

# ECCLESIASTES

## WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

“Does It Even Matter”





The background features a dark blue night sky with a prominent yellow and white spiral galaxy in the upper center. Below the sky, a landscape of dark blue, wavy hills or mountains is visible. In the lower right foreground, a figure in a dark blue robe stands with their back to the viewer, looking out over the landscape. The overall style is artistic and atmospheric.

# FROM EPILOGUE TO PROLOGUE





# **ECCLESIASTES**

## **1:1-4**

The words of the Teacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem: “Futile! Futile!” laments the Teacher.

“Absolutely futile! Everything is futile!” What benefit do people get from all the effort. Which they toil under the sun? A generation comes and a generation goes, but the earth remains the same through the ages.





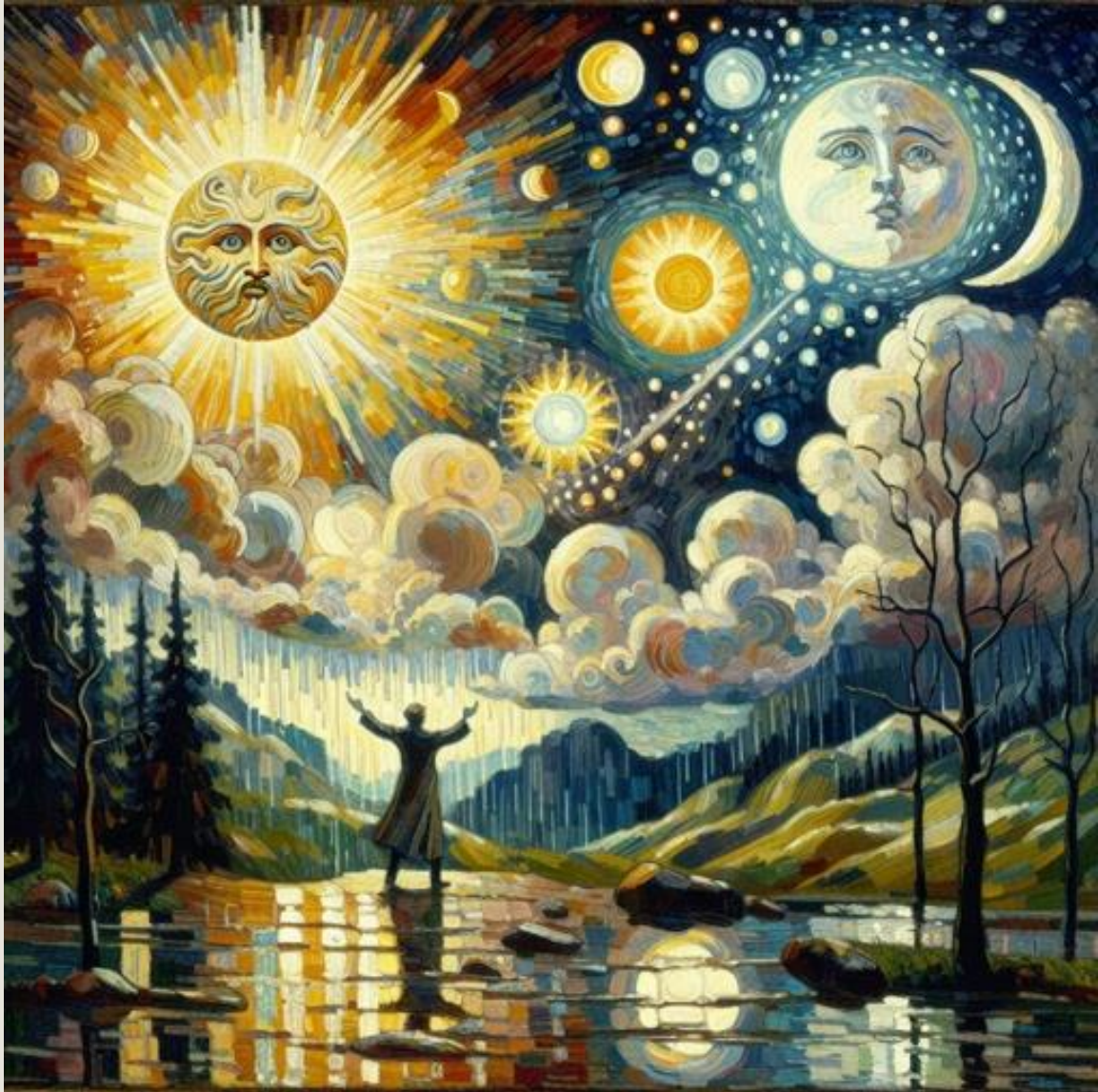
# The Premise

Vanity/Meaningless/Futile

*“Hebel”*

Breath/Light Wind/Vapor  
That which vanishes quickly and  
leaves nothing behind





# The Place Under the Sun

*On Earth, The Temporal*





# The Proposition:

#1 There is No  
Permanent Gain, No  
Lasting Impact

*“What do People Gain?”*





# The Proposition:

#2 It is All  
Wearisome

*“Toil, Labor”*





# The Proposition:

*#3 There is No  
Satisfaction*

*“Generations Come and  
Generations Go”*






# **The Proposition:**

## *#4 There is Nothing New*

*“But the Earth Remains the  
Same”*



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HIS PROPOSITION AS  
SUPPORTED BY THE  
NATURAL WORLD





# **ECCLESIASTES**

**1:5**

The sun rises and the  
sun sets;  
it hurries away to a  
place from which it  
rises again.





# ECCLESIASTES

1:6

The wind goes to the south and circles around to the north;  
round and round [y] the wind goes and on its rounds it returns.





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## 1:7

All the streams flow into  
the sea, but the sea is not  
full,  
and to the place where  
the streams flow, there  
they will flow again.



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# HIS PROPOSITION IN PROVERBIAL FORM





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1:8

All this monotony is  
tiresome; no one  
can bear to describe  
it.



