

Ecclesiastes 9:1-12 **Reasonings of Solomon**  
**Solomon Sought Wisdom So He Could Declare It**  
**All end with death**

<sup>1</sup>For I considered all this in my heart, so that I could declare it all:  
That the righteous and the wise and their works *are* in the hand of Elohiym (God).  
People know neither love nor hatred *by* anything *they see* before them.

<sup>2</sup>All things *come* alike to all:  
One event *happens* to the righteous and the wicked; To the good,\* the clean, and the  
unclean; To him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice.  
As is the good, so *is* the sinner; He who takes an oath as *he* who fears an oath.

<sup>3</sup>This *is* an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing *happens* to all. Truly the  
hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness *is* in their hearts while they live, and  
after that *they go* to the dead.

<sup>4</sup>But for him who is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a  
dead lion.

<sup>5</sup>For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing, And they have no  
more reward, For the memory of them is forgotten.

<sup>6</sup>Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; Nevermore will they  
have a share In anything done under the sun.

<sup>7</sup>Go, eat your bread with joy, And drink your wine with a merry heart; For Elohiym (God)  
has already accepted your works.

<sup>8</sup>Let your garments always be white, And let your head lack no oil.

<sup>9</sup>Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has  
given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that *is* your portion in life, and in  
the labor which you perform under the sun.

<sup>10</sup>Whatever your hand finds to do, do *it* with your might; for *there is* no work or device  
or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

<sup>11</sup>I returned and saw under the sun that —

The race *is* not to the swift,  
Nor the battle to the strong,  
Nor bread to the wise,  
Nor riches to men of understanding,  
Nor favor to men of skill;  
But time and chance happen to them all.

<sup>12</sup>For man also does not know his time:

Like fish taken in a cruel net, Like birds caught in a snare, So the sons of men *are* snared  
in an evil time, When it falls suddenly upon them.

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### Facts Revealed:

- ✧ For I considered all this in my heart, so that I could declare it all:  
That the righteous and the wise and their works *are* in the hand of Elohiym (God).  
People know neither love nor hatred *by* anything *they see* before them. [\[Ecclesiastes 9:1\]](#)

- ✧ True statements

- ✧ All things *come* alike to all:  
One event *happens* to the righteous and the wicked; To the good,\* the clean, and the unclean; To him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice.  
As is the good, so *is* the sinner; He who takes an oath as *he* who fears an oath.

This *is* an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing *happens* to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness *is* in their hearts while they live, and after that *they go* to the dead.

But for him who is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing, And they have no more reward, For the memory of them is forgotten.

Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; Nevermore will they have a share In anything done under the sun. [\[Ecclesiastes 9:2-6\]](#)

- ✧ Death comes to the righteous, the wicked, the good, and the sinner.
- ✧ The hearts of the children of men are bent on evil and madness.
- ✧ There is hope while there is still life.
- ✧ A living dog is better than a dead lion.
- ✧ These observations are through the eyes of flesh alone.
- ✧ Solomon views it all as ending in death.
- ✧ Go, eat your bread with joy, And drink your wine with a merry heart; For Elohiym (God) has already accepted your works.  
Let your garments always be white, And let your head lack no oil.  
Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that *is* your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun.  
Whatever your hand finds to do, do *it* with your might; for *there is* no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going. [\[Ecclesiastes 9:7-10\]](#)
- ✧ Solomon described how to find enjoyment in life.
- ✧ He sees nothing beyond the grave.
- ✧ I returned and saw under the sun that —  
The race *is* not to the swift,  
Nor the battle to the strong,  
Nor bread to the wise,  
Nor riches to men of understanding,  
Nor favor to men of skill;  
But time and chance happen to them all. [\[Ecclesiastes 9:11\]](#)
- ✧ Time and chance happen to all.

- ☆ For man also does not know his time:  
Like fish taken in a cruel net, Like birds caught in a snare, So the sons of men *are*  
snared in an evil time, When it falls suddenly upon them. [[Ecclesiastes 9:12](#)]
- ◇ Death overtakes man just as it does animals.
- ◇ No wonder he sees everything as vanity.