



# The Mystery of Times and Seasons

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## Introduction:

There is a big difference between times and seasons. Both are prophetic. The ability to be able to discern the times also comes with a prophetic gift. It's imparted from people you live with.

Solomon actually tracked out a rotating prophetic timeline in Ecclesiastes 3. It's the key to understanding where you are and how to number your days. And it's been there for all of these years for all to see.

If you can discern where you are within the timeline, you can predict and prepare for the next prophetic season that is coming your way. It's a biblical timeline that begins with a time to be born, and ends 28 seasons later, with a great time of peace.

Troy Brewer teaches on the Ecclesiastes 3 rotational prophetic timeline of times and seasons. You'll learn how to partner with God and trust the Holy Spirit, no matter the time, no matter the season.

Ecclesiastes was written by King Solomon in his old age.

- Many times prophetic phrases and utterances are creative and they are poetic.
- He was prophetic and he got it from his father, King David.

In Ecclesiastes 3 he starts off his prophetic calendar like this:

"To everything there is a season,  
A time for every purpose under the heavens."

Four mapped out ideas

- Times
- Seasons
- Timing
- Purpose

It's a big curse to be out of \_\_\_\_\_.

Deuteronomy 28:66-67

"Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life. In the morning you shall say, 'Oh, that it were evening!' And at evening you shall say, 'Oh, that it were morning!' because of the fear which terrifies your heart, and because of the sight which your eyes see."

This is saying you're always out of sync and your timing is off whenever you don't let God be God.

- When you're off, you're at the wrong place in the wrong timing and all the wrong things tend to happen.
- You replace religion for relationships.
- Religion causes you to fight all the wrong battles

The kingdom's answer to the curse of bad timing is to \_\_\_\_\_ with God through what He calls Times and Seasons.

It's our responsibility to know the times and seasons that we're in today.

Times: Epic, defining moments

- Times always bring definition
- They stop old things and bring new things.
- A time is always a new thing.
- A season is always the next thing

It's important to know the difference or else your timing will always be off.

- You'll not always see a prophetic time coming because many times we don't predict the thing that happens.
- How you prepare for new things is determined by your \_\_\_\_\_.

Isaiah 43:19 says:

*"Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."*

Some biblical things we are to do all the time.

Examples:

- Psalm 34—I will bless the Lord at all times.
- Psalm 62:8 says that we should do righteousness at all times.

But the actions and methods have to change with the times.

- We tend to know the when before we know the what.
- Times always serve as prophetic markers.
- Times always speak of actions

Seasons speak of predictable prophetic appointments.

- Where you meet God
- What the theme of your meeting is all about.
  - There's a theme
  - narrative
  - subject
  - topic
  - burden
  - a new message

This year is a year of unprecedented victory for you!

Set your mind so that you won't be \_\_\_\_\_ from the word of the Lord to you for this season.

We have to"

- learn the confessions
- learn the proclamations
- learn the declarations
- that go with this prophetic season

Solomon's Prophetic Timeline—Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

- Samuel the prophet did his ministry in a rotating circle (1 Samuel 7:16).
- Bethel means, the house of God and how we relate to other Christians.
- New encounter with God=Bethel
- New assignment with God=Gilgal
- Whole new group of people that God hooks you up with=Mizpha
- Ecclesiastes 1:6
- When it's prophetic, it's\_\_\_\_\_.
- Times are linear—they have a beginning and end.
- Prophetic seasons come in circuits.

If you know what season you're in, you can see the next prophetic season that is coming. Jesus did all His work in a prophetic motion.

Mark 6:6

"He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching."

- A time to be born and a time to die.
- A time to plant and a time to pluck up is a time of harvest.
- A time to kill and a time to heal=Power of redemption
- These are in perfect sequence—if it is fall we know that winter is coming, etc.

The timeline begins with a time to be born. Eight verses later, it jumps to a time to love and a time to hate. This is the fear of the Lord.

- You love what God loves and you hate what God hates.

Next, the time of peace is always at the end of the timeline.

Psalm 37:7—peace is always the finish line

- This is the promise for all kingdom people.

If the first and the last seasons are in order, you can be sure that everything in between are in order, too. God doesn't hide the order of seasons. If you know the season you're in, you can know the next season that is coming.

Ecclesiastes 3:5

A time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones"

- When you move to a new ground, you toss out the stones so you can plough it.
- Then you gather them to build defensive walls around your new territory.

A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing"

- Upgrade into a brand new walk in selective intimacy
- Know God in a way you've never known before
- This only happens after a season of taking new territory

Knowing the times and the seasons is a prophetic gift.

- The Bible describes it as tribal.

1 Chronicles 12:32

*"... of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times; to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command."*

Do you know your tribe? Are you walking with the right tribe for the season that you're in right now?

Knowing what to do flows out of knowing what season you're in.

Ephesians 5:15-17

"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

- Circumspectly=circle or circular
- Have faith—towards times and seasons

The number 28 the number associated with the beginning and the end of certain God-given timelines.

Ecclesiastes lists 28 times and seasons.

- 28 times the word weeks appears in the Bible. It is a measure of time.
- 28 times day and night is mentioned
- 28 days in a lunar month
- 28 is connected to the calendar
- All Gregorian months have 28 days in them.
- 28 is all about times and seasons!

The word cross appears 28 times in the Bible. There is a cross in every season for you.

The end of the world shows up exactly 28 times in the Bible.

- It's the end of your rope.
- The place where you don't know what to do.
- The Lord is with us even when He calls us to a new, scary place.

"Lo, I am with you even to the end of the world."

-Matthew 28:20