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WELCOME

OUR GOAL

To encourage you to read at least one book of the Bible each month so that you may better understand who God is and where you fit into His story.

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

OBSERVATION

What does the text say?

INTERPRETATION

What does it mean?

APPLICATION

What did I learn that should affect my life?

OBSERVATION

- **Mark key words and phrases** (person, theme)
- **Look for lists**
- **Watch for contrasts and comparisons**
(like, as)
- **Note expressions of time**
(until, then, when, after, a date, day of week, etc.)
- **Identify terms of conclusion**
(wherefore, therefore, because, finally)

INTERPRETATION

- **The Rule of Context**
- **Other Scripture References**
- **Take the Scripture At Face Value**
(In its natural, normal sense)

Understand and recognize figures of speech and interpret them accordingly.

APPLICATION

What did I learn that should affect my life?

Does this expose any error in my beliefs or behavior?

Are there any truths, commands or promises that apply to me?

BASIC BIBLE NAVIGATION

OLD TESTAMENT

39 Books

NEW TESTAMENT

27 Books

YOU ARE HERE

- Law (Genesis - Deuteronomy)
- History (Joshua - Esther)
- Poetry (Job - Song of Solomon)
- ➔ Major Prophets (Isaiah - Daniel)
- Minor Prophets (Hosea - Malachi)



REVIEW



ECCLESIASTES

WISDOM, MADNESS & FOLLY
OF A FOOLISH WISE MAN

Solomon tells us....

**So I set out to learn everything from wisdom to madness and folly.
But I learned firsthand that pursuing all this is like chasing the wind.**

Ecclesiastes 1:17

ABOUT SOLOMON

- His mother is Bathsheba. 2 Samuel 12:24; 1 Kings 1:11; 1 Chronicles 3:5
- God chose Solomon to sit on the throne of David and to build the temple in Jerusalem.

CHOSEN BY GOD

⁴“Yet the Lord, the God of Israel, has chosen me from among all my father’s family to be king over Israel forever. For he has chosen the tribe of Judah to rule, and from among the families of Judah he chose my father’s family. And from among my father’s sons the Lord was pleased to make me king over all Israel.

CHOSEN BY GOD

⁵ And from among my sons—for the Lord has given me many—he chose Solomon to succeed me on the throne of Israel and to rule over the Lord's kingdom. ⁶ He said to me, 'Your son Solomon will build my Temple and its courtyards, for I have chosen him as my son, and I will be his father.'

1 Chronicles 28:4-7

HUMBLE AND OBEDIENT

⁷“Now, O Lord my God, you have made me king instead of my father, David, but I am like a little child who doesn't know his way around. ⁸ And here I am in the midst of your own chosen people, a nation so great and numerous they cannot be counted! ⁹ Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?”

1 Kings 3:7-9



COMMANDMENTS AND REGULATIONS

FROM MOSES

¹⁶ “The king must not build up a large stable of horses for himself or send his people to Egypt to buy horses, for the Lord has told you, ‘You must never return to Egypt.’ ¹⁷ The king must not take many wives for himself, because they will turn his heart away from the Lord. And he must not accumulate large amounts of wealth in silver and gold for himself.

FROM MOSES

¹⁸ “When he sits on the throne as king, he must copy for himself this body of instruction on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests. ¹⁹ He must always keep that copy with him and read it daily as long as he lives. That way he will learn to fear the Lord his God by obeying all the terms of these instructions and decrees.

FROM MOSES

²⁰ This regular reading will prevent him from becoming proud and acting as if he is above his fellow citizens. It will also prevent him from turning away from these commands in the smallest way. And it will ensure that he and his descendants will reign for many generations in Israel.

Deuteronomy 17:16-20

FROM KING DAVID

⁸“So now, with God as our witness, and in the sight of all Israel—the Lord’s assembly—I give you this charge. Be careful to obey all the commands of the Lord your God, so that you may continue to possess this good land and leave it to your children as a permanent inheritance.

