In biblical language, the words *“time”* and *“season”* carry distinct meanings. Recognizing the difference helps us better understand God’s workings in our lives and the world.

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1. Time: A Specific Appointed Moment

“Time” in the Bible often refers to a specific, appointed moment designated for a particular purpose. It marks a set point in the flow of events.

Example:
If you decide to go to the market tomorrow at 1:00 PM, that hour—1:00 PM—is a set time for an action. Biblically, this could be referred to as an *appointed time* or a *due time*.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

> *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.”*

This shows that God has arranged life in such a way that everything unfolds at the right time, even if we do not always understand His timing (see also Romans 5:6).

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2. Season: A Broader Period with Divine Purpose

“Season” refers to a divinely orchestrated period in which certain events or patterns occur. It is not just about nature—it reflects God’s timing in His redemptive plan.

Examples of seasons:

- The rainy season (long rains)
- Fruit-bearing seasons, like mango season
- The cold season or dry season

In Scripture, the term “season” implies a God-ordained window of opportunity or process.

Genesis 8:22

> *“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold*

> *and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”*

Here, “season” is part of the ongoing rhythm that God established for creation. It implies consistency and divine structure.

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3. Seasons and Times in God’s Redemptive Plan

“Times” and “Seasons” are not just natural—they are spiritual markers that reflect the movement of God’s will.

Ecclesiastes 3:1–4

> *“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 weep and a time to laugh...*
> *a time to mourn and a time to dance.”*

This passage reveals that God is sovereign over both chronos

(chronological time) and kairos (divine opportunity or season).

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4. The Season of Christ’s Return

One of the most important spiritual seasons in Scripture is the season of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Jesus made it clear that no one knows the exact time (chronos) of His return:

Mark 13:32-33

> *“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.*
> *Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.”*

However, Jesus did give us signs to help us recognize the *season* of His return.

Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 outline these signs:

- Widespread disease and plagues (like pandemics)
- Earthquakes and natural disasters
- Wars and rumors of wars
- False prophets deceiving many
- The increase of wickedness
- The love of many growing cold

These signs signal the SEASON—not the exact time—of His coming.

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5. Watching the Season, Not the Clock

Just like we know it’s the rainy season even if we don’t know when it will rain, Jesus taught us to recognize spiritual seasons even if we don’t know the exact day or hour.

Luke 12:54–56

> *“He said to the crowd: ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, “It’s going to rain,” and it does...*

> *You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky.*
> *How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?’”*

This rebuke was not just for the people of His day—it applies to anyone who ignores spiritual signs today.

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6. How Should Believers Respond?

Jesus calls His followers to live with urgency, readiness, and spiritual alertness.

Romans 13:11

> *“The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:6

> *“So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.”*

We are now living in the season of His return. That means He could come at any moment.

Dear friend, the signs are all around us. The spiritual season of Christ’s return is here. Though we do not know the exact time, we are not in darkness—we have the seasonal signs to prepare ourselves.

Let us live with expectancy, holiness, and faith, keeping our lamps burning like the wise virgins (Matthew 25:1–13). Don’t ignore the season—we are closer to His return than ever before.

May the Lord bless you and give you wisdom to discern the times and seasons (Daniel 2:21), and grace to be ready for His return.

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