

A decorative graphic featuring a white scroll with a light purple center. The scroll is held by four ornate, brown, classical-style columns. A dark red banner is positioned across the middle of the scroll.

ECCLESIASTES

“an official speaker in an assembly”

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- *General Theme:*

THE MEANING OF LIFE

ECCLESIASTES

“Vanity”:

1. Vapor
2. Meaningless
3. Incomprehensible

ECCLESIASTES

- **Writer:** SOLOMON
 - *“the son of David, king in Jerusalem”*
 - *“more wisdom than all”*
 - *engaged in building & botanical projects*
 - *acquired many servants*
 - *“pondered many proverbs”*

ECCLESIASTES

- *Date written:*

**PROBABLY DURING
SOLOMON'S LATTER LIFE**

Contrast of Superlatives

Eccl. 1:2

“Vanity of vanities”

**UTTER
EMPTINESS !**

S. of S. 1:1

“Song of songs”

**COMPLETE
LOVE !**

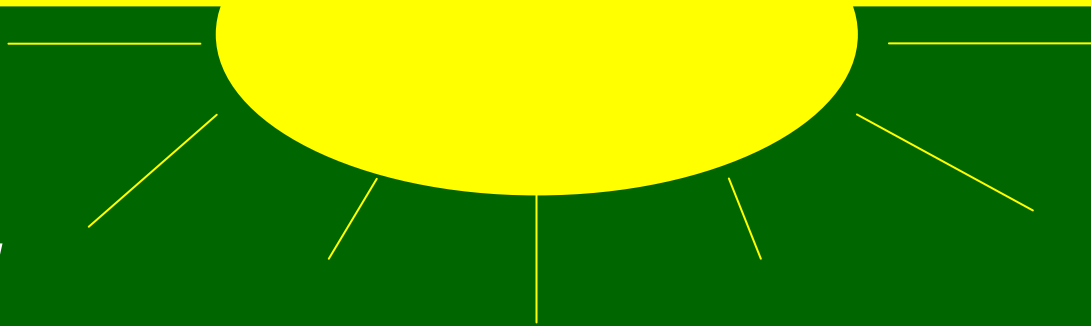
ECCLESIASTES

*** A TESTAMENT**

*** A WARNING**

*** AN INVITATION**

ECCLESIASTES



- *Setting:*

“ UNDER THE SUN ”

ECCLESIASTES

- *Structure:* **MOSTLY NARRATIVES,
SOME PROVERBS**

NARRATIVES



PROVERBS



**THE
CONCLUSION**

ECCLESIASTES

- *Tone:*

AWE !

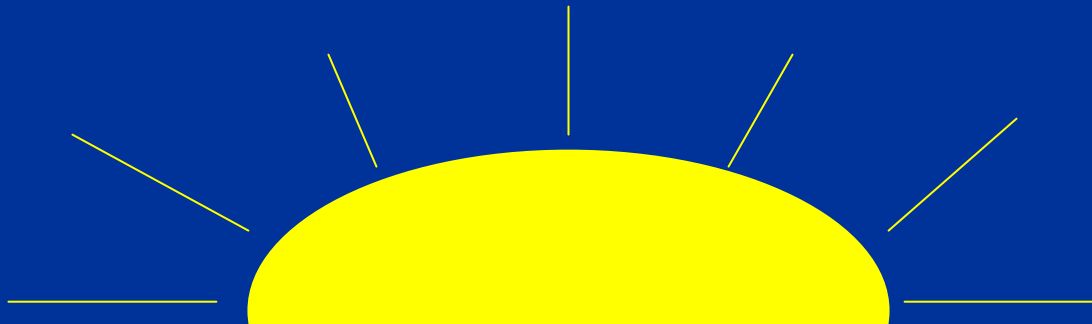


THE NAME OF GOD

***“Elohim”:** The Exalted God*

-The Highest of all

-The God of all gods



THE HEART'S PURSUIT

- ❖ Of Wisdom → GRIEF
- ❖ Of Pleasure → BOREDOM
- ❖ Of Labor → ANXIETY
- ❖ Of Religion → CONFUSION
- ❖ Of Riches → DESPAIR
- ❖ Of People → DEATH