FROM KING DAVID

⁹“And Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and a willing mind. For the Lord sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. If you seek him, you will find him. But if you forsake him, he will reject you forever. ¹⁰ So take this seriously. The Lord has chosen you to build a Temple as his sanctuary. Be strong, and do the work.”

1 Chronicles 28:8-10

SOLOMON CHOSE TO REBEL

Now King Solomon loved many foreign women. Besides Pharaoh's daughter, he married women from Moab, Ammon, Edom, Sidon, and from among the Hittites.² The Lord had clearly instructed the people of Israel, "You must not marry them, because they will turn your hearts to their gods."

SOLOMON CHOSE TO REBEL

Yet Solomon insisted on loving them anyway.³ He had 700 wives of royal birth and 300 concubines. And in fact, they did turn his heart away from the Lord.

⁴ In Solomon's old age, they turned his heart to worship other gods instead of being completely faithful to the Lord his God, as his father, David, had been.

SOLOMON CHOSE TO REBEL

⁵ Solomon worshiped Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molech, the detestable god of the Ammonites. ⁶ In this way, Solomon did what was evil in the Lord's sight; he refused to follow the Lord completely, as his father, David, had done.

SOLOMON CHOSE TO REBEL

⁷ On the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, he even built a pagan shrine for Chemosh, the detestable god of Moab, and another for Molech, the detestable god of the Ammonites. ⁸ Solomon built such shrines for all his foreign wives to use for burning incense and sacrificing to their gods.

SOLOMON CHOSE TO REBEL

⁹The Lord was very angry with Solomon, for his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. ¹⁰He had warned Solomon specifically about worshiping other gods, but Solomon did not listen to the Lord's command.

1 Kings 11:1-10

SOLOMON'S QUESTIONS:

What advantage does man have in all his work which he does under the sun?

- Lazy people are soon poor; hard workers get rich.
Proverbs 10:4
- Wise words bring many benefits, and hard work brings rewards.
Proverbs 12:14

SOLOMON'S EXPERIENCES:

