

TIMING AND YOUR VISION HABAKKUK 2:3

“For the vision is yet (Revelation awaits) for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie (it will not prove false): though it tarry (linger), wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry (delay).” KJV/(NIV)

It will be “on time” but on “God’s time.”

INTRODUCTION: “EVERY VISION HAS AN APPOINTED TIME !

“90% of the will of God is timing!” (TFZ)

Many have missed God’s time for their vision.

They had a genuine vision (call . . . anointing . . . “word”) from God; they believed it and carried it with power.

But it never came to fruition; it never really accomplished anything.

Often it was because they missed

- not the right vision. . .
- but the right timing!!!

PROPOSITION: IN THIS MESSAGE WE WILL TALK ABOUT TIMING
AND YOUR VISION.

I. WHAT IS “AN APPOINTED TIME?”

A. The difference between “Time” and “Appointed Time.” — A look at time in Hebrew and Greek.

1. Hebrew

- Many ways to indicate “time” in Hebrew.
- However two words are basic:

- ETH

“A (any) point in time.”

There is no concept of “time”
as an entity in and of itself.

- MO’ED

An appointed/arranged time. . .
“a fixed time.”

Daniel 12:7
 (“Time, times, and 1/2 a time”)

1 Chron. 12:32
 “Sons of Issachar were men who had understanding
 of the times, to know what Israel ought to do.”

2. Greek

- Two basic words: (1) CHRONOS (2) KAIROS
- The word MO’ED is nearest the Greek KAIROS
- MO’ED and KAIROS are essentially:
 - God’s appointed time
 - God’s destined time
 - God’s “opportune time”

B. A great vision or calling from God will make one person and destroy another.

1. If you have the right vision and a sense of the right timing, you can live in Romans 8:28.

“God causes all things to work together (synergize) for good to those who love Him and are called according to (His) purpose.”

- present
 - past
 - future
2. However, if you have a great, burning vision and no sense of timing, your vision, your anointing can “eat you alive.”
 - It will cause you to butt your head on every door.
 - Frustration sets in:
 - “Everybody is against me!”
 - “Call down fire from heaven”
 - If you miss the right time for your vision, you can become
 - Bitter... cynical...unhappy
 - A“victim”
 - Your life can be wasted!!!

SO, THE TIMING OF YOUR VISION IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE VISION ITSELF!!!

NOW, LET’S TALK IN MORE DEPTH ABOUT THE TIMING OF YOUR VISION.

II. THERE ARE TWO “APPOINTED TIMES” OF YOUR VISION.

(1) The Birthing Time and (2) The Execution Time

A. The birthing of a vision is a process with three stages.

- a beginning stage CONCEPTION
- an accumulating stage GESTATION
- a culmination stage BIRTH

1. The Beginning Stage

When God conceives a vision within us, He makes us <u>pregnant</u> with His Word!!!
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a. Don't run off and do something immediately.

- You have conceived.
- Now there comes gestation.
(Let the vision grow, mature, develop.)
- Then the time of birth will arrive!!

b. When you first become pregnant, take steps to ensure a strong, healthy vision (fetus) that will grow.

- Focus within.
- Give attention to
 - lifestyle
 - values
 - sensitivity to "Father"

2. The gestation stage

- a. To birth a child without completing nine months of growth and development in the womb is to risk the child's life.

The more premature a baby is born,
the less chance it has for survival.

- b. The same is true of your vision.

Your vision needs time to grow in silence in the
secret place of your spiritual womb.

- c. Matthew 17:9 (Jesus' Transfiguration)

He planted the vision of a suffering Messiah in Peter, James, and John.

(Told Peter, James and John)

*"Tell the vision to no one until the Son of man has risen
from the dead."*

- A MAJOR MISTAKE THAT WE MAKE IS
THAT WE ACT ON OUR VISION TOO SOON!!!

- d. However, another danger is that we wait too long to give it birth.

- While a premature birth puts the baby's life in danger, a delayed birth puts both baby and mother at risk of death!
- When a pregnancy goes into the tenth month, often the baby dies in the womb, putting the mother in severe danger!

Two very important statements:

1.

DON'T LET YOUR VISION <u>DIE</u> IN THE WOMB!

2.

