

There is a time for everything,

and a season for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

He has made everything beautiful in its time.
He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can
fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Whatever is has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the
past to account. And I saw something else under the sun: In the place of judgment–
wickedness was there, in the place of justice–wickedness was there.

I said to myself, "God will bring into judgment both the
righteous and the wicked, for there will be a time for every
activity, a time to judge every deed."

(Ecclesiastes 3:1–8, 11, 15–17 NIV)