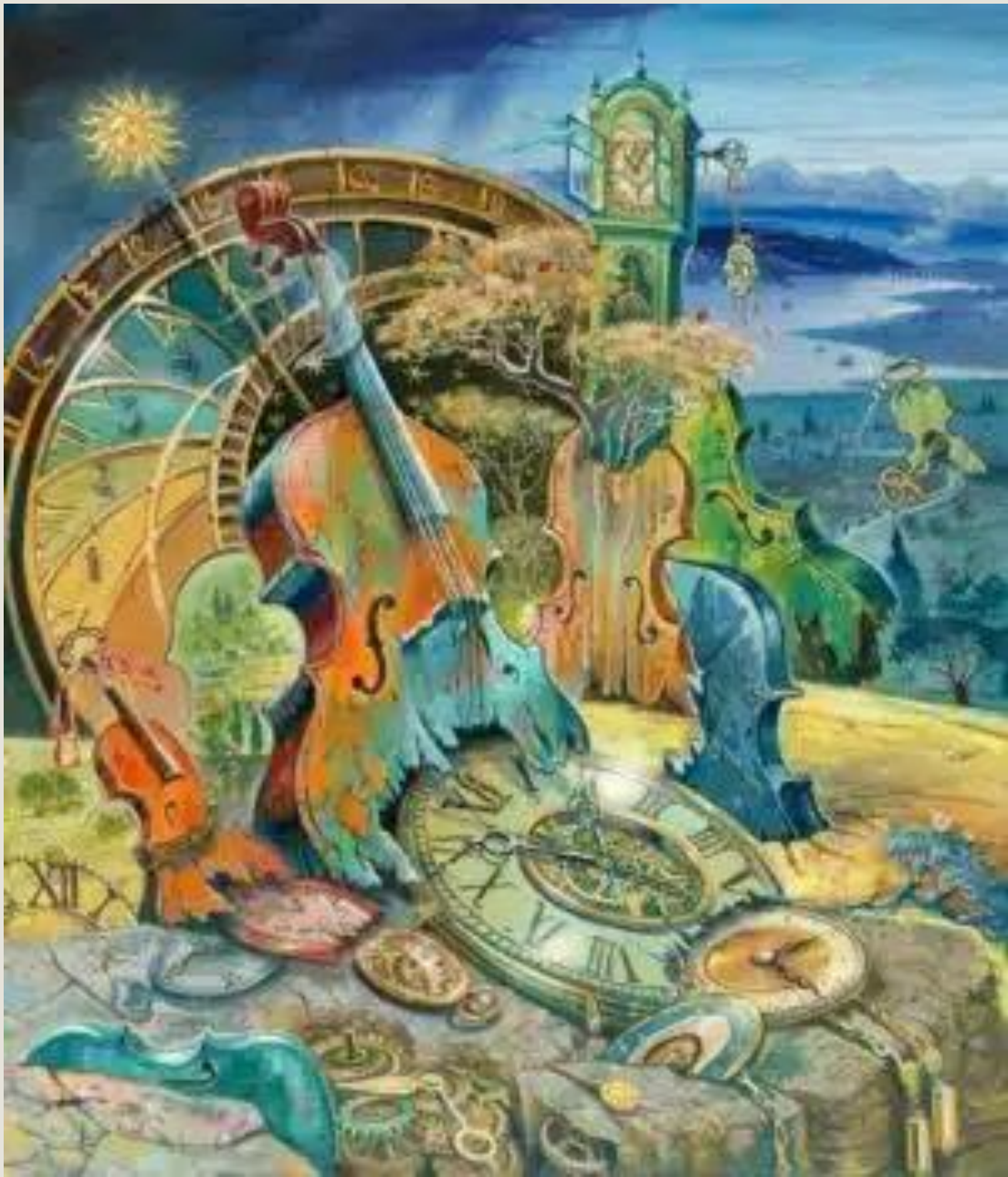


# ECCLESIASTES

1:8

The eye is never  
satisfied with seeing,  
nor is the ear ever  
content with  
hearing.





# ECCLESIASTES

## 1:9-10

What exists now is what will be,  
and what has been done is what will be  
done;

there is nothing truly new on earth.  
Is there anything about which someone  
can say, "Look at this! It is new"? It was  
already done long ago, before our time.





