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*Understanding God's Appointed
Times & Moments*

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In the Old Testament, the concept of “appointed time” is often associated with God’s divine timing and specific seasons for events, festivals, or prophetic fulfillments.

The Hebrew phrase often translated as “set time” typically refers to a specific appointed time or season determined by God. In Hebrew, the term can be represented by phrases like “מוֹעֵד” (mo’ed), which means “appointed time” or “feast,” and “עַתָּה” (et), meaning “time” or “season.” The concept of a “set time” emphasizes God’s sovereignty and the idea that certain events unfold according to His divine schedule.

Scriptures in the Old Testament Reflecting the Concept of “Set Time”

1. Genesis 18:14 (KJV)

- Verse: “Is any thing too hard for the Lord? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”
- Commentary: This verse highlights God’s promise to Abraham regarding the birth of Isaac. The phrase “at the time appointed” indicates that God has a predetermined schedule for fulfilling His promises.

2. Exodus 9:5 (KJV)

- Verse: “And the Lord appointed a set time, saying, Tomorrow the Lord shall do this thing in the land.”
- Commentary: God declares a specific time for the

next plague against Egypt, demonstrating His control over events and His ability to execute judgment at the right moment.

3. Leviticus 23:4 (KJV)

- Verse: “These are the feasts of the Lord, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.”
- Commentary: The “feasts of the Lord” are set times for worship and remembrance. Each feast has a specific timing, showing that God has ordained particular seasons for His people to gather and celebrate.

4. Psalm 102:13 (KJV)

- Verse: “Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favor her, yea, the set time, is come.”
- Commentary: This verse indicates that there is a “set time” for God’s favor to be shown to Zion (Jerusalem), emphasizing His timing in restoration and mercy.

5. Ecclesiastes 3:1 (KJV)

- Verse: “To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.”
- Commentary: This well-known verse speaks to the cyclical nature of time and the divine order of events, affirming that God has established specific times for various activities and purposes.

6. Daniel 2:21 (KJV)

- Verse: “And he changeth the times and the seasons:

he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding.”

- Commentary: This verse underscores God’s sovereignty over time and history, indicating that He determines the appointed times for rulers and events.

7. Habakkuk 2:3 (KJV)

- Verse: “For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.”

- Commentary: This verse highlights the assurance that God’s promises and visions will come to pass at the appointed time, encouraging patience and faith.

Hebrew Idiomatic Expressions Related to “Set Time”

- מועד (Mo’ed): Often used to refer to appointed times, particularly in the context of festivals and sacred gatherings.

- עת (Et): Refers to time in a broader sense and can denote specific moments or seasons that have significance in God’s plan.

Conclusion

The concept of “set time” in the Old Testament reflects God’s sovereignty and intentionality in the unfolding of events. These scriptures illustrate that God has

established specific times for His purposes, whether in the context of prophecy, worship, or divine intervention.

Scriptures on Appointed Time in the Old Testament

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3. Exodus 23:15 (KJV)

- “Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out of Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty.”

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- “These are the feasts of the Lord, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.”

5. Leviticus 23:37 (KJV)

- “These are the feasts of the Lord, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering

made by fire unto the Lord, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, everything upon his day.”

6. 1 Samuel 13:8 (KJV)

- “And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.”

7. 2 Samuel 24:25 (KJV)

- “And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.”

8. 1 Chronicles 12:32 (KJV)

- “And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.”

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The Hebrew word for “times” can vary depending on the context in which it is used. Here are a few common Hebrew words that are translated as “times,” along with their meanings and contexts:

1. עֵת (Et)

- Meaning: “Time” or “season.”
- Usage: This term is often used to denote a specific moment or period. It can refer to an appointed time, a season for certain events, or a significant moment in history.
- Example: Ecclesiastes 3:1 - “To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”

2. זֶמַן (Zeman)

- Meaning: “Time” or “period.”
- Usage: This word is used more generally to refer to a time or duration. It can describe a particular timeframe or period in which something occurs.
- Example: This term can be found in various contexts but is less frequently used in the biblical text compared to “עֵת.”

