



The Clock is Ticking

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Time Management

■ **What is Time?**

❖ **Dictionary Definition**

- **The system of those sequential relations that any event has to any other, as past, present or future**
- **A system or method of measuring or reckoning the passage of time**



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■ **What Year Is It?**

❖ **Various Calendars**

- **Gregorian Calendar – 2022**
- **Chinese Calendar – 4720**
- **Buddhist Calendar – 2563**
- **Hindu Calendar - 1943**
- **Byzantine Calendar – 7531**
- **Jewish Calendar – 5783**
- **Islamic Calendar – 1443**
- **Thai Solar Calendar – 2565**



HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Miscalculations of Time

■ Exodus 12:1-3

- "This month (Abib / Nisan) shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month (March / April) of the year to you. Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a lamb for each household. "





Miscalculations of Time

■ **Luke 1:5**

- Zacharias, a priest, performed his duties during the course of Abijah.

■ **Luke 1:23-24**

- After Zacharias returned home from Jerusalem, Elizabeth conceived.

■ **Luke 1:26-28, 36**

- In the 6th month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, Mary conceived.
- John was born approximately 6 months before Jesus.

Miscalculations of Time

■ **I Chronicles 24:1, 7-19, 10**

- The sons of Aaron were divided into work groups
- Verses 7-19 lists the 24 priests courses of work, in the temple.
- Verse 10 - The course of Abijah was the 8th course.
- The courses began in spring (Nisan), with the course of Jehoiarib.
- After the 24th course was completed the priests would repeat and serve twice a year. (all priests served in the temple during the 3 major festivals (Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles)).

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■ **Luke 1:24-38**

- Zacharias worked the 8th course (9 – 10 weeks from the 1st course; early June).
- Therefore, John was conceived shortly after Pentecost and born around the next year's Passover. Jesus would have been born 6 months later, in the Fall Holy Day Season (Feast of Trumpets or Feast of Tabernacles).



Miscalculations of Time

■ Luke 2:1-4

- Such censuses were not taken in winter, when temperatures often dropped below freezing and roads were in poor condition. Taking a census under such conditions would have been self-defeating.



Miscalculations of Time

■ **Luke 2:7-8**

- **Shepherds were in the fields watching their flocks at the time of Jesus' birth, "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."**



Miscalculations of Time

■ **Luke 2:7-8**

- **Shepherds were not in the fields during December. December is cold and rainy in Judea, it is likely the shepherds would have sought shelter for their flocks at night**





Miscalculations of Time

■ **Matthew 12:38-40**

“... for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF A HUGE FISH, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”



**You cannot get 3 days & 3 nights
from Good Friday to Easter Sunday**

Miscalculations of Time

God's days begin from evening and go to the next evening (sunset to sunset)

14th
Weds
4th day of the week
Passover

15th
Thurs
5th day of the week
Unleavened Bread
Holy Convocation

16th
Fri
6th day of the week
Unleavened Bread

17th
Sat
7th day of the week
Unleavened Bread
Weekly Sabbath

18th
Sun
1st day of the week
First Fruits
Begin Omer Count



In the heart of the earth 3 Days & 3 Nights

The Sign of Jonah Matt 12:39-40
But He answered and said to them, "an evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except for the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Messiah ate the Passover on Tues night
Mt of Olives Arrested
Beaten
Crucified 9am to 3pm
Tomb

Resurrected on Sabbath
Matthew 28:1 women visit tomb at the end of the Sabbath
He is Risen
Messiah appeared to His disciples & He waved the Sheaf of the First Fruits Offering (lev 23:11)

Sunset to Midnight Midnight to Sunrise Sunrise to Noon Noon to Sunset

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■ **Why is Time Management Important?**

“Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that’s the stuff life is made of.”

Benjamin Franklin



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■ **Why is Time Management Important?**

“Upon time we should set a high value, and be exceeding careful that it be not lost; and we are therefore exhorted to exercise wisdom and circumspection, in order that we may redeem it. And hence it appears, that time is exceedingly precious.”