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## 1:11

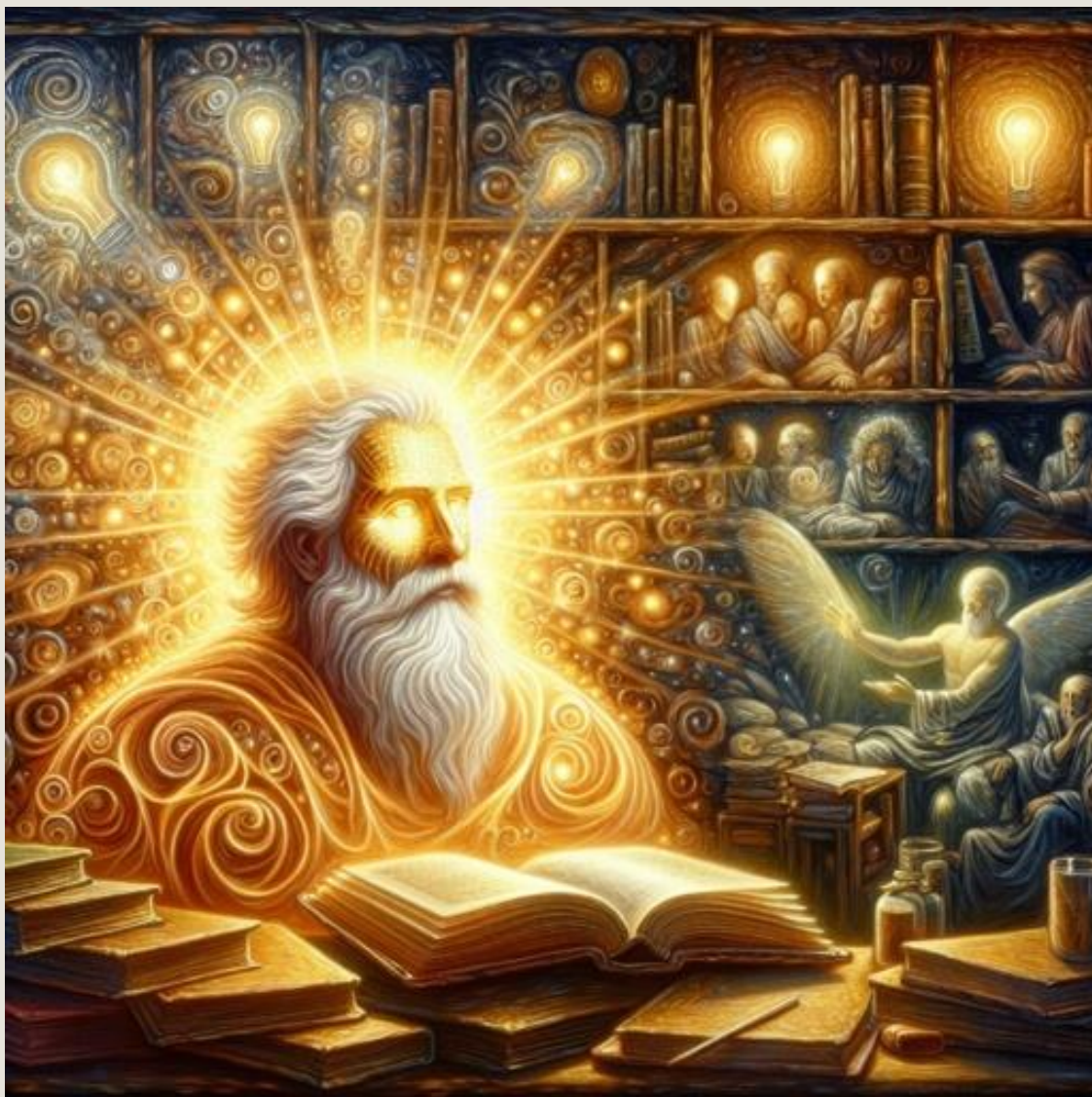
No one remembers the former events, nor will anyone remember the events that are yet to happen; they will not be remembered by the future generations.