3. שָׁנָה (Shanah)

- Meaning: “Year” or “time.”
- Usage: While this word specifically means “year,” it can also be used in contexts referring to the passage of time over a year.
- Example: Genesis 6:3 - “And the Lord said, ‘My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.’”

4. יָמִים (Yamim)

- Meaning: “Days” or “times.”
- Usage: This term refers to “days” and can be used to denote a period of time that encompasses multiple days or a general reference to time.
- Example: Exodus 34:18 - “You shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month of Abib...”

5. עֹלָם (Olam)

- Meaning: “Eternity” or “age.”
- Usage: While this word often refers to eternity or an indefinite period, it can also be used in contexts discussing time in a broader sense.
- Example: Psalm 90:2 - “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and

the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.”

Job 23:14 in the Hebrew Bible reads:

Job 23:14 (KJV):“For he performeth the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with him.”

Hebrew Meaning

To understand the verse, let’s break down some key Hebrew words and concepts:

1.“For he performeth” (כִּי יַאֲשֶׁה - ki ya’aseh):

- כִּי (ki): This word is often translated as “for” or “because,” indicating a reason or explanation.
- יַאֲשֶׁה (ya’aseh): This verb comes from the root אָשַׁע (asah), which means “to do” or “to make.” In this context, it implies that God actively accomplishes or performs actions.

2.“the thing that is appointed for me” (הַדָּבָר - hadavar):

- הַדָּבָר (hadavar): This term means “the thing” or “the matter.” It refers to whatever God has decreed or determined for Job’s life.
- “that is appointed”: The idea of being “appointed” can be understood as something that has been set, ordained, or determined by God. It reflects God’s sovereignty over Job’s circumstances.

3. “and many such things are with him” (הֵלֶאֶךְ תּוֹבְרוֹ - u’rabbot ka’eleh immo):

- תּוֹבְרוֹ (u’rabbot): This means “and many” or “and numerous.”
- הֵלֶאֶךְ (ka’eleh): This phrase translates to “like these” or “such things.”
- וּמֵעַ (immo): This means “with him,” referring to God.

Overall Meaning

In essence, Job 23:14 expresses Job’s firm belief that God is actively engaged in his life, fulfilling the specific plans and purposes that He has ordained for him. Job acknowledges that even though he is suffering and feels distant from God, he trusts that God is still in control and will accomplish what He has set out to do in Job’s life.

This verse emphasizes several key themes:

- Divine Sovereignty: God has a plan for each individual, and He is capable of executing that plan.
- Trust in God’s Purpose: Despite Job’s suffering, he maintains faith that God’s purposes will prevail.
- God’s Awareness: Job recognizes that God knows all the intricate details of his life and has many plans in store.

The Coin Called Time

(Verse 1) (C7) Woke up this mornin', sun was shinin' bright, (F7) But my heart was heavy, felt like a long, dark night. (C7) I've been tossin' and turnin', tryin' to find my way, (G7) But the coin called time, it just won't let me stay.

(Chorus) (C7) Oh, the coin called time, it slips right through my hands, (F7) Like grains of sand, it don't care for my plans. (C7) I'm searchin' for a moment, to ease my troubled mind, (G7) But every tickin' second, it feels like I'm blind.

(Verse 2) (C7) I've seen the highs and lows, danced with joy and pain, (F7) Every love I lost, every drop of rain. (C7) I keep on rollin', like a train on a track, (G7) But the coin called time, it don't ever look back.

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(Bridge) (A7) I'm just a weary traveler, in this game of life, (D7) Lookin' for a reason, through the struggle and strife. (A7) But every step I take, it leads me to the line, (E7) Where the past and the future, they

intertwine.

(Verse 3) (C7) So I'll sing my blues, and let the music flow, (F7) Each note a reminder, of the places I won't go. (C7) I'll cherish every heartbeat, every breath I find, (G7) 'Cause in the end, it's just the coin called time.

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(Outro) (C7) So I'll keep on movin', with my head held high, (F7) For the coin called time, it won't make me cry. (C7) I'll embrace the journey, let the music chime, (G7) And dance with the shadows of the coin called time.

