



A Lesson on Time

Psalm 90:11-12

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Psalm 90:11

The Question:

“Who understands the power of Thine anger, and Thy fury, according to the fear that is due Thee?”

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Psalm 90:11

The Answer:
(Anticipated)

“No One!”

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Psalm 90:12

The Prayer:

“So teach us to number our days, That we may present to Thee a heart of wisdom.”

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“The most surprising thing in the text is, that it should be in the form of a **prayer**. It is necessary that God should **interfere** to make men **number their days.**”

(Henry Melville, quoted in *The Treasury of David*)

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“The prayer is, that God would enable us to form such an estimate of life, that we shall be truly wise; that we may be able to act “as if” we saw the whole of life, or as we should do if we saw its end.”

(Albert Barnes, Albert Barnes' Notes on the Bible)

A Lesson on Time

- 1.** The **Creation** of Time.
- 2.** The **Elusiveness** of Time.
- 3.** The **Redemptive Purpose** of Time.

The Creation of Time

Gen. 1:1

“In the **beginning**, God created...”

The Creation of Time

“... but here the context gives it the meaning of **the very first beginning**, the commencement of the world, **when time itself began.**”

(Johann Keil and Franz Delitzsch, *Keil and Delitzsch Commentary on the Old Testament*)

The Creation of Time



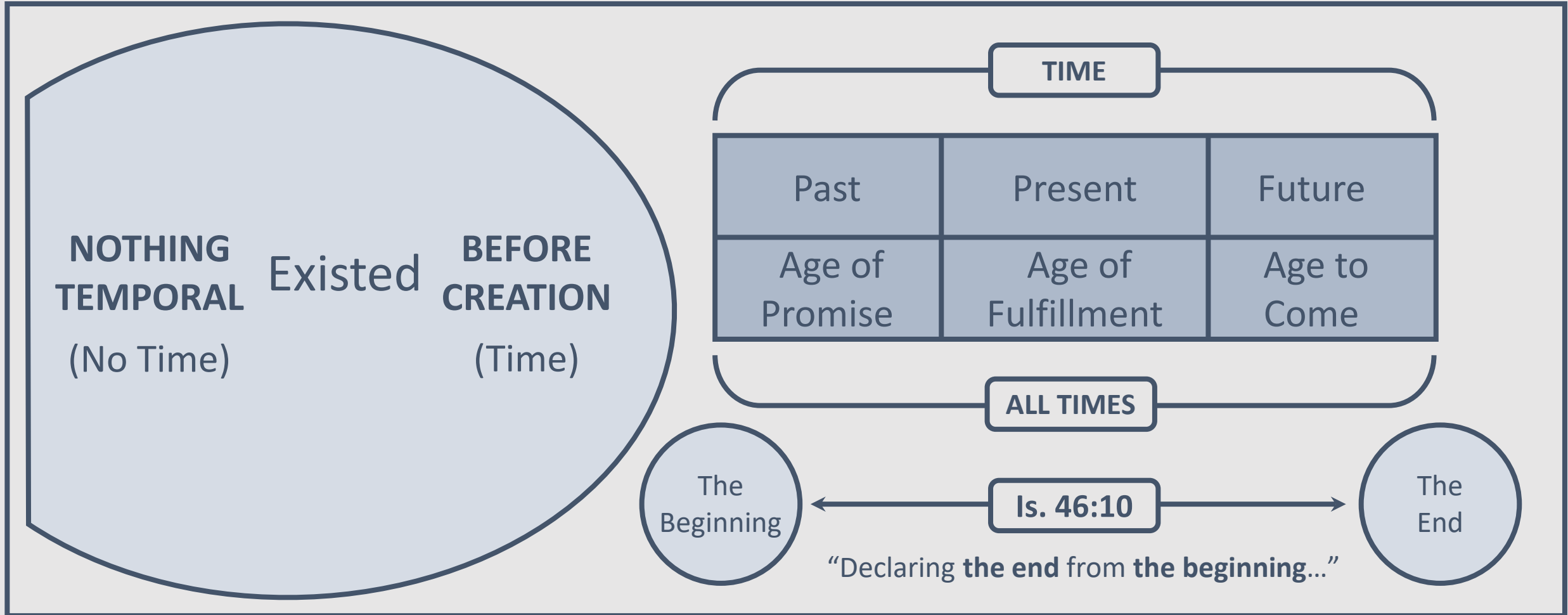
Time is **CO-CREATED WITH**
the Heavens and Earth.

The Creation of Time

“You have made all times, and You are before all times, and not at any time was there no time.”

(Augustine, The Confessions of Saint Augustine)

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Isaiah 46:10

“Declaring **the end** from **the beginning** And from **ancient times** things which have not been done, Saying, '**My purpose** will be established, And I will accomplish all **My good pleasure**';”

The Creation of Time

Psalm 31:15

“My times are in Thy hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.”

The Creation of Time

“To create **things** and to create **events** is to create **time**, and for God to create time He must be **independent of time**.”

(Joel Parkinson, The Omnitemporality of God)

The Elusiveness of Time

Categories of Time

- **Duration** – the time that something lasts.
- **Tense** – the time an event occurs.
- **Distance** – the time it takes to get somewhere.

The Elusiveness of Time

How Do We Measure the Present – the NOW?

	PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
A Century	2000-2020	2021	2022-2099
A Year	January – October	November	December
A Month	1 – 20	21	22 – 30
A Day	12:00am – 10:29am	10:30am – 11:30am	11:31am – 11:59pm
An Hour	10:30 – 10:59	11:00 – 11:01	11:02 – 11:30
A Minute	11:00:00 – 11:00:15	11:00:16 -11:00:17	11:00:17 – 11:00:59

The Elusiveness of Time

“The present is forever crowded out by the past and the future which push on it from either side to the point that there is no longer any room for it. And hence the present is reduced more and more into a vanishing point.”

(Dr. Timothy George, Notes from DTS Chapel)

The Elusiveness of Time



PAST
(Disappeared)

PRESENT
(Continuous Change)

FUTURE
(Uncertain)

The Elusiveness of Time

“Time is the medium in which change occurs.”

(Joel Parkinson, The Omnitemporality of God)

The Elusiveness of Time

James 4:13,14

“Come now, you who say, “**Today or tomorrow** we will go to such and such a city, and **spend a year** there and engage in business and make a profit.””
“Yet **you do not know** what your life will be like **tomorrow**. You are **just a vapor that appears** for a little while and **then vanishes away.**”

The Redemptive Purpose of Time

“...for **You** have made us **for Yourself**, and our heart is **restless** until it **rests in You**.”

(Augustine, *The Confessions of Saint Augustine*)

The Redemptive Purpose of Time

John 3:17

“For God did not send His Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him.”

The Redemptive Purpose of Time

2 Cor. 6:2

“Behold, NOW is the
acceptable time, NOW is
the day of salvation.”

The Redemptive Purpose of Time

“Nowhere does **the importance of time** come into view as in **biblical teaching**. While time is not ultimate, it is the **divinely created sphere of God’s preserving and redemptive work**, and the arena of **man’s decision** on his way to an **eternal destiny**.”

(C.F.H. Henry, *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*)

The Redemptive Purpose of Time

Psalm 90:12

“So teach us
to number our
days.”

This is **a prayer** for
God to **Save us!**

The Redemptive Purpose of Time

Eph. 5:15,16

“¹⁵ Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of your time, because the days are evil.”

The Redemptive Purpose of Time

Psalm 90:12

“That we may
present to Thee a
heart of wisdom.”

This is **the evidence**
of **His instruction!**