DON'T LET A <u>DEAD</u> VISION LINGER INSIDE OF YOU WHEN GOD'S TIME FOR IT IS ALREADY PAST!!!

e. Know the “40th WEEK MARK” for your vision—GOD’S PERFECT TIMING!!!

III. THE SECOND “APPOINTED TIME” FOR YOUR VISION IS “EXECUTION TIME”! (*MO'ED/KAIROS*)

A. Once a vision is conceived, there are only three possible outcomes:

1. Birth the vision.
2. Abort (kill) the vision (baby).
3. Kill the host (mother).

That is, only death can kill a “conceived vision!”

1. Isaiah 66:9

<p>“<i>Shall I bring to the birth, and not give delivery?</i>” says the Lord. “<i>Do I close up the womb when I bring to delivery?</i>” says your God.</p>
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Rhetorical sarcasm—NO!!!

2. Rom. 11:29

<p>“<i>The gifts and calling of God are without repentance.</i>”</p>
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B. Give the birthed vision time to mature!!

1. Just as the conceived vision requires time to come to birth, so the birthed vision requires time to come to maturity!

Example:

2. Paul's vision was conceived within him on the Damascus Road.
 - a. He tried to run with it immediately and was rejected (in Damascus and in Judea).
 - b. He spent twelve years in Tarsus nurturing the vision and getting it ready for birth.
 - c. It was birthed fourteen years after conception on the Damascus Road. It happened when he went to Antioch with Barnabas.

Acts 11:25-26

“Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, to seek Saul...And when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. . .”

- d. Then he had just fourteen more years to execute it and live it before his death.

Paul's vision was Fourteen years inside – Fourteen years outside!

3. Do not rush your vision!!!

Paul said:

Acts 26:19, 20

“Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared it first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and (then) throughout all the region of Judea, and then to Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.”

(It was the source and focus of his entire life!!)

4. God has a “set time” for your vision.

C. God has a “set time” to deal with the adversaries of your vision.

1. Don’t think that Satan will not try to kill your vision or you. He will.

2 Cor. 2:11

*“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us:
for we are not ignorant of his devices.”*

2. But God has set a time to deal with your adversaries!

Don’t help your adversaries!!

Exodus 9:5, 6

“Then the Lord appointed a set time, saying, Tomorrow the Lord will do this thing in the land. So the Lord did this thing on the next day, and all the livestock of Egypt died; but of the livestock of the children of Israel, not one died.”

GOD HAS A SET TIME FOR DEALING WITH YOUR ADVERSARIES!

3. Psalm 118:10-13, 17

[10] *All the “nations” (alien antagonistic forces) surrounded me, but in the name of the Lord I cut them off.*

[11] *They surrounded me on every side, but in the name of the Lord I cut them off.*

[12] *They swarmed around me like bees, but they died as quickly as burning thorns; in the name of the Lord, I cut them off!*

[13] *I was pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord helped me.*

[17] *I WILL NOT DIE, BUT LIVE! AND WILL PROCLAIM
(EXECUTE) WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE! (BIRTHED)*

D. God has a set time (an “appointed time”) for you to arise!!

1. Just as God has a time to deal with your adversaries, He has a time to lift you up into your vision!!!

2. 2 Cor. 6:2 (NIV)

“Favor” — DEKTOS — “A time God takes pleasure in.”

“For God says,

“In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you. I tell you, NOW IS THE TIME OF GOD’S FAVOR, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION!”

3. God is saying to you today: “Your “time of favor” is coming.”

- Continue to wait on the Lord for the fruit of your vision!
- Don’t give up or become weary!
- He had appointed a set time for you!

4. Psalm 102:13

“You will arise and have mercy on Zion; for the time to favor her, yes, the set time, has come.”

(No One...Nothing can stop a conceived vision!)

CONCLUSION:

THERE IT IS!

TIMING AND YOUR VISION!

1. EVERY VISION HAS AN APPOINTED TIME.

2. DON'T KILL YOUR VISION BY MISSING YOUR TIMING!

3. THE GOD WHO BIRTHED YOUR VISION WITHIN YOU
WILL BRING IT TO EXECUTION IN ITS RIGHT TIME!

DON'T BUTT YOUR HEAD AGAINST THE WALL AND RUIN YOUR LIFE!

GIVE YOUR VISION TIME TO MATURE!

WHEN IT IS READY,
NOTHING . . . NO ONE . . .
WILL BE ABLE TO STOP IT!!!