

# Acts 1:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

## Analysis

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Jesus' statement that 'times or seasons' remain in the Father's authority addresses eschatological curiosity while redirecting toward mission. The Greek chronous e kairos distinguishes between measured time (chronos) and opportune moments (kairos). This verse establishes that prophecy's fulfillment remains God's prerogative, not subject to human calculation.

## Historical Context

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Jewish apocalyptic literature often attempted to calculate messianic timing. Jesus' response discouraged such speculation while affirming God's sovereign control over history's unfolding. This teaching protected the early church from false messianic expectations.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How do you balance appropriate expectation of Christ's return with focus on present mission?

2. What does God's control over 'times and seasons' teach about trusting His wisdom regarding unfulfilled prophecy?

## Interlinear Text

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εἶπεν δὲ πρὸς αὐτούς Οὐχ ὑμῶν ἔστιν γνῶναι  
 he said And unto them not for you It is to know  
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χρόνους ἢ καιροὺς οὓς ὁ πατὴρ ἔθετο ἐν τῇ  
 the times or the seasons which the Father hath put in τῇ  
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 his own power  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 24:36** (Parallel theme): But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

**Mark 13:32** (Parallel theme): But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

**Mark 10:40** (Parallel theme): But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared.

**Deuteronomy 29:29** (Parallel theme): The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

**Daniel 2:21** (Parallel theme): And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

**Ephesians 1:10** (Parallel theme): That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

**Luke 21:24** (Parallel theme): And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

**Acts 17:26** (Parallel theme): And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

**Matthew 20:23** (Parallel theme): And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

**1 Timothy 6:15** (Parallel theme): Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;