

THE MESSAGE OF ECCLESIASTES

Introduction – This Wisdom book addresses a fundamental question: What is the point of life? This philosopher King limits himself to explore life's purpose without insight from any revelation from God.

Ecclesiastes 1:1-4

A. The quest of the philosopher King for the meaning in life.

Ecclesiastes 1:12-14

1. He explores the intellectual life, the partying lifestyle of sex and intoxicants, and the role of a great builder.

Ecclesiastes 2:11

2. He carefully examines other people's hard work and achievements.

Ecclesiastes 2:21-23

3. He identifies the core problem for spiritual seekers apart from Divine revelation.

Ecclesiastes 3:10-13

4. He faces the problem that death presents for any philosophy about life's meaning.

Ecclesiastes 3:18-21

B. Enjoying the simple pleasures without seeking an ultimate purpose is the most one can expect out of life under the sun apart from further revelation from God.

Ecclesiastes 8:14-15

Ecclesiastes 9:7-10

C. What conclusion does the philosopher King draw from his search?

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Conclusion – The answers to the philosopher King's pursuit can only be found in the life, teaching, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus as the ultimate Divine revelation.

John 11:25-26

1 Corinthians 15:54, 58