Let's integrate Job 14:1 into the sermon to enhance the message about the nature of life, the challenges we face, and the divine timing of God. Here's how it could fit into the existing structure:

The Coin Called Time: *Appointments with Destiny*

Introduction:

Beloved, as we gather today, let us delve deeper into

the profound metaphor of the coin called time. This coin, like a precious jewel, has two sides: one reflects our earthly moments, while the other reveals the divine appointments set by our Heavenly Father. Just as a coin can be flipped, so too can our circumstances change in an instant. Today, we will explore how God orchestrates our lives, leading us to our appointed time—our divine appointment with destiny. When that moment arrives, nothing can change it, for it is ordained by God Himself.

I. The Nature of Appointments with Destiny

1. Divine Appointments:

- Every life is a tapestry woven with threads of divine purpose. Just as a master artist knows when to apply each stroke of paint, God knows when to manifest His promises in our lives.
- Ecclesiastes 3:11 - “He has made everything beautiful in its time.” Each moment holds potential; we must trust that God is at work, crafting our destinies.

2. The Reality of Life’s Fragility:

- Job 14:1 reminds us, “Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble.” This verse encapsulates the human experience, highlighting the brevity and challenges of life. Yet, even in our struggles, we can find hope in God’s perfect timing. Our trials are not without purpose; they are part of the divine plan that

leads us to our appointed time.

3. The Parable of the Farmer:

- Consider the farmer who plants seeds in the spring. He waters and nurtures them, but he cannot rush the harvest. He understands that there is a time for planting and a time for reaping. In the same way, God has planted seeds of promise in our lives, and at the appointed time, He will bring forth a bountiful harvest.

4. The Fable of the Tortoise and the Hare:

- In the fable of the tortoise and the hare, the swift hare boasts of his speed and falls asleep during the race, while the slow and steady tortoise keeps moving forward. The tortoise wins because he remains focused and perseveres. This story illustrates that while we may feel like we are moving slowly in our journey, God's timing is perfect. He ensures that we reach our destination at the right moment, regardless of how fast others seem to be progressing.

5. The Story of the Clockmaker:

- Imagine a skilled clockmaker who meticulously assembles the intricate gears of a clock. Each gear represents a moment in our lives, and though we may not see the entire mechanism at once, the clockmaker knows precisely when each piece will fit together. In the same way, God is the master clockmaker of our lives, ensuring that every moment aligns perfectly for

His divine purpose.

6. The Poetic Reflection:

- Time is a river, flowing ever onward,
With bends and curves, it takes its course.
In its depths, we find our dreams,
As we navigate, we trust the Source.
- Each moment a drop, each hour a wave,
Leading us closer to the shores of grace.
In the hands of the Father, the clock ticks true,
For in His timing, we find our place.

II. The Appointed Time: A Shift in the Seasons

1. The Life of Job:

- In Job 42, we witness a remarkable transformation. After enduring unimaginable trials, Job's appointed time arrives:
- Job 42:10 - "And the Lord restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before."
- Here, we see the coin of time flip in Job's favor. When the appointed time came, he emerged from his trials not only restored but blessed beyond measure. This is a testament to the faithfulness of God.

2. The Fable of the Phoenix:

- There is a fable of the phoenix, a magnificent bird that rises from its ashes. After a period of destruction and

despair, it is reborn, more vibrant and powerful than ever. Similarly, when our appointed time arrives, we too can rise from our trials, transformed and renewed, reflecting the glory of God.

3. The Story of Lazarus:

- In John 11, we read about the death of Lazarus. Jesus receives word that His friend is ill, yet He delays His visit. When He finally arrives, Lazarus has been dead for four days. The sisters, Mary and Martha, are distraught, believing that if Jesus had come sooner, their brother would still be alive. However, Jesus declares, “This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God” (John 11:4). At the appointed time, Jesus calls Lazarus from the grave, demonstrating that God’s timing, though seemingly delayed, serves a greater purpose.

4. The Parable of the Seasons:

- Consider the changing of the seasons. Winter may seem bleak and lifeless, but it is a necessary preparation for the vibrant blooms of spring. Just as nature has its cycles, so do our lives. Each season serves a purpose, and when the time is right, we will see the beauty that God has been cultivating in us.

