ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

12

WISDOM/POETRY

TYPE



The book contains the thoughts and wisdom of King Solomon, but in a different writing style which departs from the short rhyming verses in Proverbs. He shares his musing on the purpose of life, the impermanence of worldly possessions, and the eternal nature of God and His commandments. While not extremely joyful, it may be comforting to those living with depression, confusion, or any unresolved issues.







The book is meant for all generations, being timeless

King Solomon, son of King David

MEANINGLESS
AND
MEANINGFUL

A SEASON FOR ALL; MORE MEANINGLESSNESS

ADMONISHMENTS

4 ENCOURAGEMENT

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THE CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER

ECCLESIASTES 1—2

Solomon shares his efforts to find meaning in life. He finds through his own efforts that pleasure, great works, and riches are not satisfying. Wisdom, knowledge, and joy come from God.

ECCLESIASTES 3—4

Solomon shares that "for everything there is a season," indicating that good and bad things happen to everyone, and God's works are eternal. He writes further about more fleeting follies: oppression, toil, loneliness, advancement in earthly jobs, riches, and old age.

ECCLESIASTES 5—6

Solomon admonishes
the importance of
keeping vows made to
God, money not
granting happiness,
and wisdom being
found in unlikely
places.

ECCLESIASTES 7—12

Solomon further encourages that wisdom comes from God and any view of the universe without God will bring hopelessness.

Knowledge about God learned in youth will prevent departure from the truth, and wisdom is more beneficial than riches.

ECCLESIASTES 12

Solomon concludes that obedience to God's commandments is most important because one day we will die and God will judge us for how we lived our lives.