# Ecclesiastes 11 – 12 Some "down to earth" conclusions



11:1 Cast your bread upon the waters

Cf. Matt. 6:20

The king had a fleet of trading ships at sea along with the ships of Hiram. Once every three years it returned, carrying gold, silver and ivory, and apes and baboons. 1 Kings 10: 22



11:2 Give portions to 7, yes to 8.

Cf. Matt. 6:20

#### Be generous especially in difficult times!

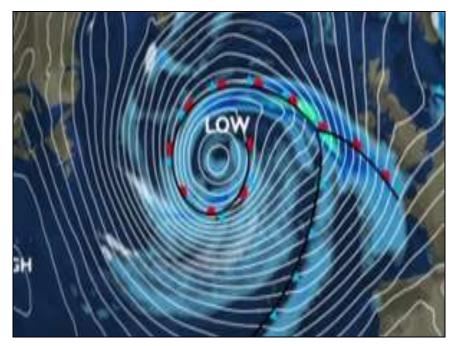


11: 3 - 4 Threatening skies

# Faith & action required



#### The mystery of God's ways



#### 11:5 You cannot understand the works of God

Cf. John 3: 8













11: 7 - 10 Life's good!

Life can be good when you've got a purpose. Cf. 1 Timothy 6: 17b

#### 11:10



Life can be good but remember youth is temporary.

#### Young people take note REMEMBER your CREATOR NOW ... troubles are coming

12: 1 - 2 Threatening skies



#### 12: 3 The building begins to fall apart



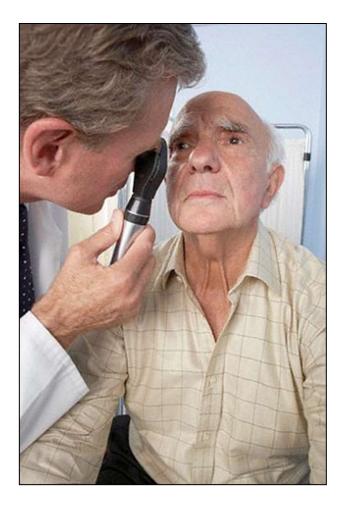


#### 12: 3 The grinders cease





#### 12: 3 Looking through dim windows





#### 12: 4 The doors are closed





#### 12: 4 Early to rise



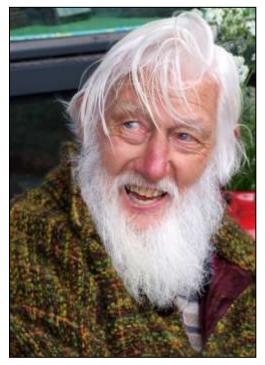


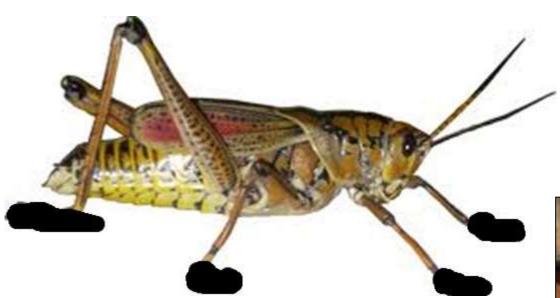
12: 5 Afraid of heights





#### 12: 5 The almond tree blossoms





#### 12: 5 The grasshopper drags himself along





#### 12: 5 Can't be bothered



#### 12: 5 The end of the road



#### **Precious**





# Fragile <sup>12: 6</sup>





#### 12: 7 The separation





Cf. Genesis 3

## 12: 9 - 14 The Teacher's Conclusion

Can you see ? ... it's meaningless (without God)

#### The Teacher's credentials

\*Done his research\* \*Chose the right words\* \*Gave Inspired scripture\* Watch out for other stuff - it will wear you out

## This is the BIG MESSAGE of ECCLESIASTES

1, Fear God - do what he says (that's wisdom) It applies to everybody! (ears to hear)

2, There's a judge you are going to meet. (Will you be ready?)