

Ecclesiastes

Theme: An Agonizing Search for The Good Life

Weekly Reading Schedule

- Sunday - Ecc. 1 - 3
- Monday - Ecc. 4 - 6
- Tuesday - Ecc. 7 - 9
- Wednesday - Ecc. 10-12
- Thursday - SoS 1 - 3
- Friday -SoS 4 - 6
- Saturday -SoS 7 - 8

Memory Verses:

- ★ Ecclesiastes 1:1-2
- ★ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
- ★ Ecclesiastes 4:6
- ★ Ecclesiastes 12:1
- ★ Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
- ★ Your Choice:
○ _____

Interesting Facts:

- ❖ The book was written by *Qoheleth*, preacher, teacher and is commonly identified as Solomon (1:1 & 16).
- ❖ The title *Ecclesiastes* comes from transliteration of the Greek translation of *Qoheleth*.
- ❖ The word “vanity” occurs 37 times and the phrase “under the sun,” occurs 29 times.
- ❖ Powerful sarcasm seen in 11:9.
- ❖ Poetic description of “the water cycle” unknown scientifically at the time (1:6-7).
- ❖ Ecclesiastes has 12 chapters, 222 verses, 5,579 words, and can be read in 30 minutes.

Memorable Outline of Ecclesiastes

- I. Introduction and author (ch. 1)
- II. Life experiment to find meaning and purpose (chs. 2 -4)
- III. General proverbs (chs. 5 - 8:14)
- IV. Inevitability of death calls for enjoyment of life (chs. 8:15 - 9)
- V. More general proverbs and conclusion (10 -12)

Scheme of Redemption

The Emptiness of Life
Without Redemption

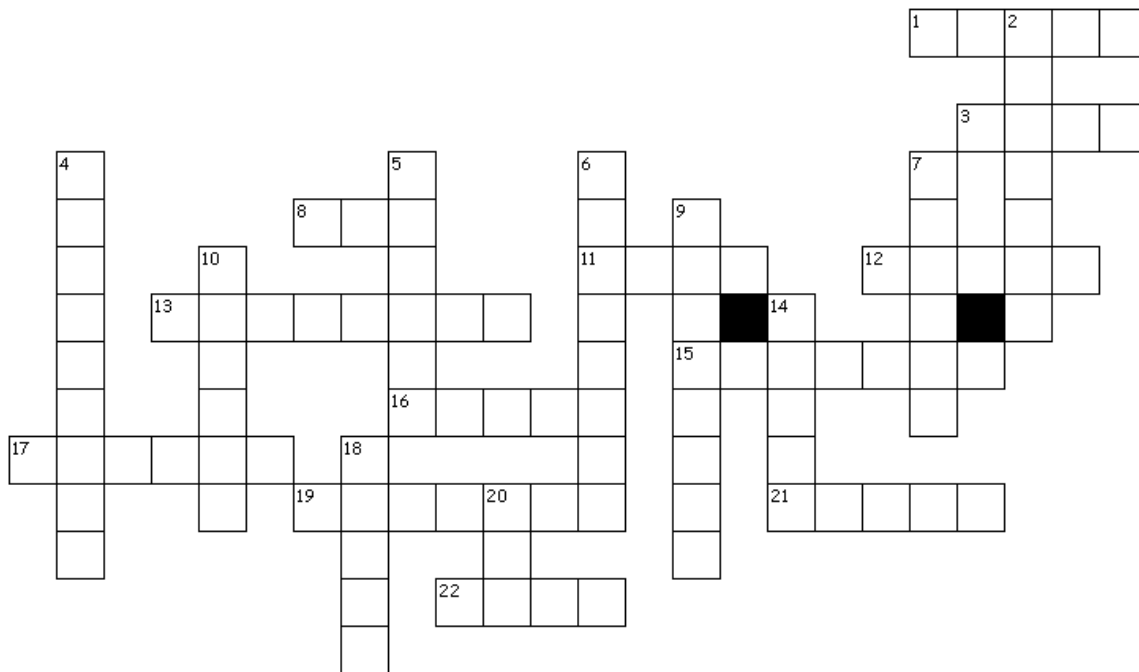
“For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow?
For who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?”

What to look for as you read:

1. The meaning of “Life under the sun”
2. The identity of the author
3. Song lyrics to “Turn! Turn! Turn!” by the Byrds
4. Challenging verses to understand (unusual metaphors, apparent conflict with usual Biblical thought, and bright spots in an otherwise bleak outlook)
5. A resolve to the vanity of life

Notes

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Across

1. Remove sorrow from thy
3. Curse not the
8. All the rivers run into the
11. Stand not in an __ thing
12. Be not rash with thy
13. This is vanity and __ of spirit
15. I considered all __, and every right work
16. In the days of thy
17. Excelleth folly
19. Remember thy
21. Be not __ in thy spirit to be angry
22. Foldeth his hands together

Down

2. The earth__ for ever
4. Sleep of a __ man is sweet
5. All is
6. Son of David, king in Jerusalem
7. There was no __ under the sun
9. Good name is better than precious
10. To every thing there is a
14. Time to weep, and a time to
18. Eat thy __ with joy
20. Are better than one