

Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon Review Questions Answers

1. Who wrote Ecclesiastes?
Answer: Solomon
2. What is the purpose of Ecclesiastes?
Answer: To examine the purpose of life
3. What verse in chapter 1 contains the statement of this purpose?
Answer: "What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?"
4. What is the meaning of the expression "under the sun?"
Answer: It refers to man's thinking by natural light apart from light from heaven. It is human philosophy apart from divine revelation.
5. What are the four things that the author tried in order to find the purpose of life?
Answer: Wisdom, pleasure, great works, possessions
6. Why did he conclude that everything is vanity?
Answer: Death - there appears to be no ultimate purpose
7. What is the meaning of "vanity"?
Answer: empty, meaningless
8. The author concludes there is nothing better in life than what?
Answer: Eat, drink, and enjoy oneself
9. How do we see the limitation of human philosophy in Ecclesiastes?
Answer: Man can know some truth but not ultimate truth
10. How do we know that it is not true that "the dead know not anything?"
Answer: The Bible says elsewhere that the dead are in heaven or hell.
11. Why does Ecclesiastes contain some false statements?
Answer: Because it is man's thinking apart from divine revelation. From man's perspective, *it appears* that the dead know not anything.
12. How does Ecclesiastes end?
Answer: It ends with divine revelation. It ends with the conclusion the purpose of life is to know and serve God.
13. The author says the whole duty of man is what?
Answer: Fear God and keep his commandments
14. Keeping God's commandments is the law. What is the purpose of the law?
Answer: It is a schoolmaster to lead men to salvation in Christ
15. Solomon wrote how many songs altogether?
Answer: 1005
16. What is the interpretation of Song of Solomon that we give in the textbook?
Answer: It is the account of a Shulamite girl who was wooed and married by Solomon in his youth.
17. What are the two themes or applications of the Song of Solomon?

Answer: (1) It is a song of pure marital love. (2) This is a song of the love of Jehovah for Israel and of Christ for His church.

18. Why was this message of pure marital love needed in ancient times?

Answer: The ancient cultures were immoral and marriage was perverted.

19. The Song looks ahead to what?

Answer: Christ and His bride

20. The girl in the Song is from what region near what hill?

Answer: Shunem - Moreh

21. The girl usually calls her lover by what term in English?

Answer: Beloved

22. The lover calls his girl by what term in English?

Answer: My love

23. Where did the girl work?

Answer: In a vineyard

24. How did her brothers treat her?

Answer: They protected her.

25. In the wedding processional, the palanquin was constructed of what material?

Answer: Cedar, silver, gold, purple cloth

26. Write out the chief verse of the Song.

Answer: "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned" (Song 8:7).