5. The Story of Joseph:

- Joseph’s journey is a powerful testament to God’s perfect timing. Sold into slavery by his brothers,

wrongfully imprisoned, and forgotten, Joseph remained faithful. At the appointed time, he was elevated to second-in-command in Egypt, ultimately saving his family during a famine. His trials were not in vain; they were part of God's divine plan.

- Genesis 50:20 - "But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive."

III. The Prophetic Clock and Divine Timing

1. God's Sovereign Control:

- Isaiah 46:10 - "Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done."
- God stands outside of time, orchestrating every detail of our lives. He knows the beginning from the end, and His plans cannot be thwarted by any force, including the enemy.

2. The Metaphor of the Clock:

- Imagine a clock with hands moving steadily forward. Each tick represents a moment in time, but the hour hand moves at its own pace, reflecting God's perfect timing. Just as we cannot rush the hour hand, we cannot rush God's plans. He knows when to strike the hour of fulfillment.

3. The Fable of the Broken Clock:

- There is a fable about a broken clock that stops

working. It is often ridiculed for being useless, yet twice a day, it tells the correct time. This story illustrates that even when we feel like we are stuck or not moving forward, God's timing is still at work. He is never early or late; He is always on time, and even in our stillness, He is preparing us for what is to come.

4. The Story of the Watchmaker:

- A watchmaker once crafted a beautiful watch with intricate designs. However, the watch would often stop, frustrating its owner. The watchmaker patiently explained that sometimes the watch needed to be wound up to keep running. In our lives, we may feel like we've stopped, but God is winding us up, preparing us for the next phase of our journey. His timing is perfect, and He knows when to set us in motion.

5. The Poetic Reflection:

- In the tapestry of time, we find our place,
Woven with threads of His perfect grace.
Each moment a stitch, each hour a seam,
In the hands of the Master, we live the dream.
- For He is never early, nor late in His ways,
He guides us through nights and into bright days.
Trust in His timing, for it's always divine,
In the coin called time, His purpose will shine.

IV. The Transformative Power of the Appointed Time

1. The Story of Esther:

- In the book of Esther, we see how God positions Esther for such a time as this (Esther 4:14). Her appointed time comes when she courageously approaches the king to save her people. When destiny calls, nothing can stand in the way of God's plan.
- Esther 4:16 - "If I perish, I perish." Esther's faith in her appointed time exemplifies how we, too, must step into our destiny when God calls.

2. The Parable of the Lost Sheep:

- Jesus spoke of a shepherd who leaves ninety-nine sheep to find one lost sheep (Luke 15:4-7). This parable illustrates God's relentless pursuit of us. When the appointed time comes, He will seek us out, ensuring that we fulfill our divine purpose.

3. The Story of Ruth:

- In the book of Ruth, we see a woman who, through her loyalty and faithfulness, finds herself in the lineage of King David and ultimately Jesus Christ. Ruth's appointed time comes when she meets Boaz, her kinsman-redeemer. Her story is a reminder that God can bring about His plans through our obedience and faith, even in the most challenging circumstances.

4. The Fable of the Two Wolves:

- There is a Native American fable about a grandfather who tells his grandson that there are two wolves

fighting inside each person: one represents fear, anger, and despair, while the other symbolizes love, hope, and faith. The grandson asks which wolf wins, and the grandfather replies, “The one you feed.” In our journey toward our appointed time, we must choose to feed the wolf of faith and hope, trusting that God is leading us to our destiny.

5. The Story of the Prodigal Son:

- In the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32), we see a young man who squanders his inheritance but eventually returns home, repentant and broken. The father, waiting with open arms, embraces him and restores him to his rightful place. This story illustrates that no matter how far we stray, God’s timing for our return is always perfect. His love and grace are ready to welcome us back at the appointed time.

V. The Coin of Time and Our Response

1. Embracing the Process:

- Just as gold is refined in fire, our faith is tested through trials. 1 Peter 1:7 tells us that the genuineness of our faith is tested by fire, resulting in praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- We must embrace the process, knowing that each moment is preparing us for our appointed time.

2. The Call to Action:

- Philippians 3:14 - “I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”
- We are called to press forward, to pursue our destiny with faith and determination. When the appointed time arrives, we must be ready to step into the blessings God has prepared for us.