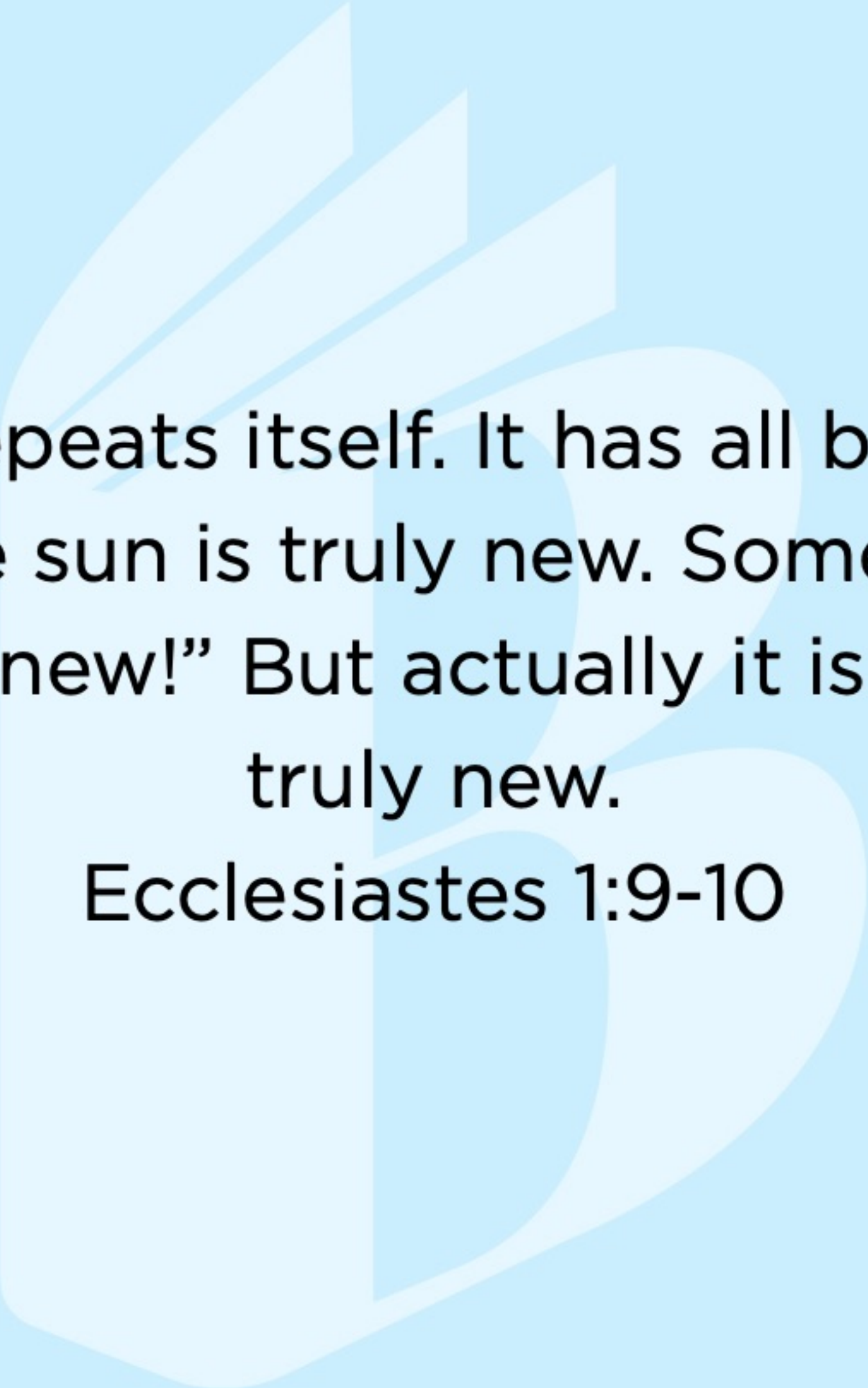
- I have been king over Israel in Jerusalem.
- I tried to find meaning by building huge homes for myself.
- I said to myself, "Come on, let's try pleasure. Let's look for the 'good things' in life."
- I decided to cheer myself with wine.
- I collected great sums of silver and gold, the treasure of many kings and provinces.
- Anything I wanted, I would take. I denied myself no pleasure.

SOLOMON'S OBSERVATIONS:

- A generation goes and a generation comes.
- The sun rises and the sun sets.
- The wind blows in a circular course.
- All rivers flow into the sea.
- The wise and the foolish both die.

SOLOMON'S CONCLUSIONS:

- There is no satisfaction in seeing or hearing.
- There is nothing new under the sun.
- Nothing will be remembered.
- The tasks God has given are a grievous affliction.
- In much wisdom there is much grief.



History merely repeats itself. It has all been done before.
Nothing under the sun is truly new. Sometimes people say,
“Here is something new!” But actually it is old; nothing is ever
truly new.

Ecclesiastes 1:9-10



IS ANYTHING NEW?

GOD CREATES NEW THINGS

That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, “I have made you the father of many nations.” This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.

Romans 4:17

NEW RELATIONSHIP

So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

Romans 5:11

NEW LIVES

For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. Romans 6:4

NEW BODIES

And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us.

Romans 8:23

NEW PERSON

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2

NEW LIFE

Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.

1 Corinthians 15:22

For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.

1 Peter 1:23

NEW NATURE

Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

Ephesians 4:24

NEW WAY

By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.

Hebrews 10:20

NEW HEAVENS AND EARTH

But we are looking forward to the new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God's righteousness.

