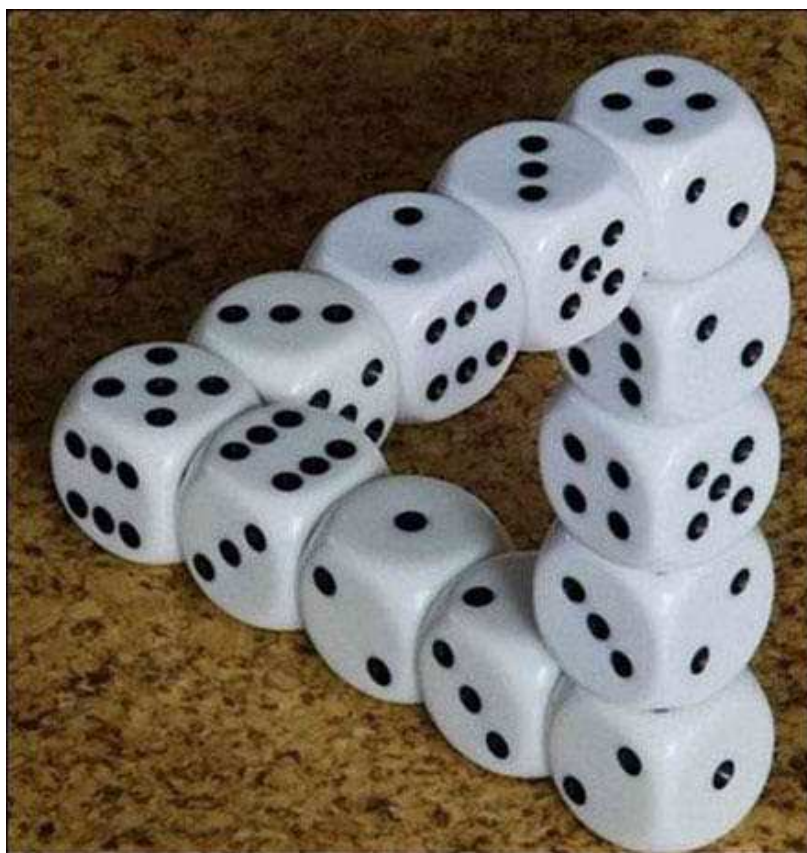


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Ecclesiastes in Its World

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Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2010

**Lyn Bechtel** continues her acclaimed series of courses on the Hebrew Bible. This year she looks at the challenges, compromises and confusions in Ecclesiastes and Proverbs.

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'Entrenched beliefs are never altered by facts.' The entrenched theology of the late Persian period onward in ancient Israel is deuteronomic theology and the book of Proverbs, which stems from the same period as Ecclesiastes, illustrates the entrenched beliefs. Yet other theologies, like Greek philosophy, try to lift up the 'facts' of human existence. The book of Ecclesiastes, a later version of Genesis theology, demonstrates this, while questioning the entrenched beliefs of deuteronomic theology.

### *Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May*

7:30 pm - 9:00            The Context of Ecclesiastes: The Deuteronomic Theology of Proverbs  
Proverbs 1.1-7; 1.20-33; 2.16-19; 3.1-8  
Greek Philosophy

### *Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June*

9:30 am - 12:30        The Deuteronomic Theology of Proverbs 3.13-19; 3.33-35; 5.1-6; 5.15-23;  
6.23-35; 7.1-27; 8.1-36; 9.1-6; 9.13-18

3:00 pm - 5:00        Ecclesiastes 1.1-3, 5-11, 12-24

7:30 pm - 9:00        Ecclesiastes 1.15-18; 2.1-10, 11, 12-23

### *Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June*

9:30 am - 12:30        Ecclesiastes 2.24-26; 3.1-9

Free Afternoon

7:30 pm - 9:00        Ecclesiastes 3.10-22

### *Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June*

9:30 am - 12:30        Ecclesiastes 4.1-16

3:00 pm - 5:00        Ecclesiastes 5.1-17, 18-20

7:30 pm - 9:00        Ecclesiastes 6.1-12; 7.1-12, 13-14

### *Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June*

9:30 am - 11:30        Ecclesiastes 6.23-29; 8.14-15  
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