

Such A Time As This...

Through the Years

God measures time not merely as a tick of the clock, but as a tool of divine revelation, testing, transformation, and redemption. From the Old to the New Testaments, finite time periods frame God's actions and sovereign purpose.

God does not exist inside of time, yet He steps into human history and present to transform us. This series explores how physical periods of biblical time reveal the heart of God, point directly to Jesus, and teach us how to walk faithfully today.

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12

Major shifts and transformation are seen as years pass. Skin wrinkles, backs ache, hair grays, and filters fail. Through the year, and through it all, we yearn for the truth, to experience peace in the present, and to have hope for the future.

430 Years = Egypt

40 The time that the people of Israel lived in Egypt was 430 years. 41 At the end of 430 years, on that very day, all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:40-41

Stop putting your life on hold while waiting for a long season to end (a difficult job, being single, or a chronic health issue). Build your life, plant seeds of faithfulness, and invest in the kingdom right where God has planted you today.

40 Years = Wilderness

34 According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, a year for each day, you shall bear your iniquity forty years, and you shall know my displeasure.' Numbers 14:34

No matter how many years a habit, family curse, or spiritual separation has gripped you, Jesus breaks long-term strongholds. An extended season or duration is no match for His divine authority.

70 Years = Exile

10 "For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. 11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. 13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I

have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile. Jeremiah 29:10-14

Extended waiting periods across decades do not mean God has forgotten His promises or lost control. God's clock is never fast, never slow, but is always right on time.

In Due Time = Salvation

9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

Allow God to use “seasons of wilderness” to build your faith and trust in Him. The wilderness was never meant to destroy you...it is designed to empower you for what comes next.

Whoever can be trusted with little can also be trusted with much!

The Second Mile: *Going Beyond Sunday*

Let's dig deeper together to see how God is calling and equipping each of us to reach the lost.

Monday – Reflecting on your past, can you identify a long season of waiting where you can now see God's exact, perfect timing in hindsight? What did He do? Do you still show Him gratitude?

Tuesday – What long-term habit, mindset, or family pattern do you need to surrender to Jesus? Do you believe He can break generations of “separation” today?

Wednesday – Jeremiah told the exiles in Babylon to “plant gardens and build houses.” How can you invest deeply in the season you are currently in, even if it's uncomfortable and difficult?

Thursday – Where are you most tempted to look for a quick fix or shortcut instead of patiently trusting God's long-term refinement? Why/how is God's timing sometimes the hardest part?

Friday – Who in your life is growing weary in a long season of waiting, and how can you encourage them with God's promise that we will reap in due time?