2 Peter 3:13

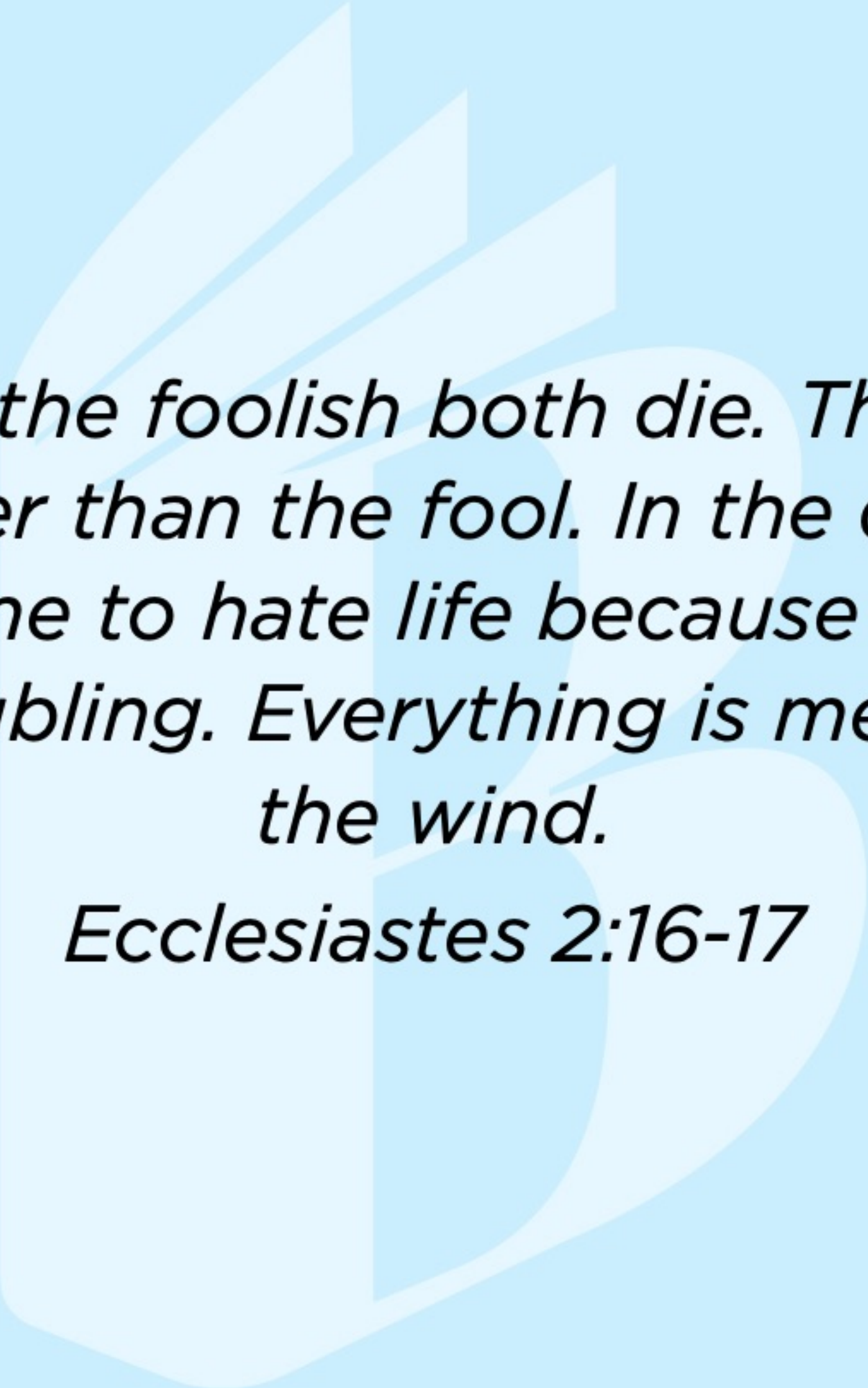
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared.

Revelation 21:1

EVERYTHING NEW

And the one sitting on the throne said, “Look, I am making
everything new!”

Revelation 21:5



“For the wise and the foolish both die. The wise will not be remembered any longer than the fool. In the days to come, both will be forgotten. So I came to hate life because everything done here under the sun is so troubling. Everything is meaningless—like chasing the wind.

Ecclesiastes 2:16-17



**REMEMBERED OR
FORGOTTEN?**

REMEMBERED

I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be remembered and discussed."

