

Scripture and Theology Seminar: The Book of Ecclesiastes

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23 April: Prologue and Epilogue (Frame Narrative) and the Presentation of Koheleth

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 and 12:8-14; 1:12—2:11

At issue in this session is the relationship between implied author, narrator/presenter and Koheleth himself (as expressed in his first-person discourses). Comparison with Job. Who is Koheleth? Why is Solomon not named? ANE parallels to the Koheleth discourse.

How does the Epilogist's take on Koheleth affect our interpretation of him?

25 April: Koheleth's Tests

Ecclesiastes 2:12—3:22

29 April: Vanity and Instruction

Ecclesiastes 4:1—5:20

2 May: Evil under the Sun and Sentence Wisdom

Ecclesiastes 6:1—7:29

5 May: Death Approaches

Ecclesiastes 8:1—9:17

8 May: Proverbs and Funereal Ending

Ecclesiastes 10:1—12:7

9-10 May: The Wycliffe Center for Scripture and Theology

Theme: Ecclesiastes, with T. Longman, D. Treier, R. van Leeuwen