

Ecclesiastes — Worksheet 1

A Time for Everything

Read the passages on the back of this sheet (or use the biblestudy.fyi TTS Bible Player) before you begin.
Answer in your own words on the lines provided.

1. What is the Preacher's (the writer's) overall assessment of life 'under the sun' in chapter 1 (Ecclesiastes 1:2-9, summarise)?

2. List at least four of the paired opposites given in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (e.g. 'a time to...').

3. What does Ecclesiastes 3:1 say governs all these different times and seasons?

4. Reflection: What season of life do you feel you're in right now, based on Ecclesiastes 3's list?

Scripture for Ecclesiastes — A Time for Everything

King James Version. Flip back to the front to answer the questions.

Ecclesiastes 1:1-9

¹The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. ²Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity. ³What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun? ⁴One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever. ⁵The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose. ⁶The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. ⁷All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again. ⁸All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. ⁹The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

¹To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: ²A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; ³A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; ⁷A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.