

Life Under The Sun

Oh, How Utterly Empty Life Is!
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11



***Why were
you born?***

WHAT IS YOUR
PURPOSE?



"Peanuts" comic strip

- **Lucy: "Life is like a lounge chair on your deck. Some place it so they can see where they are going; some place it so they can see where they have been; and some place it so they can see where they are at present."**
- **Charlie Brown: "I can't even get mine unfolded."**

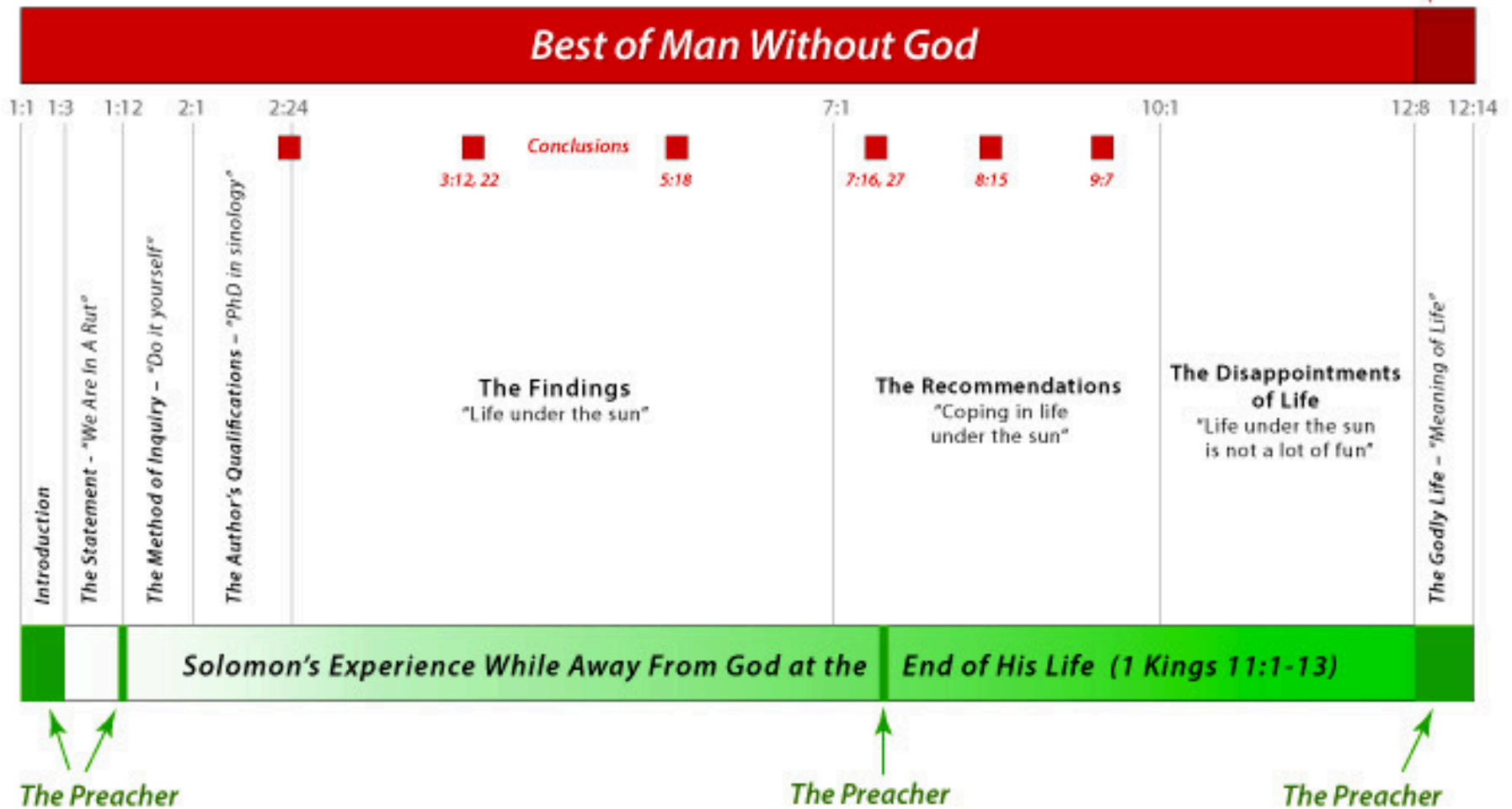
**For he will not often consider the years
of his life, because God keeps him
occupied with the gladness of his
heart.**

Ecclesiastes 5:20

Outline of Ecclesiastes

What Is Life Like Under The Sun?