3. The Fable of the Ant and the Grasshopper:

- In this fable, the diligent ant prepares for winter while the carefree grasshopper plays. When winter arrives, the grasshopper finds himself unprepared and must rely on the ant’s generosity. This story serves as a reminder that preparation is key. As we await our appointed time, we must remain diligent and faithful, ready to receive what God has in store for us.

4. The Story of the Sower:

- In the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:3-9), a sower scatters seeds on different types of soil. The seeds that fall on good soil yield a bountiful harvest. Similarly, we must cultivate our hearts and lives to be receptive to God’s word, ensuring that when the appointed time comes, we are ready to bear fruit.

5. The Poetic Reflection:

- In the garden of life, we plant our seeds,
With faith and patience, we tend to our needs.
For every season has its time to grow,
In the soil of His love, our blessings will flow.

- So let us prepare, let us ready our hearts,
For in His perfect timing, He'll play His part.
The coin called time will reveal our fate,
As we walk in His ways, we shall not be late.

Conclusion:

Beloved, the coin called time is a precious gift from God, filled with divine appointments and the fulfillment of His covenants. Just as He transformed Job's life, restored Esther's people, and brought forth the lost sheep, He is at work in our lives, preparing us for our appointed time.

When that moment arrives, nothing can change it. The trials we face today are merely stepping stones to our destiny. Let us hold fast to our faith, trusting that God is faithful to His word and His promises.

As we wait upon the Lord, let us remember that every moment is significant in His grand design. Let us pray for the grace to recognize and embrace the appointed times in our lives, knowing that God is always at work, ensuring that His promises come to fruition.

May we find comfort in knowing that in the coin called time, God's perfect plan unfolds, and at the appointed time, we will step into the fullness of our destiny. Amen.

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1. Ecclesiastes 3:1 - “To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”

- God has ordained specific seasons for every purpose. Just as a farmer waits for the harvest time, we too must be patient and trust in God’s timing.

2. Galatians 4:4 - “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law.”

- This verse illustrates how God meticulously planned the coming of Jesus. He stepped out of eternity into time at the precise moment needed for our redemption.

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III. Examples of God’s Timing in Prophecy

1. The Birth of Jesus - As we have seen in Galatians 4:4, Jesus came at the perfect time, fulfilling the prophecies of old. His birth was not a coincidence; it was a divine appointment.

2. The Exodus - In Exodus 12:41, we see that after 430 years, God delivered His people from bondage. The

appointed time for their deliverance had come, and God moved mightily.

3. The Restoration of Israel - In Ezekiel 37, God promised to restore His people. The dry bones came to life at the appointed time, demonstrating His power over time and circumstances.

IV. The Importance of Our Response to God's Timing

1. Psalm 27:14 - "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord!"

- We must learn to wait on God's timing, trusting that He knows what is best for us.

2. Romans 8:28 - "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

- Every moment, every season, every tick of the clock is working together for our good as we align ourselves with His purpose.

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III. The Example of Joseph: A Prophetic Fulfillment

1. The Prophetic Dream - In Genesis 37:5-11, we see God giving Joseph dreams that foretold his future prominence. Yet, the journey to that destiny was fraught with trials, including betrayal, slavery, and imprisonment.

2. The Appointed Time of Deliverance - In Genesis 41:14, we find that when Pharaoh had dreams that troubled him, it was the perfect moment for God to remember Joseph. The prophetic clock struck, and in an instant, Joseph was brought out of prison:

- Genesis 41:14 - “Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon; and he shaved, changed his clothing, and came to Pharaoh.”
- In seconds, God turned Joseph’s situation around. No prison bars, no past betrayals, and no human authority could stop the divine appointment that God had set for Joseph.

3. The Fulfillment of Prophecy - Joseph’s elevation to second-in-command in Egypt (Genesis 41:46) was not just a personal victory; it was the fulfillment of God’s promise. Jehovah remembered His word, and at the appointed time, He brought it to pass.

