

A Time as This

Who Am I Series (WAI-05)

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Time

- A dimension created by God
- Genesis 1:14-18
- God lives outside of the dimension of time
- Isaiah 46:10 (NLT2) Only I can tell you the future before it even happens... (NASB – Declaring the end from the beginning)
- Galatians 4:4 (NLT2) But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.

A Time as this – A season

- 1 Chronicles 12:32 - All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take.
- 2 Timothy 3:1- Difficult times in the last days
 - Love only themselves
 - Scoff at God
 - Consider nothing sacred
 - No self control
 - Hate what is good
 - Love pleasure rather than God
 - Oppose truth
 - Depraved minds
 - Someday everyone will recognize what fools they are
- We are here in this time
- Ephesians 2:10 (NLT2) For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.
- We are here for such a time as this – for this season in history
- Who am I? – God's Masterpiece
- When am I? – Now, in these last days
- What am I here for? – to do the things he planned for me long ago

Esther – for such a time as this

Take aways from Esther

- God's not waiting for you to be perfected before using you
 - If not you, God is still faithful to his people
 - 2 Timothy 2:11-13
 - Then why bother?
 - You and your relatives will die
 - Jeremiah 29:7
 - The welfare of those around you will determine your welfare
- Not perfect, but in process
 - 2 Timothy 2:20-21
- God will not abandon his promises to his people
- He works among the mess of humanity
- Even though there are very difficult times in the last days (2 Timothy 3:1), God will use us in the midst of evil humanity
- Proverbs 16:9 (NLT2) We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps.
- Colossians 1:9 (NLT2) So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Personal Conclusions

- I am created for the works the Lord has given me to do
- He has a will for me
- I can know his will for me
- I make plans, but God directs my steps
- He knew the time I would live in
- He created me for this time and for his purposes to be fulfilled in me
- He equips me to do what he has given me to do
- I will purpose to see God glorified in all my works
- I will not be afraid to engage with the darkness of the world to be a light for God to expel the darkness

How are you engaging with the world?