

LESSON 43

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The Book of Ecclesiastes

Directions: Read the cited scripture passages from the book of Ecclesiastes and related biblical footnotes to help you to fill in the blanks for each item.

1. The name given to this book of the Bible is a Greek translation of the Hebrew name for the book which is _____.
2. This Hebrew word Qoheleth means _____.
3. In Ecclesiastes 1:1, it states that the words of the book are written by _____ who is identified as the son of _____. We would know him by the more familiar name of _____.
4. Since the book of Ecclesiastes was written about 300 B.C.E., the author could not have been _____ since he died c. 922 B.C.E.
5. The author might have used Solomon's name to give his writing more _____.
6. The book itself is concerned with _____.
7. The author begins his treatise on life with the famous words found in chapter one, verse two: _____.
8. The author goes on to further elaborate this theme in Ecclesiastes 1:14 which states that everything we do is a chase after the wind. What does the author mean by this?

9. In the search for meaning, Qoheleth tried many things in order to discover a meaning in life. Some of those things were:
 - A. 2:1 _____
 - B. 2:2 _____
 - C. 2:3 _____
 - D. 2:4 _____
 - E. 2:7 _____
 - F. 2:8 _____
10. What did Qoheleth think of all these accomplishments and things he had accumulated? (2:11)

11. Even in the seeming meaningless of his search, Qoheleth does assert that there is divine plan for everything. As 3:1 states, there is an _____.
12. In 6:10-11, Qoheleth concludes that we on earth cannot begin to contend with one stronger than ourselves, and that one is _____.

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13. The main religious point of the book may be found in Ecclesiastes 7:13-14. God has a plan for us and we cannot know it, so we must trust God because _____.
14. In Ecclesiastes 9:7-10, Qoheleth realizes that after you put your trust in God, you can enjoy life and appreciate God's good gifts. Qoheleth then urges us, in all things, to do _____.
(verse 10)
15. When the Epilogue says that the sayings of the wise are like goads, this means they are intended to make us _____.
16. Ecclesiastes and Qoheleth give us much to think about. The themes and questions that Qoheleth brings up make the book of Ecclesiastes similar to what other book of the Bible? _____
17. Qoheleth states in Ecclesiastes 12:13 that when all is done, remember one thing. Our task is to keep the Lord's commandments because there will come a time when _____
_____.