THE HEART'S PURSUIT

❖ Of People



DEATH

INJUSTICE

OPPRESSION

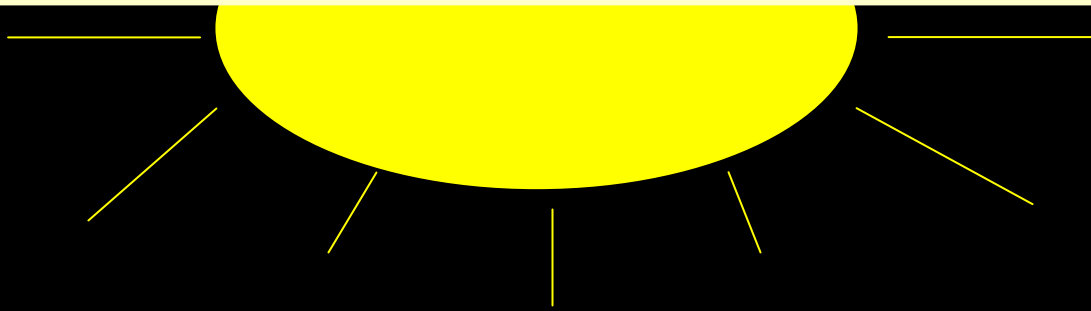
ENVY

LAZINESS

LONELINESS

PASSING FAME

Ecclesiastes 2:17-18



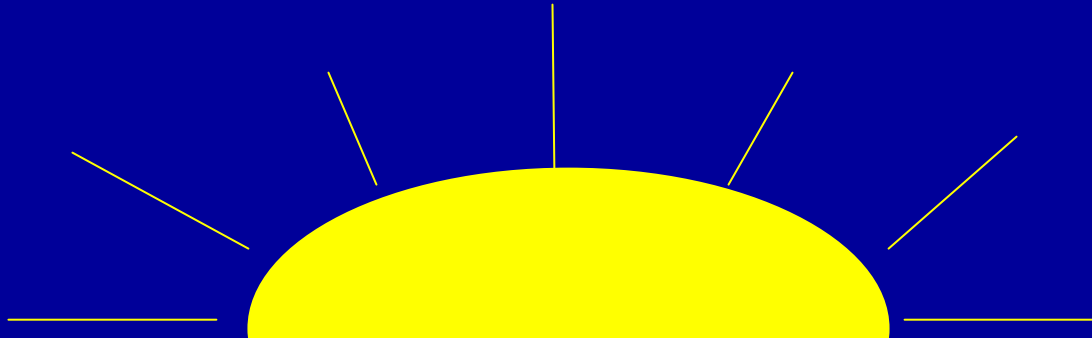
“Therefore I HATED life ...”

THE HEART'S PURSUIT

❖ The Lord → FULLNESS

“... Christ who is your life...”

- Col. 3:3-4



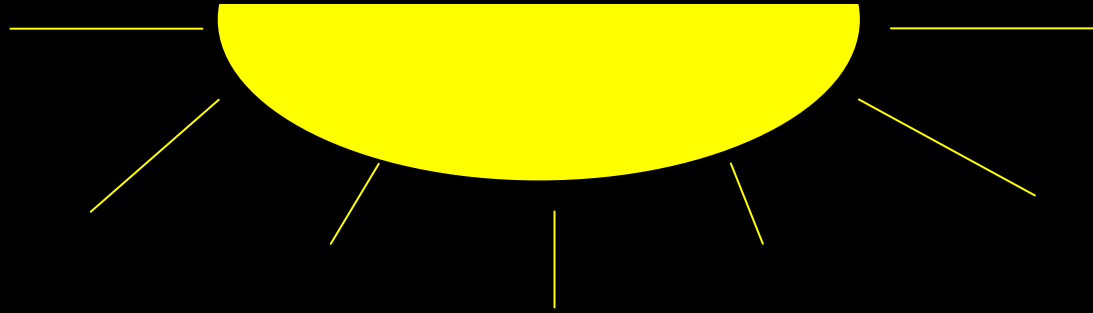
PERSPECTIVES ON LIFE

THE WORLD

- “We’ve always got tomorrow”
- “Life’s a beach”
- “Life is good”
- “It’s MY life”

THE BELIEVER

- Life is passing
- Life is a vapor
- Life, in itself, has no substance
- My life is in His hand



“EAT, DRINK, and BE MERRY”

**“...I have come
that they might have
life, and have it more
ABUNDANTLY.”**

- John 10:10