

Ecclesiastes 12:1 Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no delight in them";

Ecclesiastes 12:2 before the sun and the light, the moon and the stars are darkened, and clouds return after the rain;

The description of the darkened sun, light, moon and stars, is _____.

Ecclesiastes 12:3 in the day that the watchmen of the house tremble, and mighty men stoop, the grinding ones stand idle because they are few, and those who look through windows grow dim;

Guards tremble and mighty men come down from their high place because something _____ is about to happen.

At the end of the world, workers working at the mills are few because some will be _____, and a few will be _____.

Ecclesiastes 12:4 and the doors on the street are shut as the sound of the grinding mill is low, and one will arise at the sound of the bird, and all the daughters of song will sing softly.

Closed businesses and low sounds coming from the grinding mills are signs that _____ and _____ life have ended.

Ecclesiastes 12:5 Furthermore, men are afraid of a high place and of terrors on the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags himself along, and the caperberry is ineffective. For man goes to his eternal home while mourners go about in the street.

Ecclesiastes 12:6 Remember Him before the silver cord is broken and the golden bowl is crushed, the pitcher by the well is shattered and the wheel at the cistern is crushed;

The broken silver cord and crushed golden bowl are symbols that the _____ is destroyed.

Ecclesiastes 12:7 then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.

At the end of our life, our bodies return to _____.

At the end of our life, our spirit returns to God, the _____.

Ecclesiastes 12:8 "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "all is vanity!"

We will not fear God and keep his commandments if we forget who is our _____.

"Remember your Creator" is preparation both for the end of our _____ and the end of the _____.

DIGGING DEEPER

(for group study and conversation, and for personal reflection)

- Do you think Solomon was thinking about the end of a man's life in Ecclesiastes 12:1–8? Or do you think he was thinking about the end of the world? Or neither?
- If you think Solomon was thinking about the end of a man's life, which verses are most problematic to you? If you think he was thinking about the end of the world, which verses are most problematic to you?
- Do you think the End Times will come during your lifetime?
- Do the End Times fascinate you? Or do they frighten you?
- How do you feel about the end of your life?
 1. I am looking forward to it
 2. I am afraid
 3. I don't know
 4. I don't want to talk about it

