

## God and Time

**God is not bound by time like you and me.** While you and I live in an existence that is started and ended by a measurement of time (at least this physical existence is), God's existence is not measured the same way. Humanity has a time to be born and a time to die. "To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 NKJV).

**God is eternal in each direction (past and future).** "Blessed be the LORD God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen" (Psalm 41:13). Were you to ask, "When was God born?" you would ask an illogical question because God was never born (excluding the birth of Jesus). He simply **was** and **is**. There was never a time God **was not**, and there will never be a time when God **is not**. So, Jesus said, "'I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,' says the Lord, 'who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty'" (Revelation 1:8).

**God judges outside of time.** The Psalmist writer wanted God to remember that he, the Psalmist, is not eternal like Jehovah. He desired God to remember that He judges the sinfulness and imperfection of those who are frail and human. "I said, 'O my God, Do not take me away in the midst of my days; Your years are throughout all generations. Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands'" (Psalm 102:24-25).

**God factors in time.** "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law" (Galatians 4:4). When God designed the plan of redemption for man, He factored in time, humanity and the relationship between the two so that the Messiah arrived at the exact right time and at no other time. If the Messiah came too early in time, something about salvation might not have happened properly. If the Messiah arrived too late, then the same failure through a different problem might have resulted. What were these problems? We have no way to know except through revelation, but we know from revelation that there was a correct time.

**God's faithful to time.** "And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had spoken. For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him" (Genesis 21:1-2). God made a promise to Abraham and Sarah and promised them that they would have a child within one year. Precisely what God promised came to pass on the time line God said it would.

Time is filled with swift transition, but one thing is always true. We humans have a finite amount of time during which we can obey God. "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). May you be prepared for your time on this earth to run out. "Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (James 4:14).

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