

NOTES

Ecclesiastes 7:1-2 (NIV) - A good name is better than fine perfume, and the day of death better than the day of birth. It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting, for death is the destiny of everyone; the living should take this to heart.

Ecclesiastes 9:1-4 (NIV) - So I reflected on all this and concluded that the righteous and the wise and what they do are in God's hands, but no one knows whether love or hate awaits them. All share a common destiny — the righteous and the wicked, the good and the bad, the clean and the unclean, those who offer sacrifices and those who do not. As it is with the good, so with the sinful, as it is with those who take oaths, so with those who are afraid to take them. This is the evil in everything that happens **under the sun**: The same destiny overtakes all. The hearts of people, moreover, are full of evil and there is madness in their hearts while they live, and afterward they join the dead. Anyone who is among the living has hope — even a live dog is better off than a dead lion!

Solomon is finally coming back home to Jehovah.

Destiny is used seven times in the Bible, and three times here.

The word “destiny” has been hijacked by motivational speakers.

Solomon gets slapped upside the head with the reality that death awaits us all. (*Ecclesiastes 2:15-16; 3:19-20; 9:1-2*)

How you think about death impacts how you live your life.

**Christ followers see death as a metamorphosis:
one eye on the present and one eye on the promise.**

Solomon saw death as a thief stealing everything he ever worked for.

**God's Word tells us that death is a release –
a reward and a revelation.**

2 Corinthians 5:1-4; 1 Corinthians 3:13-14; Revelation 21:1



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