

Interesting Facts About Ecclesiastes

MEANING: "Speaker before an assembly."

AUTHOR: Solomon

TIME WRITTEN: Probably late in Solomon's life, about 935 B.C. **NOTE:** Jewish tradition asserts that Solomon wrote:

- Some of Solomon in his youthful years.
- Proverbs in his middle years.
- Ecclesiastes in his later years.

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:

- 21st Book in the Bible
- 21st Book in the Old Testament
- 4th of 5 Poetical books (Job - Song of Solomon)
- 45 Books to follow it.



CHAPTERS: 12

VERSES: 222

WORDS: 5,584

ECCLESIASTES

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT ECCLESIASTES:

- n The key word in Ecclesiastes is "vanity."
- n Vanity is the futile emptiness of trying to be happy apart from God.
- n The word "vanity" occurs some 37 times in Ecclesiastes.
- n Life ("under the sun" is used 29 times) seems to be filled with:
 - Inequities
 - Changes in fortune
 - Uncertainties
 - Violations of justice
- n The Book of Ecclesiastes is the record of an intense search for meaning and satisfaction in life on the earth.
- n Life lived without regard for God is life lived without value.
- n When life is viewed "under the sun," it is declared to be empty. 1:9
- n When life is viewed from God's perspective ("Above the sun"), it takes on a new and special meaning. 2:24

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:

A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted;

A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up;

A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away;

A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;

A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace.

Ecclesiastes 12:1

"Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, I have no pleasure in them."