The Godly Life



Title of Ecclesiastes

- ***Greek Title – is Ecclesiastes***
- ***Hebrew Title – is Koheleth which means
“preacher”***

Author of Ecclesiastes

- ***Is King Solomon***
 - ***Son of David – 1:1, 2, 12***
 - ***King in Jerusalem – 1:1, 2, 12***
 - ***Wrote many proverbs – 12:9***
- ***1 Kings 3:3 - 12***
- ***1 Kings 4:29 - 32***

Theme of Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 1:2

Vanity of Vanities . . .



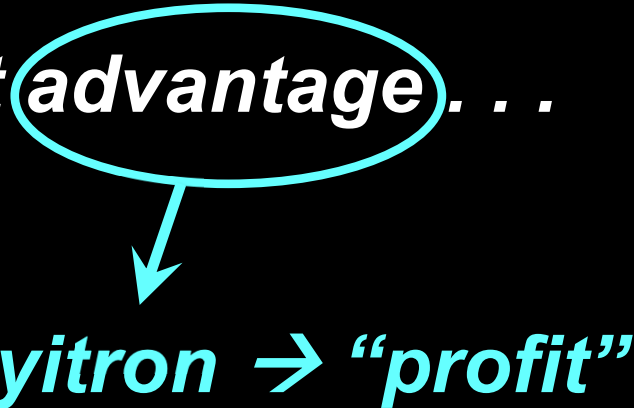
***hebel → “vapor, breath, meaningless,
worthless, fleeting or empty”***

