

**Ecclesiastes Annotated & Explained. Translation and Annotation
by Rabbi Rami Shapiro.
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By my reckoning this is the fifth such book that Rami Shapiro has done for Sky Light Illuminations, the others being concerned with *The Divine Feminine in Biblical Wisdom Literature*, *Ethics of the Sages*, *Hasidic Tales*, *The Hebrew Prophets*, and *Tanya: The Masterpiece of Hasidic Wisdom*.

Rami's approach to *Ecclesiastes* follows the same format as the other texts with a preface and introduction commenting on the book and the major themes in it; before the text itself, with his lucid annotations, there is an excursus on translating the book, and the challenges posed by its language.

Ecclesiastes Annotated and Explained would make an excellent study group, or even book group, text, and is also a fine and gentle introduction to one of the Bible's most unexpected books.

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