

Thematic Structure of The Book of Ecclesiastes

Cycle 1: The Vanity of It All (Chs. 1–2)

- Lesson 1: Many Times, and Eternity Before God (Ch. 3)

Cycle 2: The Vanity of It All (Ch. 4)

- Lesson 2: The Non-Vanity of God and His Gifts—and Men’s Abuse of Them (Chs. 5–6)

Cycle 3: Life Under the Sun: Wise vs. Foolish (Ch. 7)

- Lesson 3: The Wise Keep the King’s Command and Fear God (Ch. 8)

Cycle 4: Life Under the Sun: Death Comes to Us All (Ch. 9)

- Lesson 4: Live Wisely Because God Will Judge You (Ch. 10)

Concluding Lesson: Fear God and Keep His Commandments

Main Theme:

Life flies by, but remember that you will have to give an account before your creator

Major Themes

- A. Results of the Fall
- B. Brevity/Vanity of Life
- C. Judgment Is Coming
- D. Joy and Frustration of Work
- E. Fear of God

Key Text

Ecclesiastes 1:2

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.