

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Everything Has Its Time

*To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven.*

**Not only is there a specific time
for every purpose**

BUT

**Just as importantly,
There is a specific Divine purpose
for every time.**

**It is vitally important
that we grasp our Divine purpose
and complete it in due season.**

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Philippians 4:6-8 (NKJV)

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Genesis 50:20 Wycliffe Bible (WYC)

Ye thought evil of me, and God turned it into good, that he should enhance me, as ye see in this present time, and that he should make safe many peoples; (Ye thought to do evil to me, but God turned it into good, and he used what you did to me to advance me, as ye see at this present time, and by doing so he hath saved many people;)

The Pandemic

2020 will be remembered as the year that the Covid-19 pandemic swept the world, affecting virtually every nation with sickness and death, locking down local, national, and international communities and travel, and bringing previously booming economies crashing to a halt. The virus and its effects are clearly very real, and it may take years for some nations, and the world economy, to recover from it.

But God ...

This time should also be remembered as the once in a generation opportunity that was given by God to the world wide Ekklesia, to press in to the Throne Room as never before; to pray for the nations of the world as one; and to re-focus upon God's Kingdom priorities and passions for every family, every Ekklesia, every Government, and every people group.

God's promises are still God's promises. He is omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent; the devil is not. Media hysteria would seek to mask the moving of His Spirit and the good that He and His people are doing.

The Great Whodunnit

Conspiracy theories abound, and they are being used by the enemy to distract God's people from the deeper truths that God is wanting to reveal during this time. The truth is that there is nothing happening in the world today that was not written down thousands of years ago in the Bible.

The Word of God has a few things to say about this :-

Isaiah 8:11-13 (AMP)

¹¹ For in this way the Lord spoke to me with His strong hand [upon me] and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people [behaving as they do], saying,

¹² "You are not to say, 'It is a conspiracy!'

In regard to all that this people call a conspiracy,

And you are not to fear what they fear nor be in dread of it.

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"It is the Lord of hosts whom you are to regard as holy and awesome.

He shall be your [source of] fear,

He shall be your [source of] dread [not man].

The spiritual cause of disasters that affect humanity is known.

The human agents don't really matter. (Who did it ? Accident/Deliberate)

What matters is how God's people respond. (What are WE going to do about it ?)

Listen to this :-

Deuteronomy 8:2

You shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

You see, the testing in the wilderness was nothing to do with the Egyptians – it was all about God’s people knowing what was in their own hearts, to see how they would respond to Him when things became a little tough, a little unusual.

We are called to be the hands, feet, heart and voice of Jesus to the people of this world, and at the moment they are scared and confused. We need to love them into the truth, not scare them further.

And – the Word of God reminds us about the only thing that really matters :-

Galatians 5:6b (NIV)

The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

No matter what time or season it is on the prophetic time clock of human history;

No matter what time or season it is in your own personal life and destiny;

The only thing that matters is your faith expressing itself through your life, in love, towards those who need to know that there is a Saviour Who sees, knows, and cares about every details of their lives.

There comes a point in your life when you realise there are less days ahead than there are behind ... kind of makes you value every day that little bit more.

Safe to say that for humanity, there are definitely less days ahead than there are behind ... but the days to come are going to be glorious for believers ...

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People are starving, and only faith expressing itself through love saves their lives, and their souls...

When you're working in countries where Christians are persecuted for their faith, faith expressed through love wins trust from people of other faiths towards the people of Almighty God.

Out of genuine trust, fear will go, and people will then be won by God's love and they will embrace His saving message.

“Once More I Will Shake...”

Speaking about the times in which we are living, God said there would be a shaking of the Heavens and the Earth, as recorded in **Hebrews 12:26-29** :-

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“²⁶ whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.”

²⁷ Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

²⁹ For our God is a consuming fire.

God is shaking the nations that He desires to save. One manifestation of the shaking is apostasy, both a falling away from God and an open political rebellion against Him.

Yet while evil will increase, the Bible also says that Glory will increase and cover the Earth as the waters cover the sea (**Numbers 14:21, Isaiah 11:9, Habakkuk 2:14**).

The Tabernacle of David will be restored (**Amos 9:11-13; Acts 15:15-17**).

The latter and the former rain will fall together (**Joel 2:23-24**).

There is a connection between God's shaking, and revival and Kingdom restoration.