Matthew 26:13

(Regarding the woman who anointed Jesus with expensive perfume.)

REMEMBERED

Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”

Luke 23:42

(The thief on the cross)

REMEMBERED

For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do. Hebrews 6:10

REMEMBERED FOREVER

As the Scriptures say, “They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.”

2 Corinthians 9:9

FORGOTTEN FOREVER

And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins.”

Hebrews 8:12



SONG OF SOLOMON

A LOVE SONG

KEEP IN MIND...

1. This book is a lyric poem in dialogue form.
2. Solomon wrote more than 1,000 songs. (1 Kings 4:32)
3. Solomon eventually had 700 wives and 300 concubines. (1 Kings 11:3)

SONG OF SOLOMON

Most scholars believe that Solomon wrote the Song of Solomon when he was a young man, possibly around 950 BC.

Possibly he was writing of his relationship with his first wife, before the sinful multiplication of wives occurred.

ABOUT ROMANTIC LOVE...

Sex is for marriage

Since sex was invented by God, it must be
God-guided and God-governed.

A godly marriage requires humility, forgiveness, respect, and kindness.

GROUP TALK

Solomon had the ability to indulge at a level most could never imagine.

What similarities do you see in our culture today?

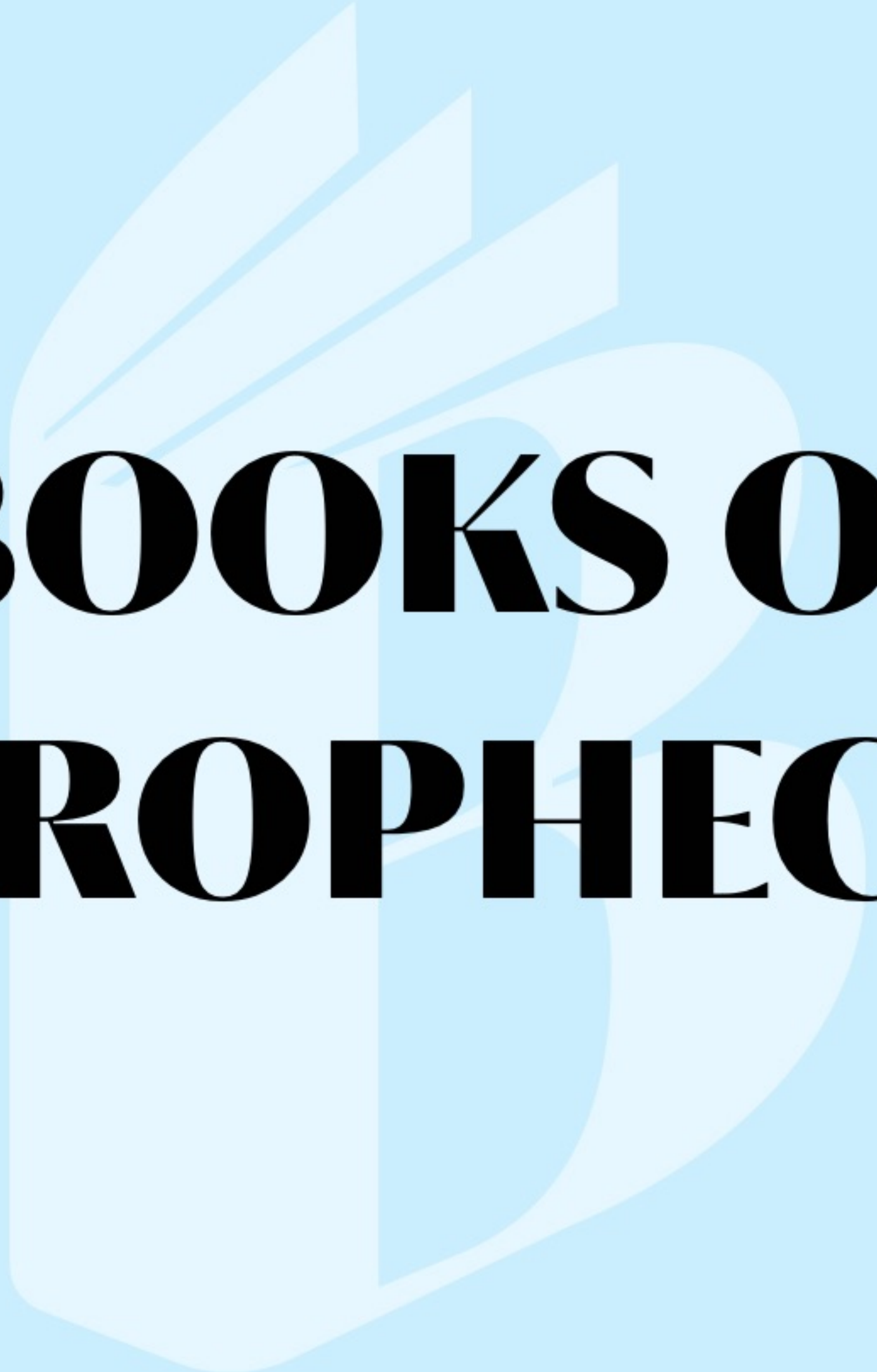


NEXT BOOK



ISAIAH

CONDEMNATION, CONSOLATION
& THE COMING KINGDOM



BOOKS OF PROPHECY

MAJOR PROPHETS

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Lamentations

Ezekiel

Daniel



MINOR PROPHETS

Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Jonah

Micah

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi

OTHER PROPHETS

These books do not represent all the prophets.

There are 133 named prophets in the Bible (including 16 women) and numerous others described as prophets but not named.

OTHER PROPHETS

Abraham	Nathan
Moses	Elijah
Miriam	Elisha

- 70 elders of Israel (Numbers 11:25)
- 100 prophets rescued by Obadiah (1 Kings 18:4)
- “Sons of the Prophets” (2 Kings 2)



CHRONOLOGY

PROPHETS TO JUDAH

931 Shemaiah

900 Azariah

895 Hanani

865 Jahaziel

855 Eliezer

