

1:1 THE WORDS OF COHELETH, SON OF DAVID, KING OF JERUSALEM

HERECO: ONE WHO GATHERS PEOPLE
TEACHER: ONE WHO GATHERS PEOPLE

- KING SOLUTION?
- ANOTHER ASCENDANT OF DAVID?
- HERETIC TEACHER USING A SOLUTION-LIKE PERSONA

KEY-POINT: THE TEACHER IS DIFFERENT THAN THE AUTHOR

ANONYMOUS **TEACHER**

ECCLIESIASTES

"HEVEL, HEVEL, EVERYTHING IS UTTERLY HEVEL"
HERECO: VAPOR, SMOKE → USED 36 TIMES
1 TEMPORARY, FLEETING **2** ENIGMA, PARADOX

GOODNESS **BEAUTY** **JUSTICE**

THE AUTHOR'S BASIC GOAL

TO LET THE TEACHER DECONSTRUCT ALL THE WAYS WE FIND MEANING & PURPOSE APART FROM GOD

WEALTH
HEALTH
PLEASURES
STATUS

PLEASURES
STATUS
WEALTH
HEALTH

1:1 INTRODUCTION TO THE TEACHER

1:2 **1:3-11** **TIME**

THEY WILL EVENTUALLY ERASE YOU, ME, AND ALL WE CARE ABOUT

THE TEACHER

(1:3 - 12:7)

CAREER
 STRESS
 AGE
 LEAVE IT BEHIND
 PLEASURES
 MONDAY ALWAYS COMES

HEVEL
 NO GUARANTEES
 ENIGMA

HOW DO YOU LIVE LIFE IN THE MIDST OF HEVEL?
 ACCEPT THAT ALL OF LIFE IS OUT OF YOUR CONTROL

THE GIFT OF GOD
 FRIENDSHIP
 FAMILY
 GOD MEAL
 SUNNY DAY

1:7-12:7 **DEATH**

ALL
GONNA DIE
FOOLISH
RICH
GONNA DIE
GONNA DIE
FOOL

THE GREAT EQUALIZER

12:8

12:9-14 **CONCLUSION & EVALUATION OF THE TEACHER**

TEACHER'S WORDS
WISDOM

"OF THE MAKING OF BOOKS THERE IS NO END"

THE CONCLUSION: FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDS - THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF HUMANS; FOR GOD WILL BRING EVERY DEED INTO JUDGMENT EVERY HIDDEN THING, WHETHER GOOD OR EVIL (12:13-14)

THE AUTHOR **(1:1, 12:9-14)**

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