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2. The Conquest of Jericho:

- Joshua 6:1-5 - God gives Joshua specific instructions for the conquest of Jericho. The walls of Jericho fall at the precise moment when the Israelites obey God’s command.
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- No fortified walls, no enemy soldiers, and no demonic forces could prevent God from fulfilling His promise at the appointed time.

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- Here, we see the coin of time flip in Job's favor. When the appointed time came, he emerged from his trials not only restored but blessed beyond measure. This is a testament to the faithfulness of God.

2. The Fable of the Phoenix:

- There is a fable of the phoenix, a magnificent bird that rises from its ashes. After a period of destruction and despair, it is reborn, more vibrant and powerful than ever. Similarly, when our appointed time arrives, we too can rise from our trials, transformed and renewed, reflecting the glory of God.

3. The Story of Lazarus:

- In John 11, we read about the death of Lazarus. Jesus receives word that His friend is ill, yet He delays His visit. When He finally arrives, Lazarus has been dead for four days. The sisters, Mary and Martha, are distraught, believing that if Jesus had come sooner, their brother would still be alive. However, Jesus declares, “This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God” (John 11:4). At the appointed time, Jesus calls Lazarus from the grave, demonstrating that God’s timing, though seemingly delayed, serves a greater purpose.

4. The Parable of the Seasons:

- Consider the changing of the seasons. Winter may seem bleak and lifeless, but it is a necessary preparation for the vibrant blooms of spring. Just as nature has its cycles, so do our lives. Each season serves a purpose, and when the time is right, we will see the beauty that God has been cultivating in us.

III. The Prophetic Clock and Divine Timing

1. God's Sovereign Control:

- Isaiah 46:10 - "Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done."
- God stands outside of time, orchestrating every detail of our lives. He knows the beginning from the end, and His plans cannot be thwarted by any force, including the enemy.

2. The Metaphor of the Clock:

- Imagine a clock with hands moving steadily forward. Each tick represents a moment in time, but the hour hand moves at its own pace, reflecting God's perfect timing. Just as we cannot rush the hour hand, we cannot rush God's plans. He knows when to strike the hour of fulfillment.

3. The Fable of the Broken Clock:

- There is a fable about a broken clock that stops working. It is often ridiculed for being useless, yet twice a day, it tells the correct time. This story illustrates that even when we feel like we are stuck or not moving forward, God's timing is still at work. He is never early or late; He is always on time, and even in our stillness, He is preparing us for what is to come.

4. The Story of the Watchmaker:

- A watchmaker once crafted a beautiful watch with intricate designs. However, the watch would often

stop, frustrating its owner. The watchmaker patiently explained that sometimes the watch needed to be wound up to keep running. In our lives, we may feel like we've stopped, but God is winding us up, preparing us for the next phase of our journey. His timing is perfect, and He knows when to set us in motion.

IV. The Transformative Power of the Appointed Time

1. The Story of Esther:

- In the book of Esther, we see how God positions Esther for such a time as this (Esther 4:14). Her appointed time comes when she courageously approaches the king to save her people. When destiny calls, nothing can stand in the way of God's plan.
- Esther 4:16 - "If I perish, I perish." Esther's faith in her appointed time exemplifies how we, too, must step into our destiny when God calls.

2. The Parable of the Lost Sheep:

- Jesus spoke of a shepherd who leaves ninety-nine sheep to find one lost sheep (Luke 15:4-7). This parable illustrates God's relentless pursuit of us. When the appointed time comes, He will seek us out, ensuring that we fulfill our divine purpose.

3. The Story of Ruth:

- In the book of Ruth, we see a woman who, through her loyalty and faithfulness, finds herself in the lineage

of King David and ultimately Jesus Christ. Ruth's appointed time comes when she meets Boaz, her kinsman-redeemer. Her story is a reminder that God can bring about His plans through our obedience and faith, even in the most challenging circumstances.

4. The Fable of the Two Wolves:

- There is a Native American fable about a grandfather who tells his grandson that there are two wolves fighting inside each person: one represents fear, anger, and despair, while the other symbolizes love, hope, and faith. The grandson asks which wolf wins, and the grandfather replies, "The one you feed." In our journey toward our appointed time, we must choose to feed the wolf of faith and hope, trusting that God is leading us to our destiny.

