

Ecclesiastes Quiz

10 King James Version trivia questions • Difficulty: Medium

Behold the words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem, as he searcheth out the vanity of all things under the sun.

Questions

Q1. According to the first chapter, what is the state of all things under the sun?

- A. Vanity and vexation of spirit
- B. Full of joy and light
- C. A path to righteousness
- D. Everlasting and unchanging

Q2. The Preacher states that 'to every thing there is a season,' including a time to be born and a time to what?

- A. Sleep
- B. Die
- C. Reap
- D. Sing

Q3. What does the Preacher say is better than a precious ointment?

- A. A good name
- B. Great riches
- C. A crown of gold
- D. A soft bed

Q4. According to chapter 4, what is a 'threefold cord' not quickly broken?

- A. A rope of hemp
- B. A family of three
- C. A threefold cord
- D. A king's decree

Q5. What happens to the silver cord when man goes to his long home?

- A. It is polished
- B. It is loosed
- C. It is stolen
- D. It is multiplied

Q6. Complete the phrase: 'The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be... and there is no _____ thing under the sun.'

- A. Evil
- B. New
- C. Good
- D. Hidden

Q7. In chapter 9, the Preacher observes that the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the whom?

- A. The strong
- B. The wise
- C. The brave
- D. The many

Q8. What instruction is given regarding bread in chapter 11?

- A. Bake it with honey
- B. Cast thy bread upon the waters
- C. Eat it in silence
- D. Give it only to the poor

Q9. Whom should a person remember 'in the days of thy youth'?

- A. Thy father
- B. Thy Creator
- C. Thy teachers
- D. Thy king

Q10. What is the conclusion of the whole matter, according to the final chapter?

- A. Seek wealth and power
- B. Fear God, and keep his commandments
- C. Eat, drink, and be merry
- D. Write many books

Answer Key & Explanations

Q1. According to the first chapter, what is the state of all things under the sun?

Answer: A. Vanity and vexation of spirit

The Preacher declares that all is vanity and vexation of spirit. (Ecclesiastes 1:14, KJV)

Q2. The Preacher states that 'to every thing there is a season,' including a time to be born and a time to what?

Answer: B. Die

The text pairs the time to be born with a time to die. (Ecclesiastes 3:2, KJV)

Q3. What does the Preacher say is better than a precious ointment?

Answer: A. A good name

A good name is better than precious ointment. (Ecclesiastes 7:1, KJV)

Q4. According to chapter 4, what is a 'threefold cord' not quickly broken?

Answer: C. A threefold cord

The scripture notes that a threefold cord is not quickly broken. (Ecclesiastes 4:12, KJV)

Q5. What happens to the silver cord when man goes to his long home?

Answer: B. It is loosed

The Preacher warns of the time 'or ever the silver cord be loosed.' (Ecclesiastes 12:6, KJV)

Q6. Complete the phrase: 'The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be... and there is no _____ thing under the sun.'

Answer: B. New

The Preacher famously observes there is no new thing under the sun. (Ecclesiastes 1:9, KJV)

Q7. In chapter 9, the Preacher observes that the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the whom?

Answer: A. The strong

He notes that the battle is not always to the strong. (Ecclesiastes 9:11, KJV)

Q8. What instruction is given regarding bread in chapter 11?

Answer: B. Cast thy bread upon the waters

The text says to cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. (Ecclesiastes 11:1, KJV)

Q9. Whom should a person remember 'in the days of thy youth'?

Answer: B. Thy Creator

The youth are exhorted to remember now thy Creator. (Ecclesiastes 12:1, KJV)

Q10. What is the conclusion of the whole matter, according to the final chapter?

Answer: B. Fear God, and keep his commandments

The whole duty of man is to fear God and keep His commandments. (Ecclesiastes 12:13, KJV)