The passage from Hebrews quoted above is quoting from **Haggai 2:21**. Verse 22 goes on to say that God will overthrow the "Thrones of rulers" – in other words, thrones and principalities that hinder the end times move of God are being shaken out of the way. The shaking of those ungodly thrones opens the way for the advance of the unshakeable Kingdom of God.

Haggai 2:21-22 (Amp)

*²⁰ And again the word of the Lord came to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month (Dec 18, 520 B.C.), saying, ²¹ "Speak to Zerubbabel governor of Judah, saying, 'I am going to **shake** the heavens and the earth. ²² I will [in the distant future] **overthrow the thrones of kingdoms** and destroy the power of the kingdoms of the [ungodly] nations; and I will overthrow the chariots and those who ride in them, and the horses and their riders will go down, every one by the sword of his brother [annihilating one another].*

This explains what is shaking - "the thrones of kingdoms" that have been set up to exalt themselves against the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

God is both moving by His Spirit in glorious ways, and God is removing obstacles that stand in the way of His Kingdom purposes, as He shakes the end times world that we live in.

There is also an unprecedented re-alignment of individuals, ministries, and nations to Kingdom purposes that are currently taking place.

We are all being given a Divine opportunity to examine everything that we have become "accustomed" to doing, and to re-adjust our lives as necessary to ensure that we are aligned with God's end time purposes.

The challenge is not to be overwhelmed by the "bad news", "fake news", and "conspiracy news" and instead to keep our eyes firmly fixed upon the Author and Finisher of our faith.

As evil increases, so does the outpouring of His spirit. Jesus told us about both, so that we could be prepared, just as Nehemiah and his men worked rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem with their tools in one hand and a sword in the other.

Nehemiah 4:17-18

¹⁷ Those who built on the wall, and those who carried burdens, loaded themselves so that with one hand they worked at construction, and with the other held a weapon.

*18 Every one of the builders had his sword girded at his side as he built.
And the one who sounded the trumpet was beside me.*

There Remains a Rest

In the midst of the great shaking, there remains a rest for the people of God, and the inheritance and activation of a Kingdom that cannot be shaken.

God is using this pandemic to teach His people to trust Him implicitly, and to live in the midst of His Shalom regardless of circumstances. He is using us to declare to a hurting world that is desperately seeking answers, that the Creator God continues to sit upon His Throne, and that He is working right now in glorious ways in every nation of the world.

With large gatherings not permitted, it is amazing that God has almost enforced a season of rest for His people, and a season of seeking Him on a deeper personal level.

This is something that we saw in the Spirit and prophesied in December 2019 - the necessity at the beginning of the new decade to enter into the "*rest that remains for the people of God*" (**Hebrews 4:9-10**). We saw that this would be a vital key to the release of unprecedented levels of His Glory throughout the coming decade.

God is certainly working all things together for good in the midst of current global circumstances.

Many have just kept doing what they have always done, and simply moved it "online". There is a real danger if we do not submit to the "shaking" and the "rest" that we will miss what God is doing, now and in the coming season.

Isaiah 66:1-2 (AMP)

- Heaven Is God's Throne

*66 This is what the Lord says,
"Heaven is My throne and the earth is My
footstool.
Where, then, is a house that you could
build for Me?*

And where will My resting place be?

*² "For all these things My hand has made,
So all these things came into being
[by and for Me]," declares the Lord.*

*"But to this one I will look [graciously],
To him who is humble and contrite in
spirit,
and who [reverently] trembles at My word
and honors My commands.*

Isaiah 57:15 (AMP)

*For the high and exalted One -
He who inhabits eternity,
Whose name is Holy says this,
"I dwell on the high and holy place,
But also with the contrite and humble in
spirit
In order to revive the spirit of the humble
And to revive the heart of the contrite
[overcome with sorrow for sin].*

Unified, Intensified Prayer and Worship

Another thing that God is doing during this time is raising up globally connected prayer

networks who are coming together regularly to repent on behalf of the nations of the world.
God will honour this and He will pour out His Spirit as prophesied in the Book of Joel.

What an opportunity has been handed to us, to re-consecrate ourselves, our families, our communities, our cities, and our nations. Let us give all the Glory to Almighty God, and let us ensure that we maximise this time and use it as a catalyst to become a unified Body of Christ that is equipped to truly co-govern with the LORD during the End Times, through anointed, unified, Spirit-led intercession and worship.

