

Ecclesiastes

3: 1-8

(Short Form)

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

**There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.**

**A time to give birth, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.**

**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 be far from embraces.**

**A time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away.**

**A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.**

**A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war, and a time of peace.**

The Word of the Lord