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ECCLESIASTES

COMMENTARY

- Dr. Thomas L. Constable: [Expository Notes on Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Outstanding commentary. **Very highly recommended!**
 - Very thorough—one of the best! (81 pages)

- ESV Reformation Study Bible: [Notes on the Book of Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Links to the notes in the ESV Reformation Study Bible at Bible Gateway.
 - **Solid and reliable.**

- Roy Zuck: [God and Man in Ecclesiastes](#)
 - This article is adapted from Roy B. Zuck, “A Biblical Theology of the Wisdom Books and The Song of Songs,” in *Biblical Theology* (Chicago: Moody Press, forthcoming).
 - Dr. Zuck is Vice-president for Academic Affairs, Professor of Bible Exposition at Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas.

- Got Questions: [Questions Related to Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Answers to various questions concerning the Book of Ecclesiastes.
 - **Good Resource.**

- David E. Malick: [An Argument of the Book of Ecclesiastes](#)
 - In 2003, he earned his Juris Doctorate, magna cum laude, from Capital University Law School, where he received the Order of the Curia.
 - He has engaged in post-graduate studies at Dallas Theological Seminary, Chicago Theological Seminary, and McMaster Divinity College.

- David E. Malick: [An Introduction to the Book of Ecclesiastes](#)

- David E. Malick: [Selected Bibliography of the Book of Ecclesiastes](#)

- John MacArthur: [Introduction to Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Superb introduction. **Recommended**

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- James Madison Macdonald: [The Book of Ecclesiastes Explained](#)
 - Charles Haddon Spurgeon said of this work, "Thoroughly exegetical, with excellent, scopes of argument' following each division; to be purchased if found." **An excellent work!**
- Chuck Swindoll: [Overview of the Book of Ecclesiastes](#)
 - From Insight for Living Ministries
 - An MP3 audio file is available on this site.
- Various Scholars: [Ecclesiastes by Chapter](#)
 - A plethora of possibilities!
- Henry M. Morris: [Notes on the Book of Ecclesiastes](#)
 - From the *Defender's Study Bible*.
 - Young Earth perspective on Creationism!
- Albert Barnes: [Barnes Notes on the Book of Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Albert Barnes was an American theologian and a graduate from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1823.
- William D. Barrick: [Ecclesiastes: The Philippians of the Old Testament](#)
 - William Barrick is Professor of Old Testament at The Master's Seminary.
- George Aaron Barton: [Commentary on Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Helps to know Hebrew. First published in 1908.
- Samuel Cox: [Expositor's Bible Commentary: Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Samuel Cox (1826 – 1893) was an English Baptist preacher. Although Cox's ministry was effective and zealous, his chief activity was as a writer.
 - Cox had distinct gifts as a biblical expositor and was the founder and first editor of a monthly journal *The Expositor* (1875-1884).
- Jason S. DeRouchie: [Shepherding Wind and One Wise Shepherd: Grasping for Breath in Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Jason S. DeRouchie is Associate Professor of Old Testament at Bethlehem College and Seminary in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- John R. Dummelow: [Commentary on Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Dummelow's Bible commentary was one of the twentieth century's most popular Bible study resources.

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- Joseph S. Exell: [Biblical Illustrator: Ecclesiastes](#)
 - From *The Biblical Illustrator*.
 - Provides a wealth of illustrations, outlines, poems, anecdotes, sermons, doctrine, similes, expositions, Bible backgrounds, and practical applications that can be shared with anyone. **Wonderful!**
- Arno C. Gaebelin: [Annotated Bible Commentary on Ecclesiastes](#)
 - For more than half a century evangelist, author, journalist, and Bible expositor Gaebelin passionately proclaimed the prophetic truths of the Bible.
 - With a ministry that bridged two centuries and endured two world wars, Gaebelin never doubted the relevance of the study of prophecy for spiritual growth and for interaction with the chaos of culture. **Superb!**
- John Gill: [Commentary on Ecclesiastes](#)
 - John Gill (1697–1771) was an English Baptist pastor, biblical scholar, and theologian who held to a firm Calvinistic soteriology.
 - He became pastor at the Strict Baptist church at Goat Yard Chapel, Horsleydown, Southwark in 1719. His pastorate lasted 51 years.
 - This Baptist church was once pastored by Benjamin Keach and would later become the New Park Street Chapel and then the Metropolitan Tabernacle pastored by Charles Spurgeon. **Classic work—will not disappoint!**
- Sidney Greidanus: [How to Preach Christ from Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Article in *Southern Baptist Journal of Theology* (6 pages)
- Robert Hawker: [Commentary on Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Hawker (1753–1827) was an Anglican priest in Devon, vicar of Charles Church, Plymouth.
 - Called "Star of the West" for his popular preaching, he was known as an evangelical and author.
- E. W. Hengstenberg: [Commentary on Ecclesiastes](#)
 - **This is one of the finest, most scholarly old works on Ecclesiastes!**
- Matthew Henry: [Commentary on Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Famous evangelical Protestant preachers used and heartily commended the work, such as George Whitefield and Charles Haddon Spurgeon, with Whitefield reading it through four times – the last time on his knees.
 - Spurgeon stated, "Every minister ought to read it entirely and carefully through once at least."