Jonathan Edwards



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■ **Psalm 39:4-5**

- “You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Each man’s life is but a breath.”

■ **James 4:14**

- “You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes”.

■ **Ephesians 5:13-16 / Colossians 4:5-6**

■ **Romans 13:11-14**

- The Greek word translated “redeeming” in English is ἐξαγοράζω / “to make wise and sacred use of every opportunity... by which we make the time our own.”

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■ **Psalm 90:1-12**

- **Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom**

Ecclesiastes 3:11-14 / 9:10

Our creator has set eternity in our hearts / Knowing that we will have to give an account to the One who gives us time, should motivate us to use it well.

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might; for there is no activity or planning or knowledge or wisdom in Shoel where you are going.”

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“If you read history you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next (world).”

C. S. Lewis



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- **Effects of Responsibilities & Pressures**
 - **Exodus 18:13-22**
 - “...you will surely wear out...”



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■ **Lyrics – *Vienna* – Billy Joel**

– **Slow down you crazy child**

You're so ambitious for a juvenile

But then if you're so smart, then tell me

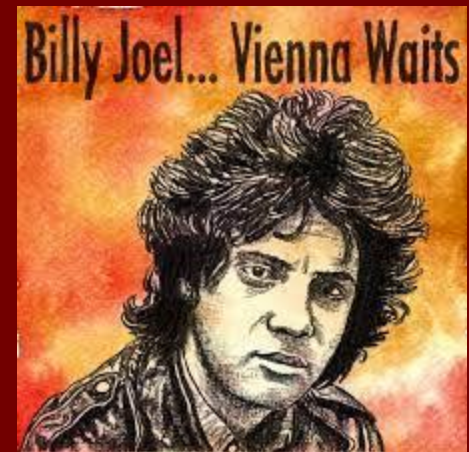
Why are you still so afraid?

– **Where's the fire, what's the hurry about?**

You'd better cool it off before you burn it out

You've got so much to do

And only so many hours in a day



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■ Galatians 1:4

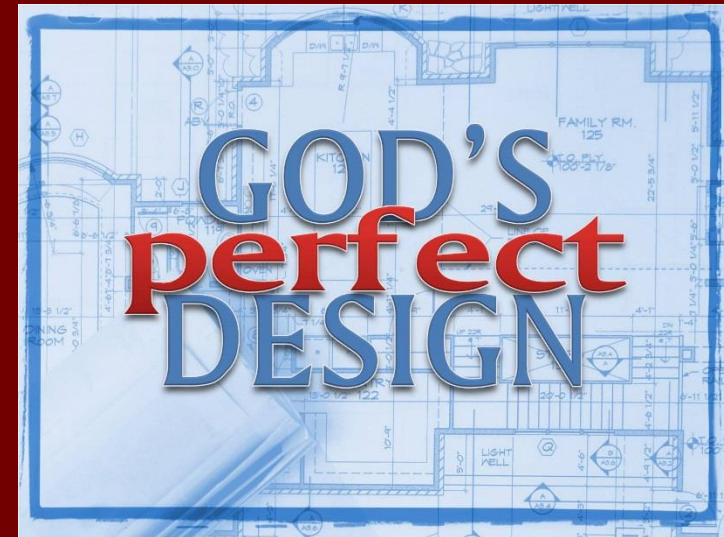
- ...rescue us from this present evil age...

■ Isaiah 55:6-8

- Seek the Lord while He may be found...

■ Matthew 6:25-34

- ...add one hour to this life?



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■ **Application To Life:**

Every day is another 24 hours, 1,440 minutes or 86,400 seconds is credited to our account, and we have to spend them.

How will we spend our time?



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■ **Application To Life:**

Step #1 – Analyze where our Time is being spent

Step #2 – Reduce or eliminate Time not well spent

Step #3 – Redeem the Time by wisely taking the opportunity to use the time we have to do those things that will be most beneficial

Step #4 - Make Bible Study and Prayer our Highest Priority Activity, each day!



**You may
delay, but
time will not,
and lost time
is never
found again.**

— Benjamin Franklin