There Must Be More

As well as those who do not know Him who are suddenly crying out to Him, there is also a cry going up all over the world from believers' hearts that says "LORD, there must be more!"

Many have fallen into a routine in their spiritual lives that falls well short of what God intended for them, and as a result they are not fulfilling their destinies and, not surprisingly, also feeling unfulfilled in their Christian lives.

I believe that a large part of the "more" will be released, individually and corporately, as, during this time, individuals, Ekklesias, and networks choose to engage on a deeper level with the LORD, until we reach a point where we are continually overflowing with His fullness, through daily, living, fresh encounters with Him.

God has given the entire world an opportunity to do just that. This time is about re-discovering our first love with "the One who is all and is in all" (**Colossians 3:11**) and watering the foundational roots of our faith through deepening intimacy with the Lover of our souls. Everything we need and everything we desire is found in Him.

Isaiah 12:2-3

2 Behold, God, my salvation! I will trust and not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and song; yes, He has become my salvation.

3 Therefore with joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.

John 7:37-38

37 Now on the final and most important day of the Feast, Jesus stood, and He cried in a loud voice, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink! 38 He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, from his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water."

Only when the internal wells are unstopped, and the rivers of living water are flowing, can we be activated into the fullness of our roles within the Kingdom of God.

Listen ! From the eye of the storm, the Lamb of God is speaking profoundly, one on one, to each and every one of His precious children. Press in until you receive your glorious treasure.

What an ideal time to re-align, re-adjust, and re-define our Godly priorities.

Keys for the Times in Which we Live

Isaiah 33:6 is a key verse for the current times.

Isaiah 33:6

*Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times,
And the strength of salvation;
The fear of the Lord is His treasure.*

In other words, the wisdom and knowledge of God, dispensed through His servants whom He has placed strategically in positions of influence during the end times, will provide great guidance and stability to an unstable world being buffeted by the schemes of the enemy.

The Gospel of the Kingdom

Matthew 24:14

And this Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

We need to understand what the Gospel of the Kingdom is; it is not simply the Gospel of salvation - it is the fullness of the Gospel; everything to do with transforming nations from grassroots to Government, according to Kingdom principles.

Matthew 24:45-47 - The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant

45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?"

46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.

The above verses speak of the great need during these days when evil is on the increase **for God's servants to be the ones "ruling over households"** and ensuring that there is "food in due season".

This is the Gospel of the Kingdom. This is reclaiming the 7 mountains – particularly during the last days. This is God's servants governing nations and bringing stability and peace in the midst of turbulent times, as per **Isaiah 33:6**.

The Church is going through labour pains now before the coming of the Lord.

Those labour pains are the travail of the LORD expressed through His people - intercession that is so deep it hurts; and intercession that will continue until the Ekklesia becomes (gives birth to) the Glorious Bride that Christ is returning for.

Isaiah 53:11

As a result of the anguish of His soul, He shall see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge [of what He has accomplished] the Righteous One, My Servant, shall justify the many [making them righteous - upright before God, in right standing with Him], For He shall bear [the responsibility for] their sins.

Galatians 4:19 (AMP)

My little children, for whom I am again in [the pains of] labor until Christ is [completely and permanently] formed within you ...

Romans 8:19-22, 26 (NKJV)

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

No One Knows the Day or Hour

Matthew 24:36 - No One Knows the Day or Hour

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only."

Regardless of what the world may look like - no-one knows the day and the hour - not even the angels - only God the Father.

The Gospel of The Kingdom is all about the transformation of our nations from grassroots to Government. There is much to do, particularly in the spiritual, governmental, and economic spheres so that God's heart's desire – to see every man, woman, and child born again - can be fulfilled. Jesus also said that He came to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour – Jubilee – socio-economic transformation according to Kingdom principles.

So let's proclaim Him and His Kingdom Gospel until He comes, and maximise the harvest through Kingdom influence in every sphere of society. Amen.

1 Timothy 2:3-4

3 This is good, and pleases God our Saviour,

4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Matthew 6:10

Your Kingdom come, your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Luke 4:18-19

¹⁸ *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”*

**Let us make the most of this season and allow the spotlight of the LORD
to examine us, examine our motivations and our ministries, and
"follow the Glory" across the river and into the land of the fullness
of His promises for us, for our families, for our communities,
for our Ekklesias, for our cities, for the emerging generations,
and for our nations.**

Amen !

(Exodus 13:21-22; Joshua 3 ff.)