

Appointed Times - July 14, 2021

7 -# of completeness and perfection; 3 - # of complete & good & harmony

Isaiah 60:22 – “The smallest family will become a thousand people, and the tiniest group will become a mighty nation. At the right time, I, the LORD, will make it happen.” – New Living Tr.

- God’s in the **transformation business**. Small to mighty. Ugly – beauty.
- Qualifies - unqualified; the poor - Rich in ways that matter most.
- Takes past mistakes – uses them to perfect us. Mends broken hearts...

“When the time is right, I will do this swiftly.” – Int’l Std Ver.

- God has **“Appointed Times.”** There is an appointed time for everything; that includes God's blessings for us.

Eccl. 3 - There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: 2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, 3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, 6 a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, 7 a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, 8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. . . .

11 He has made everything beautiful **in its time.**”

God is a planner: Creation . . . you . . . and what you will do.

- **Isa. 25:1** – “Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, *things planned long ago.*”
- **Jer. 1:5** – “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”
- **Jer. 29:11** – “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

God's plans happen.

- **Prov. 19:21** – “You can make many plans, but the Lord’s purpose will prevail.”
- **Psalms 33:11** – “the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.”
 - What God plans won’t be derailed, incomplete, or stopped. . .
- **Phil. 1:6** – “that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Wait on God’s timing . . . it will be perfect & good.

7 days of creation – it was **good**. What’s coming is good.

There is preparation time for everything... baby=9 mo.

We’ll **experience problems** if we don’t wait on God and act selfishly.

Remember Abraham & Sarah ... they didn’t wait. Hagar & Ishmael. Isaac.
Arab/Muslim vs Jews. Ex.: shortage of gas, toilet paper.

God’s an “on time” God . . . Qs; We put Periods - God makes them !

... Mary & Martha doubted God’s timing. 4 days late ... but right on time!!

Jesus rose again – 3 days later. Perfect. !

Healing after death grew faith... more power than they imagined.

There’s Power for your life. There’s Healing coming.

... **In a moment**, God made a highway from the Red Sea.

Wait & wait... then **suddenly**... angels appear. Everything changes.

In God’s time we are lifted up, promoted, blessed.

- **James 4:10** – “Humble yourselves before the Lord, & He will lift you up.”
- **** 1 Peter 5:6** – “Humble yourselves... under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.”
- - let God work; prepare you; prepare a place for you. Perfect you.
 - o In His time, we receive grace, healing, and direction.
- Knowing God has an Appointed time . . . will keep you in peace. Allow God to work in His time; don’t take bull by the horns; life in your hands.

SONG of the WEEK - “He’s an On Time God” (The Talley Trio)