

## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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The above are just numbers, but they signify a reference to time. Time is relative but it does have a starting point and a completion date. And because we have been governed by it, eternity seems so vague and far removed for so many people. But for a born again Christian we have more exposure to the idea & **reality** of eternal things. That is if we are reading that book of God.

Remember how it opens, “In the beginning...” signifying a start in time, of which the past year has flown by. Is it true time flies when you’re having fun? Hope your past year can attest to that axiom. Reminds me of the story of two frogs sitting on a rock and one says to another “Time’s fun when you’re having fly’s.”

Here are a few bible references to the concept of time.

**And in the process of time it came to pass ...** 1<sup>st</sup> occurrence.

We could apply that verse to many situations in life and as you have heard said, “Thank God, **it came to pass** it didn’t come to stay.”

Troubles are part of life – you’ve had enough experience to know that like the verse says, “in the process of time it came to pass.” Did you know troubles seem to have a pattern to them; they come in successive groups of three. You say “I’m experiencing a fourth.” No actually that is the start of a new set of three.

Many times it says “and it came to pass in the process of time” and “appointed a set time.” Another frequent expression is “at that time.” We have no control over time. Some of the astrophysicists or is it the fictional thinkers figure that time can be traveled. Kind of like you can go back in it or ahead in it. Well, we will go ahead in it while we are in this temporal body but when our soul leaves this body we enter that eternal plane.

Time is regulated as past, present and future. And God said; Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

See that Alpha and Omega – 1<sup>st</sup> and last letters of the Greek alphabet.

In Revelation 10:6 it states “that there should be time no longer:” I think we have a similar expression “time’s up.” Or it could be that it is a reference to when they enter into eternity.

From our vantage point we see the end of time because of death. Physical death ends time and life on earth, but the soul of man lives for ever. Again it is a concept that is hard to comprehend so that is where faith applies. Faith is a **substance** of things hoped for and the **evidence** of things not seen.

**Application:** Invest your time in eternal things: the Bible says redeem the time..

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Rev 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

### “EZRA THE READY SCRIBE”

Ezra 7:6 This Ezra went up from Babylon; and **he was a ready scribe** in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.

Intro. Historical background – Jews back in the land after captivity of 70 years. Time to build the temple and talk and preparations are going on in Israel now.

- Ready to build
- Ready for opposition
- Ready to acknowledge cause of judgment
- Ready - because he prepared his heart

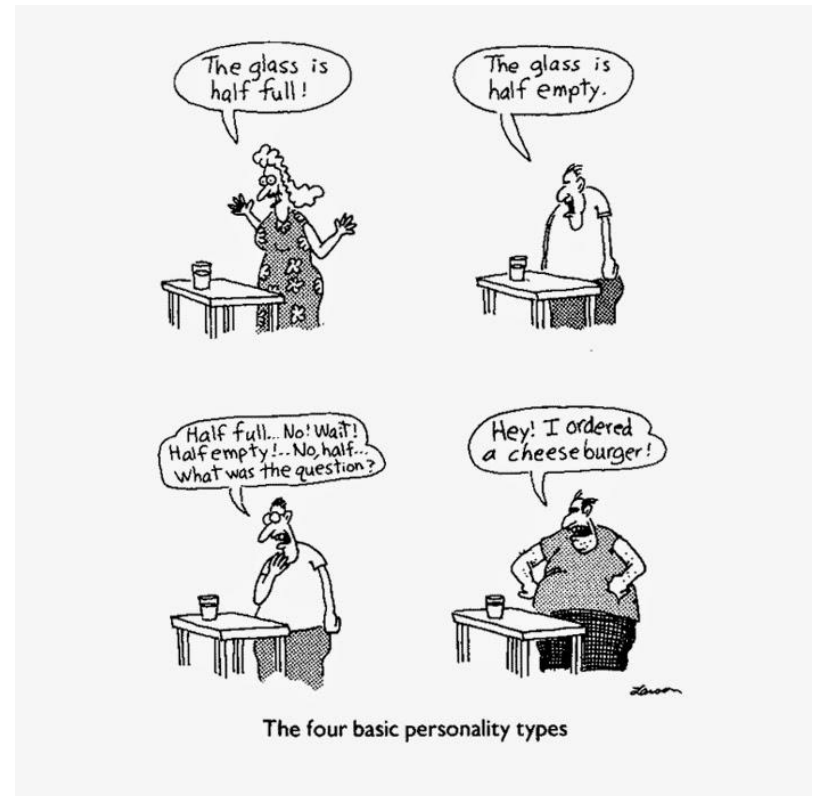
Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

Tonight at 5:00 “**BALANCED CHRISTIAN**” – Epaphroditus (Philippians 2:25)

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center

Wed. at 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer

Missionary of the week: Roberts – Viet Nam



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