

Times And Seasons 4082

I. The Bible Has Much To Say About Times And Seasons

- A. 1 Thess. 5:1–6—We are expected to recognize times and seasons
- B. Matt. 16:1–3—Likewise, “the signs of the times.” Therefore, we are all responsible to understand times and seasons
- C. Ecclesiastes 3:1–8—Fourteen pairs of opposites, offering practical wisdom for every area of life—but we must know the proper time for each
 - 1. How are we to know *what* to do *when*?
 - 2. Revelation speaks of time as a “mystery” (Rev. 10:5–7)
 - 3. Who holds the key? Only the Holy Spirit.
- D. Zechariah 4
 - 1. Candlestick = Church
 - 2. Olive oil = Holy Spirit
Function of Church: to light—but not possible without the oil of the Holy Spirit
 - 3. Olive trees = Prophets (compare Rev. 11:3–10)
 - a. The prophetic ministry supplies the church with continual fresh oil—an up-to-date understanding of God’s purposes
 - b. Too often, the Church is living on stale oil. There are no “success formulas.”
- E. Haggai 1
 - 1. Three main ministries involved in process of *restoration*
 - a. The governor = Oversight and authority
 - b. The priests = Intercession
 - c. The prophets = Channels of “fresh oil”
 - 2. The prophets showed the others the *right time* for building
- F. 2 Chron. 20:1–30
 - 1. Judah threatened by invading army. After prayer and fasting, God gave *prophetic revelation: Specific plan of action*
 - 2. This brought *deliverance* and *victory*
 - 3. *Key verse*: 2 Chron. 20:20
- G. Ephesians 2:14–15; 4:11–16
 - 1. God’s purpose: to produce *one new man*
 - 2. God’s first provision: *the right man*
 - 3. When this *corporate new man* appears on earth, he will reproduce the ministry of Jesus Himself
- H. 3 John 2
 - 1. God’s highest will is for our *good* in every area of our personality.
 - a. This applies not only to individual believers, but also to the *corporate new man*.
 - b. This will produce a manifestation of God’s goodness never hitherto demonstrated.
 - 2. Some suggested results:
 - a. Healing of many sick not previously healed

- b.** New level of general prosperity
 - c.** Release of creative ability
- 3.** Filled with “fresh oil,” the Church will show forth the dazzling light of Jesus

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