

## Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 **A Time For Every Purpose Under Heaven**

### *Everything Has Its Time*

<sup>1</sup>To everything *there is* a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:  
<sup>2</sup>A time to be born, And a time to die;  
A time to plant, And a time to pluck *what is* planted;  
<sup>3</sup>A time to kill, And a time to heal;  
A time to break down, And a time to build up;  
<sup>4</sup>A time to weep, And a time to laugh;  
A time to mourn, And a time to dance;  
<sup>5</sup>A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones;  
A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing;  
<sup>6</sup>A time to gain, And a time to lose;  
A time to keep, And a time to throw away;  
<sup>7</sup>A time to tear, And a time to sew;  
A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;  
<sup>8</sup>A time to love, And a time to hate;  
A time of war, And a time of peace.

### *The God-Given Task*

<sup>9</sup>What profit has the worker from that in which he labors?  
<sup>10</sup>I have seen the Elohiym (God)-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied.  
<sup>11</sup>He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that Elohiym (God) does from beginning to end.  
  
<sup>12</sup>I know that nothing *is* better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, <sup>13</sup>and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor — *it is* the gift of Elohiym (God).  
  
<sup>14</sup>I know that whatever Elohiym (God) does, It shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, And nothing taken from it. Elohiym (God) does *it*, that men should fear before Him.  
<sup>15</sup>That which is has already been, And what is to be has already been; And Elohiym (God) requires an account of what is past.

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Facts Revealed:

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✧ Concise self evident declarations of Solomon requiring no commentary.

### **The God-Given Task**

- ✧ What profit has the worker from that in which he labors?  
I have seen the Elohiym (God)-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied (tested).  
He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that Elohiym (God) does from beginning to end. [Ecclesiastes 3:9-11]
- ✧ Solomon continued to search for the benefit to a man for all his labors. [Ecclesiastes 1:3, 2:11, 3:9, 5:16]
- ✧ The answer seems to be, the joy of accomplishment and satisfaction in doing good.
- ✧ Elohiym has given all that is done under heaven to man to train and test him.
- ✧ He has made everything beautiful in its time.
- ✧ He has put eternity in their hearts.
- ✧ No one can discover what Elohiym does from beginning to the end by human endeavor.
- ✧ We must rely on the things Elohiym has revealed to us.
- ✧ What is kept secret belongs to Elohiym, what is revealed belongs to us.
- ✧ I know that nothing *is* better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor – it *is* the gift of Elohiym (God). [Ecclesiastes 3:12-13]
- ✧ Solomon concluded that nothing is better than to rejoice and do good in their lives.
- ✧ To eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor is the gift from Elohiym.
- ✧ I know that whatever Elohiym (God) does, It shall be forever.  
Nothing can be added to it, And nothing taken from it.  
Elohiym (God) does *it*, that men should fear before Him.

That which is has already been, And what is to be has already been;  
And Elohiym (God) requires an account of what is past. [Ecclesiastes 3:14-15]

- ✧ Solomon thought that there was nothing new under heaven but what has already been done and repeated generation after generation.
- ✧ What Elohiym does is eternal and cannot be changed. It is done that men might fear Him.
- ✧ In the end, we will all give account to Elohiym for what we have done.