

## Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 **Reminiscence of Solomon at Old Age**

### *The Vanity of Life*

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

2 "Vanity\* of vanities," says the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, all *is* vanity."

3 What profit has a man from all his labor In which he toils under the sun?

4 *One* generation passes away, and *another* generation comes;  
But the earth abides forever.

5 The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, And hastens to the place where it arose.

6 The wind goes toward the south, And turns around to the north;  
The wind whirls about continually, And comes again on its circuit.

7 All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea *is* not full;  
To the place from which the rivers come, There they return again.

8 All things *are* full of labor; Man cannot express *it*.  
The eye is not satisfied with seeing, Nor the ear filled with hearing.

9 That which has been *is* what will be, That which *is* done is what will be done, And *there is* nothing new under the sun.

10 Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this *is* new"? It has already been in ancient times before us.

11 *There is* no remembrance of former *things*, Nor will there be any remembrance of *things* that are to come By *those* who will come after.

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#### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. [[Ecclesiastes 1:1](#)]
- ✧ The preacher is identified as Solomon who was the king in Jerusalem after David.
- ✧ "Vanity\* of vanities," says the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, all *is* vanity."
- ✧ At the end of his life, looking back over all his experiences and searching for wisdom, Solomon concluded that everything was all a matter of futility.

✧ What profit has a man from all his labor In which he toils under the sun? [Ecclesiastes 1:2]

✧ Even his labor seemed tedious and wearisome.

### Illustrations Of The Futility He Observed in cycles of nature

✧ *One* generation passes away, and *another* generation comes;  
But the earth abides forever. [Ecclesiastes 1:3]

✧ Humanity comes and goes in brief spans of time while the earth continues on.

✧ The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, And hastens to the place where it arose.  
[Ecclesiastes 1:5]

✧ The wind goes toward the south, And turns around to the north;  
The wind whirls about continually, And comes again on its circuit. [Ecclesiastes 1:6]

✧ All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea *is* not full;  
To the place from which the rivers come, There they return again. [Ecclesiastes 1:7]

✧ All things *are* full of labor; Man cannot express *it*.  
The eye is not satisfied with seeing, Nor the ear filled with hearing. [Ecclesiastes 1:8]

✧ These continue through all times for mankind on the earth because God so ordained and promised. [Genesis 8:22]

### Illustrations Of The Futility He Observed in human endeavor

✧ That which has been *is* what will be, That which *is* done is what will be done, And *there is* nothing new under the sun.

Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this *is* new"? It has already been in ancient times before us. [Ecclesiastes 1:9-10]

✧ *There is* no remembrance of former *things*, Nor will there be any remembrance of *things* that are to come By *those* who will come after. [Ecclesiastes 1:11]

✧ All this has proven to be limited to the times from the beginning until the Last Days.

✧ This was promised to change in the Last Days by prophecy. [Daniel 12:4]