V. The Coin of Time and Our Response

1. Embracing the Process:

- Just as gold is refined in fire, our faith is tested through trials. 1 Peter 1:7 tells us that the genuineness of our faith is tested by fire, resulting in praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- We must embrace the process, knowing that each moment is preparing us for our appointed time.

2. The Call to Action:

- Philippians 3:14 - "I press toward the goal for the

prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

- We are called to press forward, to pursue our destiny with faith and determination. When the appointed time arrives, we must be ready to step into the blessings God has prepared for us.

3. The Fable of the Ant and the Grasshopper:

- In this fable, the diligent ant prepares for winter while the carefree grasshopper plays. When winter arrives, the grasshopper finds himself unprepared and must rely on the ant’s generosity. This story serves as a reminder that preparation is key. As we await our appointed time, we must remain diligent and faithful, ready to receive what God has in store for us.

4. The Story of the Sower:

- In the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:3-9), a sower scatters seeds on different types of soil. The seeds that fall on good soil yield a bountiful harvest. Similarly, we must cultivate our hearts and lives to be receptive to God’s word, ensuring that when the appointed time comes, we are ready to bear fruit.

Conclusion:

Beloved, the coin called time is a precious gift from God, filled with divine appointments and the fulfillment of His covenants. Just as He transformed Job’s life, restored Esther’s people, and brought forth the lost sheep, He is at work in our lives, preparing us for our

appointed time.

When that moment arrives, nothing can change it. The trials we face today are merely stepping stones to our destiny. Let us hold fast to our faith, trusting that God is faithful to His word and His promises.

1. Daniel

- Story: Daniel was taken captive to Babylon and faced immense pressure to conform to the king's orders, including worshiping idols. Despite the threat of being thrown into the lion's den, Daniel remained steadfast in his faith, continuing to pray to God three times a day. His unwavering commitment to God's laws led to miraculous deliverance when God shut the mouths of the lions.
- Lesson: Stand firm in your beliefs, even when faced with persecution or danger.

2. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

- Story: These three Hebrew men refused to bow down to King Nebuchadnezzar's golden statue, declaring that they would not serve his gods. They were thrown into a fiery furnace, but God protected them, and they emerged unharmed, leading to the king praising their God.
- Lesson: True faith means standing up for what is right, regardless of the consequences.

3. Peter and John

- Story: After the resurrection of Jesus, Peter and John were arrested for preaching the gospel. When ordered to stop speaking in Jesus' name, they boldly declared, "We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." They chose to obey God rather than men, demonstrating their commitment to the truth.
- Lesson: When your convictions are challenged, prioritize obedience to God.

4. Joshua

- Story: As a leader of the Israelites, Joshua boldly declared, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). He stood firm in leading the people to follow God's commandments, encouraging them to reject the false gods of the surrounding nations.
- Lesson: Leadership involves making a stand for truth and encouraging others to do the same.

5. Nehemiah

- Story: Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the wall despite opposition from surrounding enemies. He faced ridicule, threats, and attempts to distract him from his mission. Nevertheless, he remained focused and completed the wall, demonstrating determination and faithfulness to God's calling.

- Lesson: Stay focused on your mission, even when faced with distractions and opposition.

6. Paul

- Story: The Apostle Paul endured numerous hardships for the sake of the gospel, including imprisonment, beatings, and shipwreck. He boldly proclaimed the truth of Jesus Christ, stating, “I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation” (Romans 1:16).
- Lesson: True conviction often requires enduring hardships for the sake of the truth.

7. Job

- Story: Job faced immense suffering and loss, yet he refused to curse God or abandon his faith. He declared, “Though He slay me, yet will I hope in Him” (Job 13:15). His unwavering trust in God’s goodness despite his trials serves as a powerful testament to resilience.
- Lesson: Faith can withstand even the most difficult circumstances.

8. Moses

- Story: Moses stood up to Pharaoh, demanding the release of the Israelites from slavery. Despite facing great opposition, he remained steadfast, trusting

in God's promise to deliver His people. He led them through the Red Sea and into the wilderness, guiding them to the Promised Land.

- Lesson: Leadership and faith often require confronting powerful situations.

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