***Life Is Like A
Soap Bubble***



Proof of the Theme

Ecclesiastes 1:3

- ***What **advantage** . . .***

yitron → ***“profit”***
- ***“under the sun” occurs 29 times***

**Life is a tale told by an idiot,
full of sound and fury,
signifying nothing!**

- Macbeth, Act V, v

Generation Comes & Goes

Ecclesiastes 1:4

We Come



We Go



*The Earth
Remains*



Sun Rises and Sets

Ecclesiastes 1:5



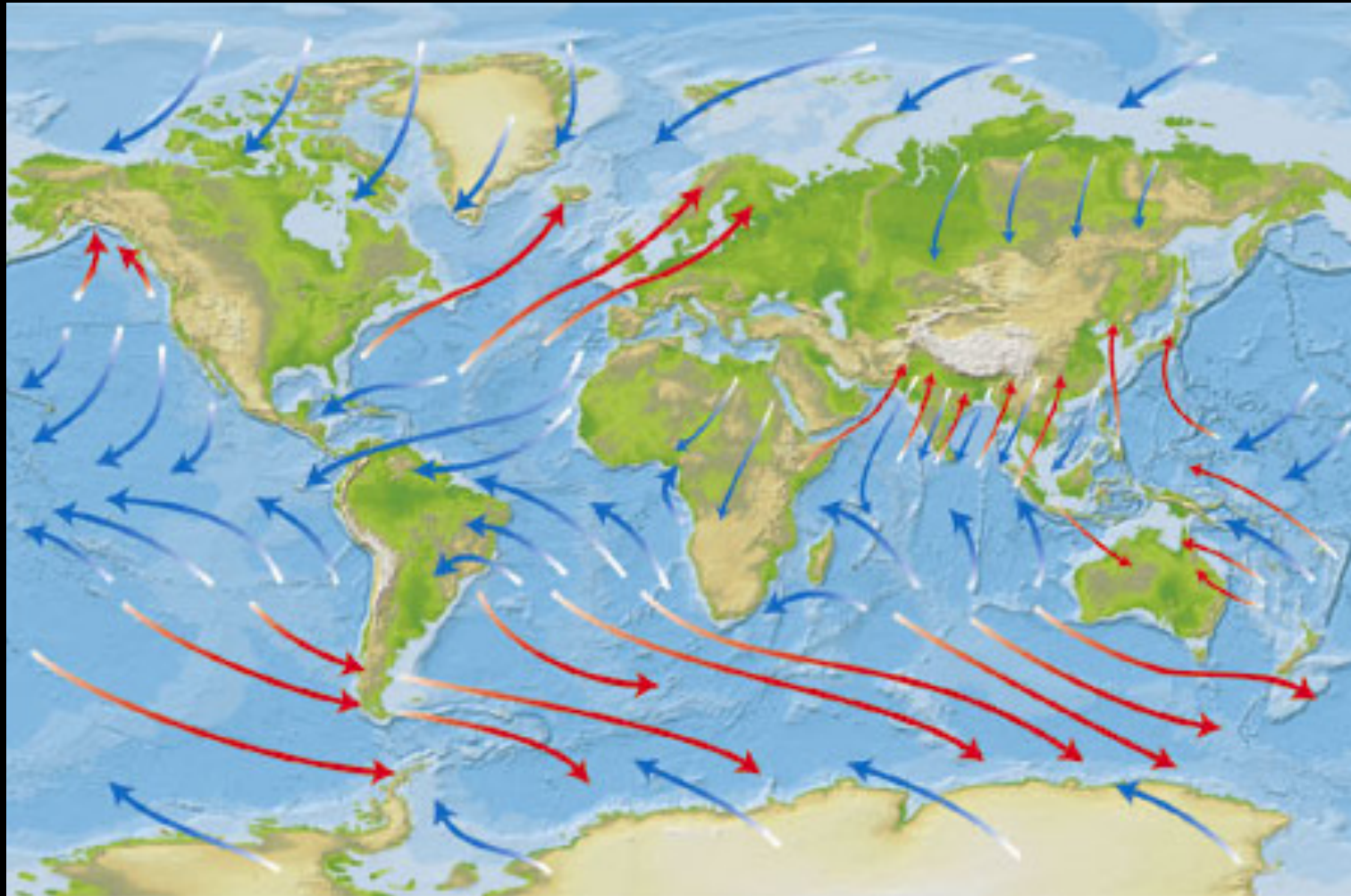
Sun Rise



Sun Set

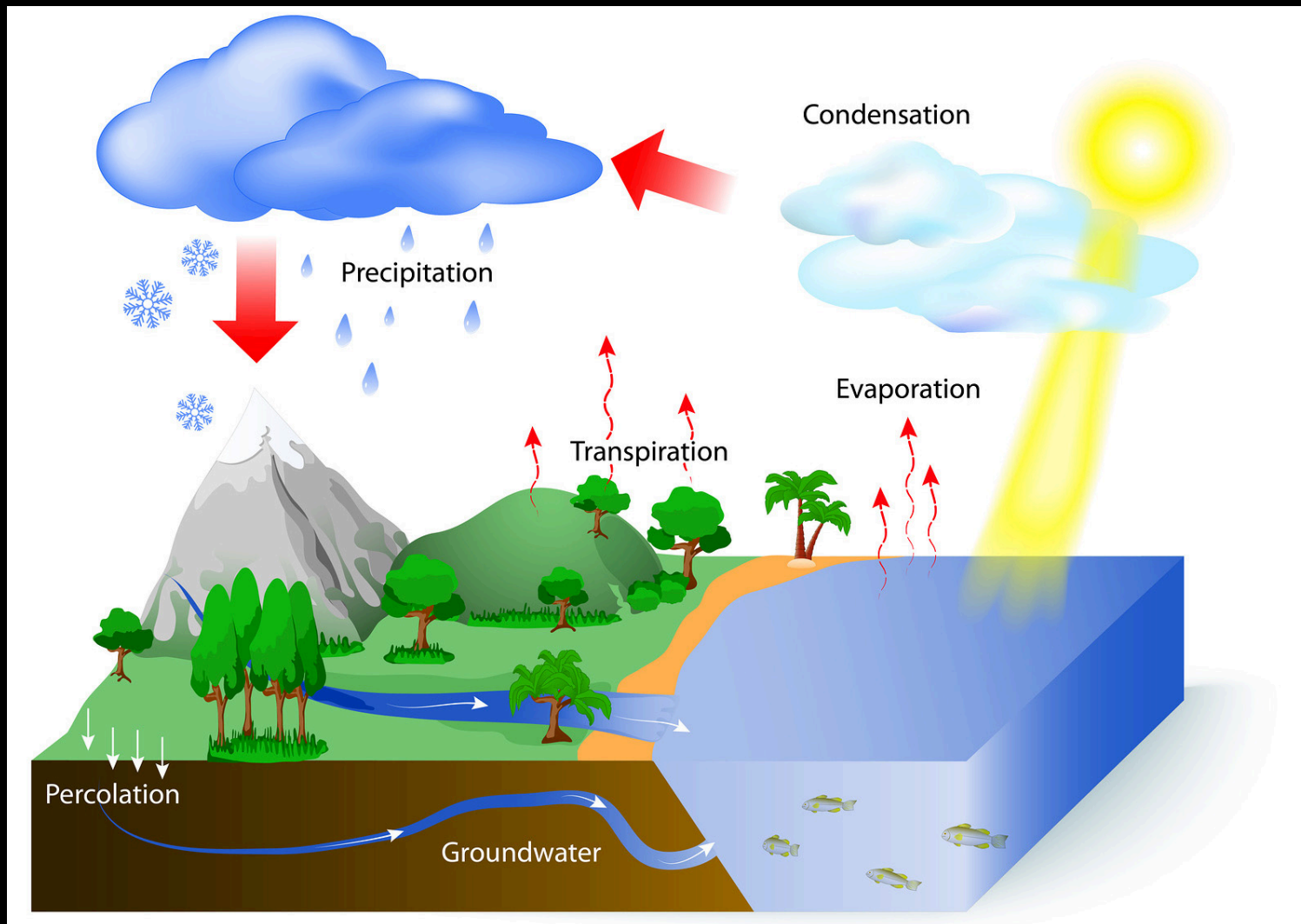
Wind Blows On Its Circuits

Ecclesiastes 1:6



Water Returns To Flow Again

Ecclesiastes 1:7



All Things Are Wearisome

Ecclesiastes 1:8

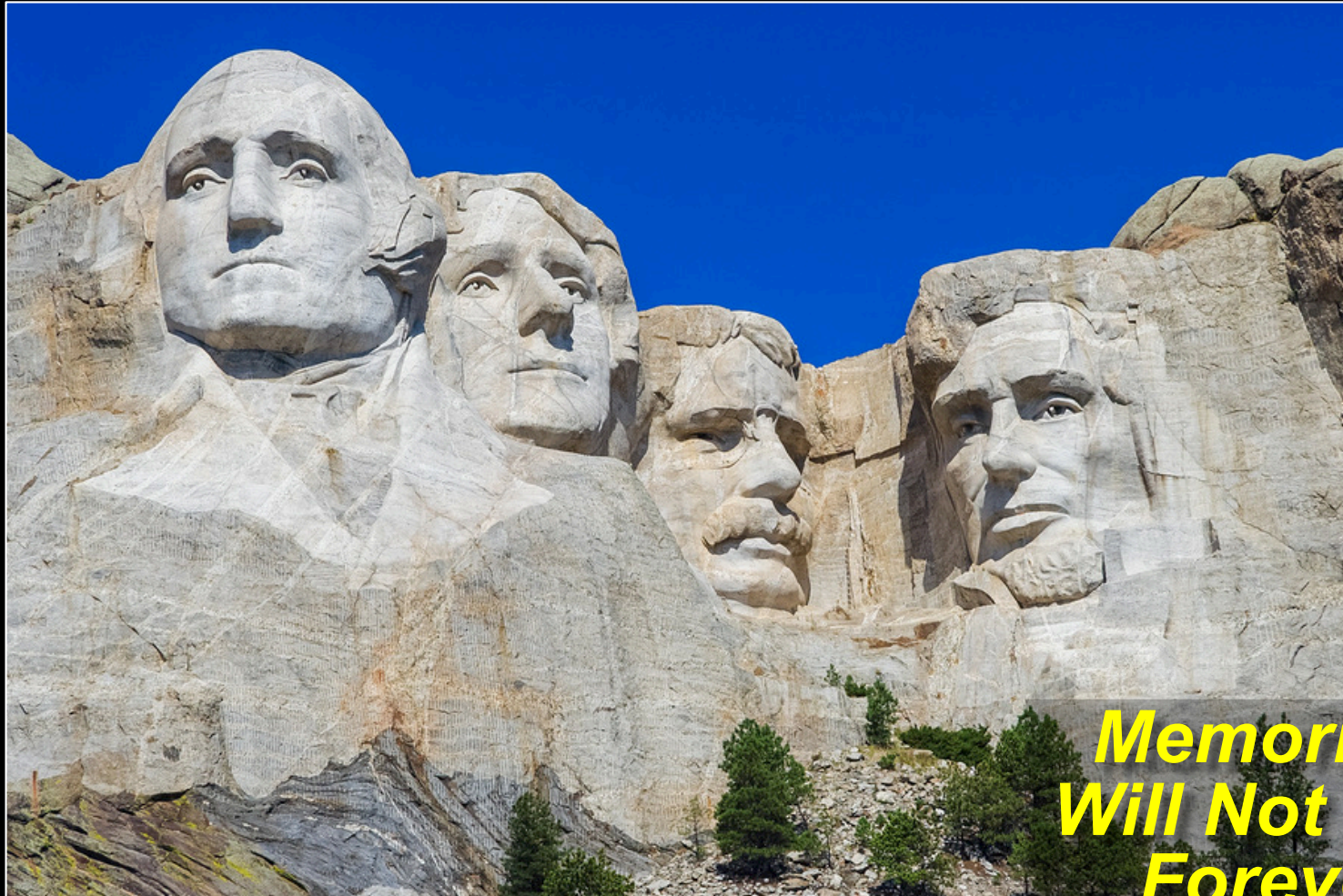


He stated that 94 percent of people are simply enduring the present while waiting for the future. They were waiting for “something” to happen – waiting for children to grow up and leave home, waiting for next year, waiting to take a long-dreamed-about trip, or waiting for tomorrow.

**William Moulton Marston
Psychologist**

No Memorials For You!

Ecclesiastes 1:9 - 11



***Memorials
Will Not Last
Forever***

The universe is indifferent. Why are we here upon this puny heap spinning in infinite space? I have not the slightest idea and I am quite convinced that no one else has the slightest idea.

Andre Maurios

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better . . .

Phil. 1:21-22

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Cor. 15:58