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- Daniel Hill: [Study Notes on Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Verse-by-verse study (65 pages)
- A.M. Hodgkin: [Christ in the Poetical Books: Ecclesiastes](#)
 - An older work, first published in 1909.
- George Holden: [Commentary on Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Published in 1822. An Attempt to Illustrate the Book of Ecclesiastes.
- Robert Jamieson; A. R. Fausset; David Brown: [Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible: Ecclesiastes](#)
 - One of the better older Old Testament commentaries as it generally interprets the Scripture literally.
- J. Hampton Keathley, III: [The Poetical Books](#)
 - Keathley III was a 1966 graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary and a former pastor of 28 years. On August 29, 2002 he went home to be with the Lord.
 - He wrote many articles for the Biblical Studies Foundation and on occasion taught New Testament Greek at Moody Bible Institute, Northwest Extension for External Studies in Spokane, Washington.
- Keil & Delitzche: [Commentary on the Old Testament: Ecclesiastes](#)
 - **Spurgeon:** "Keil's works are valuable helps towards obtaining the meaning of the text, but for spiritual reflections and fruitful hints we must look elsewhere."
- Sir W. Robertson Nicoll: [Expositor's Dictionary of Texts: Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Contains Outlines, Expositions, and Illustrations of Bible Texts, with Full References to the Best Homiletics Literature
- Joseph Parker: [The People's Bible: Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Covers each chapter but not verse by verse.
 - Comments tend to be long and require one to "wade through" for the "gold."
 - Very, very long prayers!
- Matthew Poole: [Annotations from the Holy Bible: Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Poole (1624–1679) was an English Nonconformist theologian and biblical commentator.

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- James S. Reitman: [The Structure and Unity of Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Published in *Bibliotheca Sacra*. **Scholarly.**
- Charles Simeon: [Horæ Homileticæ: Sermons on the Book of Ecclesiastes](#)
 - One thing to note about Simeon was that he did not emphasize theology or systematic theology in his sermons.
 - He called himself a “Bible Christian” and not a “system Christian.” Even in the 1900s, people like Martyn Lloyd-Jones and some others pushed back on that emphasis, but there it was in Simeon.
 - So, first, we see his influence on pastors and preachers not only in his time but for two centuries.
 - In fact, John Stott is probably the prime example of a twentieth-century figure who was influenced by Simeon.
- Moses Stuart: [Commentary on Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Stuart was professor of sacred literature in the Andover Theological Seminary in 1810.
 - Stuart has been called the father of exegetical studies in America.
- John Trapp: [Commentary on Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Trapp (1601 – 1669), was an English Anglican Bible commentator.
 - His large five-volume commentary is still read today and is known for its pithy statements and quotable prose; his volumes are quoted frequently by other religious writers.
- Bob Utley: [Commentary on Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Utley is a contemporary Bible teacher who is best known for his commentary series that covers the Old and New Testaments.
- Paul Van Gorder: [The Old Testament Presents Reflections of Christ: Ecclesiastes](#)
- Ralph Wardlaw: [Lectures on Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Wardlaw (1779–1853) was a Scottish Presbyterian clergyman and writer.
 - Cyril Barber: “These sermons ... adequately expound the ethical and practical principles of this portion of God's Word. Readers will find in them a richness of thought and a relevance of application that will reward their inquiry.”
Recommended.
- Otto Zöckler: [Lange's Commentary on Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Zöckler (1833 – 1906) was a German theologian, professor at Greifswald.

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- Spurgeon: "This volume contains much that we do not like, but its value is considerable."
- Barry C. Davis: [Ecclesiastes 12:1-8 — Death, an Impetus for Life](#)
 - In the Book of Ecclesiastes, the author described his search for the key to the meaning of life.
 - That search, however, became an exercise in futility because the more he sought for the answers to life, the more he discovered that life itself is unfair, that human wisdom is woefully insufficient, and that death continually laughed in his face.
 - *Bibliotheca Sacra*, 148.
- Martin A. Shields: [Ecclesiastes and the End of Wisdom](#)
 - Many readers of Ecclesiastes have contrived to discover orthodox meaning for the words of Qohelet.
 - An examination of two such readings reveals the shortcomings of both and paves the way for an alternative understanding of the book.
 - Close analysis of the epilogue reveals that, although partially favourable towards Qohelet himself, the epilogist is unequivocally critical of the sages as a group.
 - It appears that the epilogist may thus have employed Qohelet's words in order to reveal the failure of the sages and warn their prospective students to adhere to the commands of God.
 - The book of Ecclesiastes thus functions as a tract designed to discredit the wisdom movement, using the sage Qohelet's own words in order to do so.
 - *Tyndale Bulletin*, 50(1).

DEVOTIONALS

- Our Daily Bread: [Devotional Illustrations from the Book of Ecclesiastes](#)
 - From RBC Ministries
- Charles Haddon Spurgeon: [Devotionals on the Book of Ecclesiastes](#)
 - From *Morning and Evening* and *Faith's Checkbook*
- Ray Stedman: [Ecclesiastes: The Power of His Presence](#)
 - Daily Devotions in Ecclesiastes for February — Things That Don't Work!

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- George Mylne: [Ecclesiastes: Devotional and Practical Meditations](#)
 - Spurgeon: “The author in this little publication does not comment upon the whole Book; but the passages he touches are ably explained.”
- Ray Pritchard: [Something New Under the Sun](#)
 - These are short, pithy and practical devotionals on Ecclesiastes.

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MORE RESOURCES

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon: [Commenting on Commentaries on Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Spurgeon comments on prominent commentaries of his day. **Reliable!**
- Cyril Barber: [The Minister’s Library: Ecclesiastes](#)
 - Excellent analysis of commentaries on Ecclesiastes. **Reliable!**
- Various Scholars: [Miscellaneous Resources](#)
 - Commentaries, Sermons, Devotionals
- Various Scholars: [Miscellaneous Journal Articles](#)
 - **Be a Berean!**
 - Scholarly and in-depth articles, but helpful in your study!