

Ecclesiastes VIII
Wisdom for Justice
Ecclesiastes 8:12-14

- I. THE LENGTH OF LIFE AND WICKEDNESS (Ecclesiastes 8:12-13)
 - a. The Period of Evil (Ecclesiastes 8:12)
 - i. Though it be a long time
 1. The sinner does evil an hundred times (1 Kings 21:25)
 2. Though Ahab reigned for 22 years in Samaria (1 Kings 16:29)
 - ii. It shall not go well (Ecclesiastes 8:13)
 1. Ahab will die an awful death (1 Kings 22:29-38)
 2. The licking of the blood by the dogs (1 Kings 22:28; see 1 Kings 21:19)
 3. Jezebel will die an awful death (the prophecy given 1 Kings 21:23-24; 2 Kings 9:10, 30-37)
 - b. The Period of Existence (Ecclesiastes 8:12-13)
 - i. On this earth (v. 12)
 1. Days of the wicked
 - a. The prolonged life of the wicked (Ecclesiastes 7:15)
 - b. The reward of the wicked (Isaiah 3:10-11)
 - c. This side of eternity is the only pleasure that the unsaved will have, in eternity they will face having to pay for their own sins.
 2. Days of the righteous
 - a. It shall be well with those that fear God
 - i. They are blessed (Psalm 112:1)
 - ii. The upright's inheritance shall be forever (Psalm 37:18-19)
 - b. Which fear before God
 - i. The righteous shall be quiet from fear of evil (Proverbs 1:32-33)
 - ii. The fear of the LORD is strong confidence (Proverbs 14:26)
 - ii. Of eternity (v. 13)
 1. The wicked man's end (Ecclesiastes 8:13)
 - a. Their days are as a shadow (Job 14:2; Psalm 144:4)
 - b. Their days are as an handbreath (Psalm 39:5)
 - c. At the point of death (Hebrews 9:27-28) (Luke 16:23-24)
 - d. At the great white throne judgment (Revelation 20:11-15)

- i. The second death (Revelation 20:14)
 - ii. The companions of those in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10)
 - 2. The righteous man's end (Ecclesiastes 8:12)
 - a. The day of death (Hebrews 9:27-28)
 - b. The taking away of the Church (Rapture) (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
 - c. The judgment seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10)
 - d. The righteous of the Tribulation (Revelation 20:11-15)
- II. THE ANTILOGY OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED (Ecclesiastes 8:14)
 - a. The Righteous Man's Events
 - i. Upon the earth (Ecclesiastes 8:14a)
 - ii. Events like the wicked (Ecclesiastes 8:14a; Ecclesiastes 7:15)
 - 1. Doeg and his killing of the priests (1 Samuel 22:18-19), ordered by king Saul (1 Samuel 22:11-18)
 - 2. Naboth and his innocent blood shed (1 Kings 21:13)
 - b. The Wicked Man's Events (Ecclesiastes 8:14b)
 - i. Upon the earth (Ecclesiastes 8:14b)
 - ii. Events like the righteous (Psalm 73:12)
 - 1. The observation of Jeremiah (Jeremiah 12:1-12)
 - 2. The observation of David (Psalm 37:35)
 - 3. The envy of Asaph (Psalm 73:12-13, see Psalm 73:3)
 - iii. The final end of the wicked
 - a. Then Asaph understood their end (Psalm 73:16-26)
 - b. David understood their end (Psalm 37:35-40)