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HIS PROPOSITION AS PROVEN  
BY HIS OWN EXPERIENCE





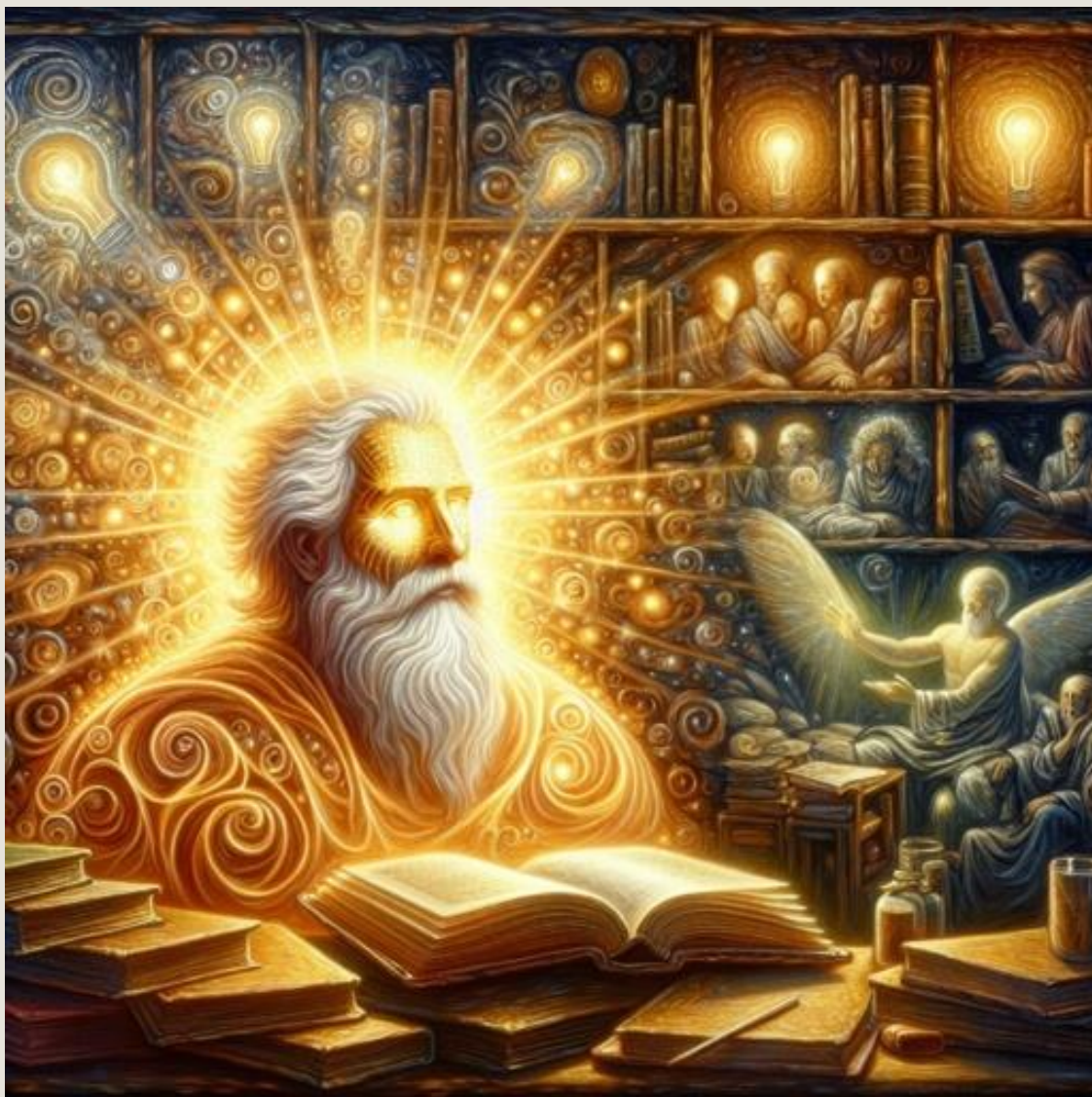
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## 1:12-13

I, the Teacher, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem.

I decided to carefully and thoroughly examine all that has been accomplished on earth. I concluded: God has given people a burdensome task that keeps them occupied.





