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## INTRODUCTION TO ECCLESIASTES

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**Solomon is the author of the book**, and he introduces himself in this manner:

(Ecc. 1:1-2) "The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.  
Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities, all is vanity."

Solomon has been to the "Optometrist of Life," and he sees the world clearly:  
life without God is vanity.

Here is a brief biography of Solomon.

**1. After David & Bathsheba's firstborn dies at 7 days, Solomon is born:**

(2 Samuel 12:18, v23-24)

**2. Solomon is appointed king:** (1 Kings 1:28-30; 2:1-3, v10-12)

**3. Solomon is given wisdom:** (1 Kings 3:5-28; 4:29-34)

The queen of Sheba visits Solomon: (1 Kings 10:1-7)

(2 Samuel 20) tells of the city of Abel having a reputation for wisdom.

A man named Sheba rebels against David and runs there for refuge.

Joab and Abishai pursue, surround the city, and prepare to destroy it  
unless Sheba is delivered to them.

(v16) "A wise woman cried out from the city ... Come near that I may  
speak with you" and they talk.

(v22) "Then the woman in her wisdom went to all the people ... "

(v22) "So Joab returned to the king at Jerusalem."

**4. Solomon's heart turns away from God:** (1 Kings 11:9-13)

**5. Solomon dies:** (1 Kings 11:41-43)

**6. The kingdom divides into North (Israel) and South (Judah):** (1 Kings 12)

**7. Solomon was the builder of the temple:** (1 Chronicles 22:6-11; 28:9-12)