

**A Church of One Book**  
**Reading Plan for May 30<sup>th</sup>- June 5<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>- Ecclesiastes 1

Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>- Ecclesiastes 2

Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>- Ecclesiastes 3:1-5:7

Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>- Ecclesiastes 5:8-7:14

Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>- Ecclesiastes 7:15-8:17

Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>- Ecclesiastes 9:1-10:20

Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>- Ecclesiastes 11:1-12:14



**1:1** THE WORDS OF DODHELET, SON OF DAVID, KING OF JERUSALEM

**HERBEG:** ONE WHO GATHERS PEOPLE

**TEACHER**

**DIFFERENT VIEWS ON AUTHORITYSHIP**

- KING SOLUTION?
- ANOTHER DESCENDANT OF DAVID?
- ISRAELITE TEACHER USING A SOLUTION-LIKE PERSONA

**KEY-POINT:** THE TEACHER IS DIFFERENT THAN THE AUTHOR

**ANONYMOUS** **TEACHER**

# ECCLESIASTES

**HEVEL, HEVEL, EVERYTHING IS OTTERLY HEVEL!**

**HERBEG:** VAPOUR, SMOKE → USED 36 TIMES

**1** TEMPORARY, FLEETING **2** ENIGMA, PARADOX

**GOODNESS**  
**BEAUTY** **JUSTICE**

**THE AUTHOR'S BASIC GOAL**

TO LET THE TEACHER DECONSTRUCT ALL THE WAYS WE FIND MEANING & PURPOSE APART FROM GOD

**PLEASURES** **WISDOM**

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**1:1** **INTRODUCTION TO THE TEACHER**

**1:3-11** **TIME**

**1:2** **TIME WILL EVENTUALLY ERASE YOU, ME, AND ALL WE CARE ABOUT**

**CAREER**

- STRESS
- AGE
- LEAVE IT BEHIND

**PLEASURE**

- MONDAY
- ALGANT'S COPIES

**THE TEACHER** (1:3-12:7)

**WEALTH** **CAREER** **STATUS** **PLEASURE**

**WISDOM** **FEAR OF THE LORD** (SEE 9:13-16)

**HEVEL** **NO GUARANTEES** **ENIGMA**

**HOW DO YOU LIVE LIFE IN THE MIDST OF HEVEL?**

ACCEPT THAT ALL OF LIFE IS OUT OF YOUR CONTROL

**THE GIFT OF GOD**

- FRIENDSHIP
- FAMILY
- GOOD TREAT
- SUNNY DAY

**1:7-12:7** **DEATH**

**WISER** **FOOLISH** **GONNA DIE** **RICH** **POOR** **GONNA DIE**

**THE GREAT EQUALIZER**

**12:8**

**12:9-14** **CONCLUSION & EVALUATION OF THE TEACHER**

**TEACHER'S WORDS** **WISDOM**

"OF THE MAKING OF BOOKS THERE IS NO END"

**THE CONCLUSION:** FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDS - THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF HUMANS: FOR GOD WILL BRING EVERY DEED INTO JUDGMENT, EVERY HIDDEN THING, WHETHER GOOD OR EVIL (12:13-14)

**THE AUTHOR** (1:1, 12:9-14)