



**Ecclesiastes 1:1-18**

## **BACKGROUND**

### **1. The Person Of Ecclesiastes**

The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. -  
Ecclesiastes 1:1

**“Preacher” – *Qoheleth* = an official speaker who calls together  
an assembly (sometimes translated  
“\_\_\_\_\_”)**

**“son of David, king in Jerusalem” = \_\_\_\_\_**

### **2. The Perspective Of Ecclesiastes**

**“under the sun” – used \_\_\_\_\_ times in Ecclesiastes. It indicates  
that Solomon is looking at life from a human  
perspective and not from God’s point of  
view.**

## **THE PREACHER’S OBSERVATIONS ON LIFE**

### **1. Without The Proper Perspective The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Life Are Empty**

“Vanity of vanities,” says the Preacher, “Vanity of vanities! All is vanity.” -  
Ecclesiastes 1:2

**“vanity of vanities” = \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_**

### **2. Without The Proper Perspective The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Life Is Empty**

I, the Preacher, have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> And I set my mind  
[I put my whole heart] to seek and explore by wisdom concerning all that has  
been done under heaven. *It* is a grievous [miserable] task *which* God has  
given to the sons of men to be afflicted with. - Ecclesiastes 1:12-13

### **3. Without The Proper Perspective The \_\_\_\_\_ About Life Are Empty**

I said to myself, “Behold, I have magnified and increased wisdom more than  
all who were over Jerusalem before me; and my mind has observed a wealth  
of wisdom and knowledge.” <sup>17</sup> And I set my mind to know wisdom and to know  
madness and folly; I realized that this also is striving after wind. Because in  
much wisdom there is much grief, and increasing knowledge *results in*

increasing pain. Ecclesiastes 1:16-18

**Lesson:**

*Life viewed from an earthly perspective holds little \_\_\_\_\_ and a whole lot of \_\_\_\_\_*

**Psalm 47:8**

**God reigns over the nations, God sits on His holy throne.**