

EVIL AND WICKEDNESS -- Part 3

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* Tonight -- I have the opportunity to give a Bible study
* Title -- "Evil and Wickedness -- Part 3"
* Focus -- Book of Ecclesiastes

* Part 1 Evil & Wickedness in Pentateuch
* Part 2 Evil & Wickedness in Psalms
* Part 3 Evil & Wickedness in Ecclesiastes

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* Who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes?
(Solomon -- in his old age)

Eccles. 1:1 the son of David -- Solomon
1 Kings 3:3 Solomon loved the Lord
4 Solomon offered 1,000 burnt offerings
5 dream -- "Ask, what shall I give you?"
9 an understanding heart, to judge Your people --
that I may discern between good and evil
10 the request pleased the Lord
1 Kings 11:3-4 700 wives -- turned his heart toward other gods
Eccles. 1:2 vanity of vanities, all is vanity

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* Take a quick peek at the Hebrew word for vanity

* "hebel" -- (Strong's #1892)
breath;
by extension...something with no substance
meaninglessness
worthlessness
vanity, emptiness, futility

Eccles. 1:2 vanity of vanities, says the preacher -- vanity
of vanities, all is vanity
3 what profit has a man from all his labor -- in
which he toils under the sun?
14 I have seen all the works that are done under
the sun -- and indeed, all is vanity and
grasping for the wind

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* Reminder -- "ra" -- (Strong's #7451)
bad, disagreeable, inferior in quality
by extension: evil

* Reminder -- "rasa" -- (Strong's #7563)
 wicked, evil, guilty

* Examples of #7451 -- (Reminder -- these verses
 can mean "bad" & "inferior" -- or "evil")

Eccles. 2:21 working with wisdom, knowledge and skill, but
 leaving a heritage to someone who hasn't
 worked for it -- this is vanity & a great
 evil -- (Contemporary English Version: That
 seems senseless and wrong)

Eccles. 5:13 there is an evil which I have seen -- people get
 rich, but it does them no good

 14 KJV: riches perish through "evil travail" -- New
 King James: "misfortune"

 16 this is a severe evil -- is "terribly unfair"

Eccles. 8:5 KJV: "shall feel no evil thing" -- New King James:
"will experience nothing harmful"

Eccles. 12:1 KJV: while the evil days -- New King James: the
 "difficult days"

Eccles. 12:14 every work into judgment -- good or evil

* Examples of #7563 -- meaning wicked

Eccles. 3:16 in place of judgment, wickedness -- in place of
 righteousness, iniquity

 17 God shall judge the righteous and the wicked

Eccles. 7:15 I have seen everything in my days of vanity --
 there is a just man who perishes in his
 righteousness -- and there is a wicked man
 who prolongs life in his wickedness

Eccles. 8:10 I saw the wicked buried -- who had come and gone
from the place of holiness -- they were forgotten in the city where
they had so done -- this is vanity

 13 it will not be well with the wicked -- nor will
 he prolong his days -- (days as a shadow)
 -- because he does not fear before God

 14 a vanity which occurs on earth -- just men who
 are rewarded as wicked -- again, there are
 wicked men who are rewarded as righteous
 -- this also is vanity

Eccles. 9:2 one event happens to the righteous and the wicked
-- to the clean and to the unclean -- to him who sacrifices and to
him who doesn't sacrifice -- to the good and to the sinner -- to him
who takes an oath and to him who fears an oath

 3 this is an evil in all that is done under the
 sun -- truly the hearts of the sons of men

are full of evil -- madness is in their
hearts, while they live -- and after that,
they go to the dead