:4
12	THE RESTORATION	- 432 B.C.	Ezra 1:1 - Nehemiah 13:31
13	BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS	- 5 B.C.	
14	COMING OF IMMANUEL	- 29/30 A.D.	Matthew; Mark; Luke; John
15	THE CHURCH	- Current	Acts 2:1 – Revelation 22:21

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KEY POINTS:

All is vanity (supplements Proverbs)

To spare future generations of the bitterness of learning through their own experience that life is meaningless apart from God

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PARTICULARS:

The name means "preacher" – written by older Solomon

Proverbs = middle aged king

Song of Solomon = young king

Problem Stated	Problem Studied	Problem Solved
Chapters 1-11	Chapter 12:1-8	Chapter 12:9-14
No satisfaction in world	Where satisfaction is not found	Satisfaction found beyond world

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- He is wisdom / preacher

KEY PASSAGES:

12:13-14; 12:1; 2:24

KEY PHRASES:

"vanity" (37x)

"under the sun" (29x)

"vanity of vanities, all is vanity"

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GREAT LESSONS:

The search for the greatest good – leads one to God

Don't get lost in materialism – can't take it with you!

Nothing new under the sun (1:9)

We are finite; God is eternal.

Season for everything (3:1-8)

Build strong, personal relationships

Fear the Lord, keep commandments (12:13)

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION (HOW DOES THIS BOOK APPLY TO ME?)

MY FAITH:

- The conclusion of the matter – we belong to God
- Live with the end in view

MY ACTIONS:

- Joy can be found, if we look in right place
- Matthew 6:33
- Accountability