

Ecclesiastes 3:16-22 **Elohiym Shall Judge The Righteous And The Wicked**

Injustice Seems to Prevail

¹⁶ Moreover I saw under the sun:

In the place of judgment, Wickedness *was* there;

And *in* the place of righteousness, Iniquity *was* there.

¹⁷ I said in my heart, "Elohiym (God) shall judge the righteous and the wicked,
For *there is* a time there for every purpose and for every work."

¹⁸ I said in my heart, "Concerning the condition of the sons of men, Elohiym (God) tests them, that they may see that they themselves are *like* animals."

¹⁹ For what happens to the sons of men also happens to animals; one thing befalls them: as one dies, so dies the other. Surely, they all have one breath; man has no advantage over animals, for all *is* vanity.

²⁰ All go to one place: all are from the dust, and all return to dust.

²¹ Who knows the spirit of the sons of men, which goes upward, and the spirit of the animal, which goes down to the earth?*

²² So I perceived that nothing *is* better than that a man should rejoice in his own works, for that *is* his heritage. For who can bring him to see what will happen after him?

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Discerning truth in places of authority [Ecclesiastes 3:16-17]
 - ✧ In his search for wisdom Solomon discerned that wickedness was found in the place where judgment was required, and iniquity was found where righteousness was required.
 - ✧ He concluded that Elohiym will judge both the righteous and the wicked.
 - ✧ There is a time for every purpose and for every work.
- ✧ Mankind compared to animals. [Ecclesiastes 3:18-21]
 - ✧ Both man and animals were made from dust and after death they both return to dust.
 - ✧ Solomon perceived no advantage for man over animals and decided that all is vanity.
 - ✧ He then questioned who knows the spirit of man which goes upward, and the spirit of the animal that goes down to the earth.
 - ✧ Viewed by the human eye Solomon could not detect the path of the spirit because it requires faith in the revelation of God being spiritually discerned. [1 Corinthians 2:14]
- ✧ So I perceived that nothing *is* better than that a man should rejoice in his own works, for that *is* his heritage. For who can bring him to see what will happen after him? [Ecclesiastes 3:22]
 - ✧ Solomon's conclusion that the best for man is to rejoice in his own works for that is his heritage is shortsighted.
 - ✧ In his fallen state, Solomon lost sight of the revelations of Yahweh. [1 Kings 11:1-13]
 - ✧ Solomon asked, "For who can bring a man to see what will happen after him?"

- ✧ This question is contrary to his father David's testimony about Yahweh throughout the Psalms.
- ✧ David clearly knew the things that would follow human life on the earth.
- ✧ To him it was clearly revealed that the righteous would dwell in the presence of Yahweh forever.
- ✧ Yahweh clearly told David that his throne would be established forever and that his son would build the Temple David longed to build. [\[2 Samuel 7:1-17\]](#)
- ✧ David acknowledged the promise Yahweh had given him. [\[2 Samuel 7:18-29\]](#)