

Kingdom of God Flashcards

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Part Five: The Period of Theocratic Transition

Chapter 45: God's Philosophy for the Covenant People

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| <p>Kingdom of God Chapter 45</p> <p>Tell what you know about the name of Ecclesiastes.</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p> | <p>Hebrew = qohelet = office of one who calls an assembly</p> <p>Greek = ecclesiastes = "preacher" or "teacher"</p> |
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| <p>Kingdom of God Chapter 45</p> <p>When was Ecclesiastes written?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p> | <p>after the Exile</p> |
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| <p>Kingdom of God Chapter 45</p> <p>Who first questioned the notion that Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p> | <p>Luther</p> |
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| <p>Kingdom of God Chapter 45</p> <p>What caused the change of opinion of King Solomon writing Ecclesiastes?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Solomon did not claim authorship2) Ecclesiastes 1:12 shows that the person that wrote Ecclesiastes was no longer king. Solomon reigned until his death.3) Language of Ecclesiastes reflects post-exilic Hebrew4) Conditions of Israel different than at Solomon's time (height of glory) |
| <p>Kingdom of God Chapter 45</p> <p>How were the conditions of Israel different than that of Solomon's time?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Israel at height of glory under Solomon & Ecclesiastes looks back to former greatness2) wickedness was reported in places of justice (Ecclesiastes 3:16). Solomon ruled the people well (God's gift to Solomon was wisdom)3) Writer of Ecclesiastes tells it was a time that was dangerous to criticize the King (Ecclesiastes 10:20) |
| <p>Kingdom of God Chapter 45</p> <p>What is the purpose of Ecclesiastes?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) to explain ways of God to oppressed people2) to comfort & encourage3) direct God's people in righteousness by showing vanity of humanism4) to show duty of man to God is in keeping His commandments |
| <p>Kingdom of God Chapter 45</p> <p>What is the theme of Ecclesiastes?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p> | <p>Vanity is useless</p> <p>Seeking comfort in self and/or humanism is a waste of time. It is as a puff of smoke</p> <p>Only obeying & serving God is fulfilling and will last. God gives meaning to all things.</p> |

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| <p>Kingdom of God Chapter 45</p> <p>What is the vanity of wisdom?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p> | <p>wisdom, separate from God, is vanity and empty</p> <p>it is also idolatry</p> <p>God gives meaning to all things</p> |
| <p>Kingdom of God Chapter 45</p> <p>What is the vanity of pleasure?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p> | <p>pleasure is empty and vain if it is separated from God</p> <p>it is also idolatry</p> <p>God gives meaning to all things</p> |
| <p>Kingdom of God Chapter 45</p> <p>What does the Ecclesiastes' author say about the providence of God?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) there is a time for everything2) God has made all things & controls all things3) man must wait upon God4) God will judge at the proper time |
| <p>Kingdom of God Chapter 45</p> <p>Why does the Preacher emphasize the vanity of humanistic things?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p> | <p>anything separate from God is empty, vain & idolatry</p> <p>behavior has consequences — Israel was oppressed by Persian rulers</p> <p>Israel comparing present state to the former glorious times under Solomon — despondent</p> <p>we are to take pleasure in what God has given us now</p> |

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| <p>Kingdom of God Chapter 45</p> <p>What words of wisdom are presented? (See: Ecclesiastes 7-11)</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p> | <p>1) end better than beginning — do not complain 2) man’s sinfulness is root of all problems 3) God gives meaning to all things 4) God governs all things 5) God’s people should not be dismayed but rejoice in God’s blessings while obeying Him</p> |
| <p>Kingdom of God Chapter 45</p> <p>What advice is given to young people?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p> | <p>to know that only God gives meaning to all things to love and follow God thoughts and behavior have consequences God blesses obedience & disciplines disobedience</p> |
| <p>Kingdom of God Chapter 45</p> <p>What has God given His people for a source of wisdom?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p> | <p>the Bible</p> |
| <p>Kingdom of God Chapter 45</p> <p>What caused the despondency of Israel?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p> | <p>Neglecting God’s Law-Word — we need to study the Bible God gives meaning to all things. The Bible and studying it helps us find real meaning in life and in the world</p> |

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**What conclusion does
Ecclesiastes' author
come to?**

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man's duty is to ...

This is the end of the matter; all
hath been heard: Fear God, and
keep His commandments; for this
is the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13