What purpose does this writing style have?

Why frame the beginning of the book in this fashion?

What is the essential question?

Why does it matter?

Special Notes for Today:
At 11:30am – Celebration of Communion in the Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. – Dr. Sharon Whitehurst-Payne, SDUSD Board
At 8:00pm – Contemplative Encounter in Sanctuary
Next Week: Read Ecclesiastes 1
Wi-Fi Password: Linder1924
Getting to Know Ecclesiastes

Solomon or

Not Solomon

Meanings

1. Pessimistic Sceptic
2. The Preacher of Joy
3. A Thinker Caught in the Tensions of Life
4. An Apologetic Work
5. The Original Existentialist
6. Reflection for the Wise
7. Reflections on Creation & Fall

Hebrew Poetry

Synonymous Parallelism
Antithetical Parallelism
Synthetic Parallelism

Setting the Stage

Solomon
Vanity = bebel

What does this mean?

Framing the Human Condition

1. The Meaning of Work & Life
2. Futility of Generations
3. The “Panting” Sun
4. The Wind Blowing
5. Streams & Sea
6. Never Worn Out of Seeing the Same
7. Old Is New Is Old
8. Ground Hog Day
9. Great People of Old & Coming