

## What is the Meaning of Life?

### Ecclesiastes 1

*Life under the sun is vanity - it is meaningless. However, a right recognition and right response to God gives man's life purpose.*

- I. Vanity is \_\_\_\_\_ (1-3)
- II. Nature is \_\_\_\_\_ (4-7)
  - A. The \_\_\_\_\_ (4)
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
  - C. The \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
  - D. The \_\_\_\_\_ (7)
- III. History is \_\_\_\_\_ (8-11)
  - A. Nothing \_\_\_\_\_ under the sun (9-10)
  - B. Nothing \_\_\_\_\_ under the sun (11)
- IV. Philosophy is \_\_\_\_\_ (12-18)
- V. Fear and Obedience are \_\_\_\_\_ (12:13-14)

Solomon's reign had begun with such promise, but near the end of his forty years on the throne of David, his legacy fails to impress. His spiritual life declines and the nation of Israel declines. Very shortly after his death civil war ensues and the kingdom divides with ten of the twelve tribes seceding from the union. Solomon pursues the wind of nothings (idols) and the nation reaps the whirlwind. King Solomon sees it coming, but it is too late to alter the course. His only hope is to at least salvage his own spiritual life before death steals away his opportunity.

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