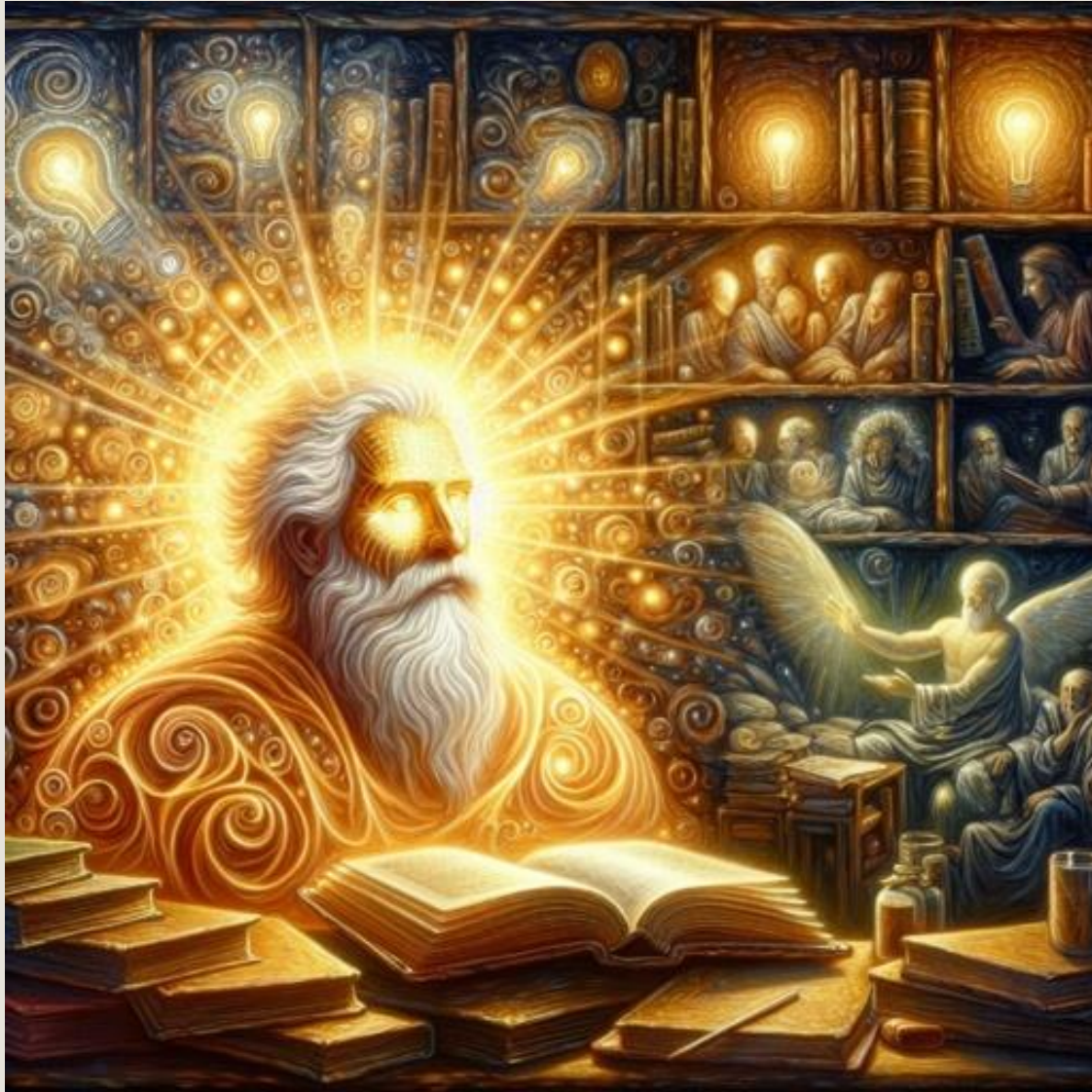
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## 1:14-15

I reflected on everything that is accomplished by man on earth, and I concluded: Everything he has accomplished is futile, like chasing the wind!

What is bent cannot be straightened, and what is missing cannot be supplied.





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## 1:16-18

I thought to myself, “I have become much wiser than any of my predecessors who ruled over Jerusalem; I have acquired much wisdom and knowledge.” So I decided to discern the benefit of wisdom and knowledge over foolish behavior and ideas; however, I concluded that even this endeavor is like trying to chase the wind.

For with great wisdom comes great frustration; whoever increases his knowledge merely increases his heartache.



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FROM PROLOGUE  
TO EPILOGUE





# **ECCLESIASTES 12:13- 14**

*Having heard everything, I have reached  
this conclusion:*

*Fear God and keep his commandments,  
because this is the whole duty of man.*

*For God will evaluate every deed,  
including every secret thing, whether  
good or evil.*





# There is Eternal Value

*Matthew 6:19*

*Colossians 3:17*

*1 Timothy 6:18-19*

*Romans 8:28*





# There is Rest

*Matthew 11:28*

*Hebrews 4:9-11*

*Psalms 23:2-3*





# **True Satisfaction is Found**

***Isaiah 58:11***

***John 6:35***

***1 Corinthians 2:9***





# All Things Become New

*Isaiah 43:19*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

*Romans 6:4*

*Revelation 21:5*