

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Chosen For This Time
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This is a time that God has deemed "Open".

Open doors – leading us into our future, connecting us with supply, new alliances, new positioning.

Open opportunities – a time of favor, possibilities, inventiveness, creativity. Time to see new things.

Open revelation – the finished work of the cross, the sovereignty of God, power and authority, Christ in us the hope of glory.

Open Heavens – new vision, new sounds, new hope, new access, new demonstrations of God, new angelic activity.

OPEN – allowing access; not blocked; barriers have been removed. The devil is working in the opposite manner trying to shut us down, close every door, lock us into a false identity with a false narrative.

We respond to what God opens for us by receiving – we receive the benefit of what God opens to us. **Whatever God opens to us, we need!** To receive we must pay attention and accept. Acceptance of what God opens honors God, and it is worship.

The door of revelation, wisdom, and understanding are open. We are in a time when the Lord is pouring out understanding and new knowledge that is **shifting our thinking and perspective.** As with John in Revelation 5, a door has been opened in Heaven and God is saying, "Come up here; I want to show you some things". Life in the Spirit is intense and explosive in our hearts.

We have an open Heaven over us; there is clarity to discern God's presence and grace. **The Heavens are saturated with the provision of God for what is needed now and to build for the future.** Understanding spiritual timing is key to knowing what God has opened to us. We need to understand spiritual timing to partner with God in our lives and in the big picture of what He is doing in our City and Nation. This neighborhood, these families, this City is ours to guard and watch over, to cultivate, to speak life over, to speak deliverance over, to bless and to reap a harvest.

1 Peter 1-2 NIV reworded

¹To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout [the metro-Detroit region and throughout the State of Michigan], ²who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

- Know that you were chosen and empowered by God to partner with Him in this time in history.
- Everything that God opens up to you is significant for your success and the success of this City.

Ecclesiastes 3.11 NIV

¹¹He has made everything beautiful in its time. **He has also set eternity in the human heart;** yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

- God sets eternity in our hearts so that we carry His timing in us. Even if we do not understand His timing, it is in us.
- God made us for the time that He put us in and what He will open up to us.
- And God encoded our DNA for the time that we live in and what our destiny is.
- The Amplified Bible explains that this is a mysterious longing that nothing under the sun can satisfy – except God. This longing is connected to our destiny and what God encoded in our DNA from the time we were knit together in our mother's womb by the hand of God.

- In Esther 4, Mordecai tells Queen Esther that she was born for such a time as this and God opened opportunity for her to save a nation.
- Time carries the future. In John 16, Jesus promised that Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth.
- Time carries a prophetic dimension that Holy Spirit will lead us into.

Galatians 5.25 NIV

²⁵ **Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

- The outpouring of revelation keeps us in step with Holy Spirit.
- Holy Spirit is moving at a fast pace.
- The world is shifting at a fast pace.

Acts 7.17 NIV

¹⁷ **As the time drew near for God to fulfill his promise to Abraham, the number of our people in Egypt had greatly increased.**

- God intensifies His work according to His timing.
- At a certain time, the enemy will be cut off and judged.
- The Ancient of Days is the One who keeps time. Daniel 7, the power to change times belongs to God.
- If the devil messes up your timing or you are distracted and not watching, you can end up in the wrong place at the wrong time, doing the wrong thing.

Ephesians 3.10 NIV

¹⁰ **His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.**

Colossians 1.16 TPT

¹⁶ For in him was created the universe of things, both in the heavenly realm and on the earth, all that is seen and all that is unseen. **Every seat of power, realm of government, principality, and authority—it all exists through him and for his purpose!**

Psalms 103.19 NIV

¹⁹ **The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.**

DECLARATION:

Isaiah 50.7-9a NIV reworded

⁷ Because **the Sovereign LORD helps Detroit, Detroit will not be disgraced.** Therefore, **Detroit, set your face like flint,** and know you will **not be put to shame.** ⁸ **He who vindicates Detroit is near.** Who then will bring charges against this City? Let us face each other! Who is Detroit's accuser? ⁹ **It is the Sovereign LORD who helps Detroit...**

2 Thessalonians 3.3-4a NASB reworded

³ But **the Lord is faithful to you, Detroit, and He will strengthen and protect you** from the evil one. ⁴ We **have confidence in the Lord** concerning you.

2 Corinthians 2.14-17 NIV reworded

¹⁴ But **thanks be to God,** who always leads the Church in Detroit as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to **spread the aroma of the knowledge of Him everywhere.** ¹⁵ For we are to God **the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.** ¹⁶ To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task? ¹⁷ **Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.**