

Week 29
Ecclesiastes 4-Isaiah 6

1. A Simple Outline
 - a. The Introduction 1:1-11
 - b. The Search for Meaning: 1:12-12:8
 - c. The Conclusion: 12:9-14
 2. This week we begin with Solomon's search for meaning in life
- I. Day #196: Ecclesiastes 4-6
- A. Life is Confusing: 4-6
 1. Solomon and Injustice: 3:16-22
 2. Solomon and Suffering: 4:1-6
 3. Solomon and Loneliness: 4:7-16
 4. Solomon and God: 5:1-7
 5. Solomon and Money: 5:8-12
 6. Solomon and Injustice: Part #2: 6:1-12
- II. Day #197: Ecclesiastes 7-9
- B. Questions that Need Answers: 7-8
 1. A Realistic Understanding of Life: 7:1-12
 2. What does a Wisdom Centered Life Look Like?: 7:15-29
 - a. Wisdom leads to a balanced life: 7:15-18
 - b. Wisdom leads to a strong life: 7:19-22
 - c. Wisdom leads to an insightful life: 7:23-29
 3. Why does the World Seem so Unjust? 8:1-17
 - C. An Honest Philosophy of Life: 9-10
 1. Death is Inevitable: 9:1-10
 - a. A realistic source of comfort in life: 1
 - b. A realistic understanding of life: 2-3
 - c. A realistic understanding of death: 5-6
 - d. A realistic understanding of time: 7-10
 2. Life is Complicated: 9:11-18
 - a. Our abilities do not guarantee success: 9:11-12
 - b. Our opportunities do not guarantee success: 9:13-18
- III. Day #198: Ecclesiastes 10-12
3. Wisdom is better than Stupidity: 10
 - a. Be wise in everything that you do: 10:1-3
 - b. Be wise in your relations with others: 10:4-7, 16:19
 - c. Be wise in your work: 10:8-11
 - d. Be wise in your speech: 10:12-15
 - e. Be wise in relating to those that you are accountable to: 10:16-20
- D. Oh My Gosh, I Have Wasted My Life: 11-12
1. Don't waste your life on excuses: 11:1-6
 2. Don't waste your life on assumptions: 11:7-12:8
 3. Making life meaningful: The Conclusion of it all: 12:9-12
 - a. The methodology: 12:9-11

- b. The warning: 12
- c. The conclusion: 13-14

Overview of Song of Solomon

1. Song of Solomon is probably the most neglected and misunderstood book in the entire Bible
2. This is very unfortunate: Song of Solomon offers the Biblical counsel for the proper sexual relationship between a man and a woman
3. The Song of Solomon is a love drama between a man and a woman that are passionately in love with one another.
4. The outline of the book
 - a. The title: 1:1
 - b. Prologue: First Coming Together and Intimacy: 1:2-2:7
 - c. Lovers Joined and Separated: 2:8-3:5
 - d. Love and Marriage at the Heart of the Song: 3:6-5:1
 - e. Search and Reunion: 5:2-6:3
 - f. Desire for the Female and Love in the Country: 6:4-8:4
 - g. Epilogue: The Power of Love: 8:5-14

IV. Day #199: Song of Solomon: 1-4

- A. The title: 1:1
- B. Prologue: First Coming Together and Intimacy: 1:2-2:7
 1. Female: Longing for her lover: 1:2-7
 2. Male: Response with invitation and praise: 1:8-11
 3. Female: Her lover as fragrance: 1:12-14
 4. Male: Praise of Beauty: 1:15
 5. Female: Love in Paradise: 1:16-2:1
 6. Male: My Love is Like a Flower: 2:2
 7. Female: A Pastoral scene: 2:3-7
- C. Lovers Joined and Separated: 2:8-3:5
 1. Female: Her Love Pursues Her: 2:8-9
 2. Male: Invitation to Come Away: 2:10-14
 3. Couple: Protect Our Love: 2:15
 4. Female: Love is affirmed: 2:16-17
 5. Female: Search and Seizure: 3:1-5
- D. Love and Marriage at the Heart of the Song: 3:6-5:1
 1. Male: The Marriage Scene: 3:6-11
 2. Male: The call to Along: 4:1-8
 3. Male: A Walk in the Garden: 4:9-15
 4. Female: Invitation into her Garden: 4:16

- V. Day #200: Song of Solomon: 5-8
 - 5. Male: Tasting the Garden: 5:1
 - A. Search and Reunion: 5:2-6:3
 - 1. Female: A second search at night for her dream lover: 5:2-8
 - 2. Chorus: Challenge to Compare Male Lover: 5:9
 - 3. Female: Pleasure from the Male: 5:10-16
 - 4. Chorus: Inquiry for the Male: 6:1
 - 5. Female: Reunites with her lover: 6:2-3
 - B. Desire for the Female and Love in the Country: 6:4-8:4
 - 1. Male: Second passionate description of the Female: 6:4-10
 - 2. Female: Waiting for her lover: 6:11-12
 - 3. Chorus: The call to Return: 6:13
 - 4. Male: Third passionate description of the female: 7:1-9a
 - 5. Female: Springtime and love: 7:9b-8:4
 - C. Epilogue: The Power of Love: 8:5-14
 - 1. Chorus: Search for the Couple: 8:5a
 - 2. Female: The Power of Love: 8:5b-7
 - 3. Brothers: Their younger sister: 8:8-9
 - 4. Female: Her defense: 8:10
 - 5. Female: Solomon's vineyard: 8:11-12
 - 6. Male: Listening: 8:13
 - 7. Female: Departure: 8:14

Overview of Isaiah

1. Isaiah is a massive and literary masterpiece composed of 66 chapters and 1,292 verses
2. Isaiah has been nicknamed "a miniature Bible" and the "Romans of the Old Testament"
3. Isaiah's original audience was Judah before it was carried off to Babylon, but Isaiah is timeless work that masterfully outlines the Gospel in the Old Testament
4. The outline of the Book
 - a. The Message of Judgment: 1-36
 - b. A Historical Interlude: 37-39
 - c. The Message of Salvation/ Hope: 40-66
5. Isaiah follows the book of Romans and presents the Gospel in the following ways
 - a. The human race has fallen into sin
 - b. The human race continues to rebel against God
 - c. God judges sin, but God also provides a way of escape through a Suffering Savior
 - d. God will bring history to an end with judgment of unbelievers and the salvation of believers in the New heaven and the New Earth.

- VI. Day #201: Isaiah 1-3
 - A. God's Gripe: 1-5
 1. The life and times of the Prophet: 1:1
 2. The life and times of the People: 1:2-20
 3. The problem: What is Israel is Verses What She Will Be: 2-4:6
- VII. Day #202: Isaiah 4-6

4. Israel Restored: 4:2-6
 5. The Harvest of Wild grapes: 5:1-30
- B. God's Man: 6
1. What he Saw: 1-2
 2. What he Heard: 3-4
 3. What he Did: 5-13