

# EVERY PERSON HAS AN “APPOINTED TIME” HERE ON THE EARTH

## TEXT:

***Ecclesiastes 3:2: A TIME to be born, and a TIME TO DIE; a TIME to plant, and a TIME to pluck up that which is planted.***

## INTRODUCTION

We all have a FIXED TIME appointed for us here on earth. It is not in our own power to make any changes in the TIME SCHEDULE. Therefore, since we do not know what the tomorrows hold, we cannot say for a certainty:

***Isaiah 56:12: Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.***



***James 4:13-15:***

***13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:***

***14 Whereas ye KNOW NOT what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.***

***15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.***



THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURE REFERENCES SHOW THE FACT THAT WE HAVE AN “APPOINTED TIME ON EARTH.”

***Job 7:1: Is there not an APPOINTED TIME to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling?***

***Job 14:5: Seeing his days are DETERMINED, the number of his months are with thee, thou hast APPOINTED his bounds that he cannot pass.***

**Psalms 39:4-5a:**

***4 Lord, make me to know my end, and the MEASURE OF MY DAYS, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.***

***5a Behold, Thou hast made my days as an handbreadeth; and my age is as nothing before Thee: . . .***

***Psalms 90:12: So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.***

***Psalms 119:84 : How many are the days of thy servant? When wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?***

***Psalms 102:24: I said, "O My God, take Me not away in the midst of My days; Thy years are throughout all generations."***

***Ecclesiastes 7:17: Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: WHY SHOULDEST THOU DIE "BEFORE THY TIME?"***

This latter part of the verse shows there is a fixed time to die, but also shows that a person, by continuing in sin, will shorten their lifespan considerably.



This fact is brought out in:

***Psalms 55:23: But Thou, O God, shall bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in Thee.***

Also in:

***Proverbs 10:27: The fear of the LORD prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.***

Again in:

***1 Samuel 2:22-25:***

***22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.***

***23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.***

***24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD's people to transgress.***

***25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.***

They died before their time because of their transgressions.

***Acts 17:26: And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath DETERMINED THE TIMES BEFORE APPOINTED, and the bounds of their habitation;***

The text of the study tells us there is a time to be born and a time to die:

***Ecclesiastes 3:2a: A TIME to be born, and a TIME TO DIE;***



No believer can chose the time or way in which he will die, but is to live and die when and how the Lord wills, as he belongs to the Lord.



***Romans14:8: Whether we live, we live unto the Lord and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: Whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.***

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