

A background image of Earth from space, showing the blue and white atmosphere and the dark surface with city lights. A bright sun is visible in the upper right corner, creating a lens flare effect.

A TIME FOR...

“Making Right Decisions”

Ecclesiastes 3

1 To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven:

2 A time to be born,
And a time to die;
A time to plant,
And a time to pluck what is planted;

3 A time to kill,
And a time to heal;
A time to break down,
And a time to build up;

4 A time to weep,
And a time to laugh;
A time to mourn,
And a time to dance;

5 A time to cast away stones,
And a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace,
And a time to refrain from
embracing;

6 A time to gain,
And a time to lose;
A time to keep,
And a time to throw away;

7 A time to tear,
And a time to sew;
A time to keep silence,
And a time to speak;

8 A time to love,
And a time to hate;
A time of war,
And a time of peace.

How does God make decisions?

Psalm 115:3 But our God *is* in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.

135:6 Whatever the Lord pleases He does, In heaven and in earth, In the seas and in all deep places.

God chooses from within Himself, He makes His choices and decisions out of His person, He decides from within His character.

Deut 32:4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He.

The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples.
Deuteronomy 7:7

Know, then, it is not because of your righteousness that the Lord your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stubborn people
Deuteronomy 9:6.

‘Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. ²³ So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. ²⁴ And Enoch walked with God; and he *was* not, for God took him’

Genesis 5:22b-24

Numbers 30:1 to 36:13

c30 The laws of vows and oaths.

c31 Israel's war with Midian.

c32 The tribes of Reuben and Gad ask for the lands east of the Jordan as their portion

c33 - The 42 journeys and encampments of Israel, from the Exodus to the plains of Moab across the river from the land of Canaan.

c34 - The boundaries of the Promised Land.

c35 The Levites cities and the cities of refuge are designated.

c36 The daughters of Zelophehad marry within their own tribe of Manasseh, so that the estate which they inherit from their father should not pass to the province of another tribe.

Vows, Oaths, Materialism, selfishness, endurance, Land rights, structures of communities, Legal disputes, inheritance, marriage, negotiation, identification, community and destiny.

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3-4

“When You said, “Seek My face,”
My heart said to You,
“Your face, LORD, I will seek.”

Psalm 27:8

‘A man should not have any intent
when serving God, other than to do the
will of God’

Chovot HaLevavot

Duties of the heart (11th Century)

“The difference between an admirer and a follower still remains, no matter where you are. The admirer never makes any true sacrifices. He always plays it safe. Though in words, phrases, songs, he is inexhaustible about how highly he prizes Christ, he renounces nothing, gives up nothing, will not reconstruct his life, will not be what he admires, and will not let his life express what it is he supposedly admires.”

Soren Kierkegaard