



Reading Ecclesiastes

Vanity of Vanities?

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8. WISDOM AND DEATH (9.1–17)



THE CONCLUSION OF WISDOM.

He cannot
find it out.

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Same for All.

ECCLESIASTES 9.1–3

THE HAND OF GOD (9.1)

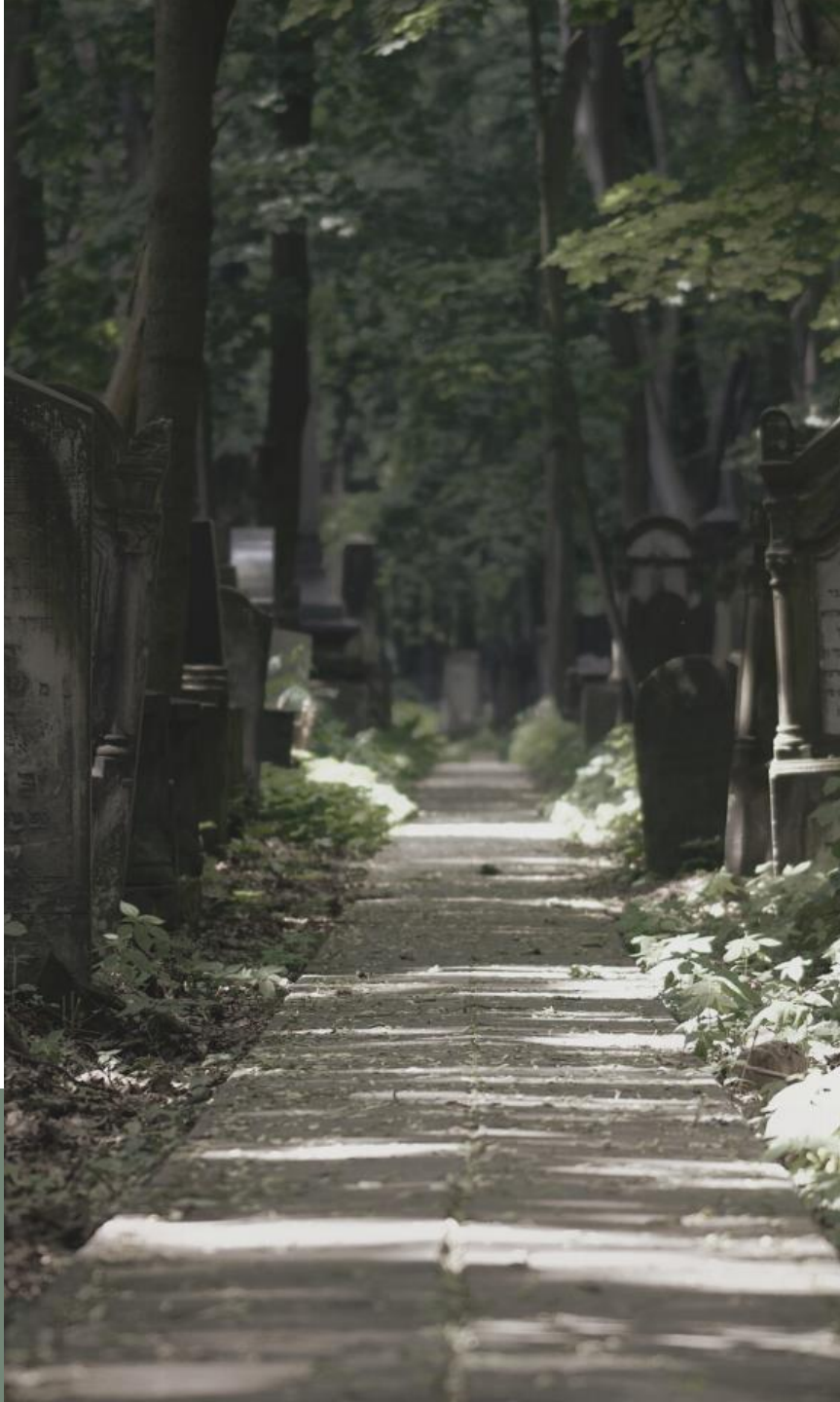
cf. Prv 21.1; Dtr 33.3

THE SAME FOR ALL (9.2)

cf. Eccl 2.14–15; 3.19

THEY GO TO THE DEAD” (9.3)

cf. Gen 6.5 vs. Eccl 7.15



Dead or Alive (9.4–10)

A DOG

cf. Eccl 4.2–3; 6.3–6 (Exd 22.31; Dtr 23.18; 1 Sam, 17.43; Mark 7.27–28)

A LION

Gen 49.9; 2 Sam 1.23; Amos 3.8

A LIFE

cf. Gilgamesh, m 3.6–14

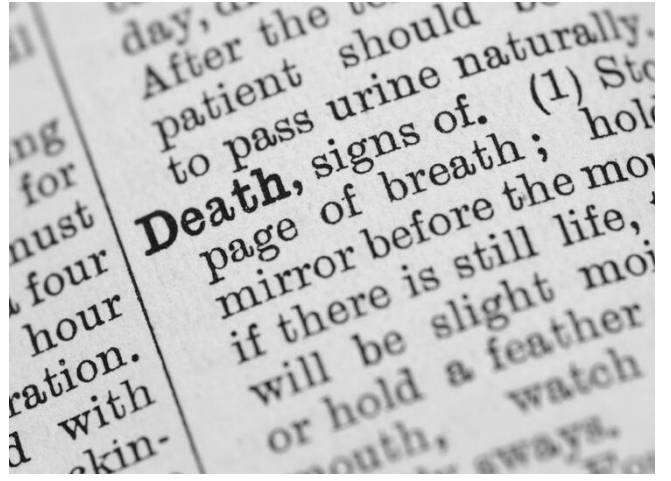
Wisdom in an Evil Time (Eccl 9.11–18)

CHANCE AND LIFE

9.11–15

STILL BETTER?

9.16–18 (cf. Prv 21.22)





ANOTHER QUESTION:

What about death?

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READ

Ecclesiastes 10.1–20



QUESTIONS

- 1) How is money the answer to everything?
- 2) If wisdom isn't the answer, how is it better?
- 3) How does the author differ from Proverbs (16.14; 26.27)?
- 4) What do we think about their solutions?



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9. OPPRESSION IN LIFE (10.1–20)