841 Obadiah

825 Joel

739 Isaiah

733 Micah

725 Oded

650 Nahum

636 Zephaniah

627 Jeremiah

605 Daniel

610 Habakkuk

593 Ezekiel

520 Haggai & Zechariah

435 Malachi

PROPHETS TO ISRAEL

931 Ahijhah

921 Iddo

891 Jehu

876 Elijah

852 Elisha

784 Jonah

767 Amos

755 Hosea

WHAT IS A PROPHET?

One who is divinely commissioned to speak as God's messenger.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

King

Rules with absolute authority

Priest

Represents the people to God

Prophet

Represents God to the people

REQUIREMENTS

King

Must be a descendant of David

Priest

From the tribe of Levi, through Aaron

Prophet

Divine Appointment

WHAT IS THE TEST?

When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord and the thing does not happen or come true, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

Deuteronomy 18:22

FALSE PROPHETS

¹⁵ “Beware of the false prophets, [teachers] who come to you dressed as sheep [appearing gentle and innocent], but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them [that is, by their contrived doctrine and self-focus].

Matthew 7:15-16

FALSE PROPHETS

But there were also false prophets in Israel, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will cleverly teach destructive heresies and even deny the Master who bought them. In this way, they will bring sudden destruction on themselves.² Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. And because of these teachers, the way of truth will be slandered.

³In their greed they will make up clever lies to get hold of your money. But God condemned them long ago, and their destruction will not be delayed.

2 Peter 2:1-3

POPULARITY OF PROPHETS

Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute?
They killed those who proclaimed beforehand the coming of
the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have
now become.”

Acts 7:52

GOAL FOR THIS MONTH

Read the book of Isaiah
(There are 66 chapters.)

Be sure to make notes of any insights you gain as you read and study along with any questions you encounter.

PREVIOUS NOTES

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