

**Sermon Series: For Everything a Season  
(Week 3)**

"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven."

The "season" of our world today feels unpredictable and chaotic. It might reassure you to know, however, that it is actually part of a larger generational pattern, one that God acts through and is present in.

Generational theory suggests that there are 4 different types of generations, each of which contributes to four different seasons of society. Which season a society is in depends upon what type of generation is in a position of influence. The four seasons are: Societal High, Spiritual Awakening, Institutional Unravelling, and Global Crisis.

Today we are talking about the 3rd Season, Institutional Unravelling, as it relates to the story of King Rehoboam and his reign in Jerusalem. To the right is a chart that notes the phases of life each generation type is in, followed by some typical trends and the overall outlook of that season.

The main things to know about this season is that it is an era in which both the availability of social order and the demand for social order are low. Overall, the country is cynical, the future is darkening, and institutions are eroding in a period when individualism is maximized.

<b>3rd Season - Institutional Unraveling (1984–2008)</b>	
<b>Generation Type</b>	<b>Phase of Life</b>
<b>Adaptive (Silent)</b>	Elderhood
<b>Idealist (Boomer)</b>	Midlife
<b>Reactive (Gen Z)</b>	Young Adulthood
<b>Civic (Millennial)</b>	Childhood

<b>Trends</b>	
<b>Families</b>	Weak
<b>Child Nurture</b>	Tightening
<b>Ideals</b>	Debated
<b>Institutions</b>	Eroded
<b>Culture</b>	Cynical

<b>Outlook</b>	
<b>Worldview</b>	Complex
<b>Priority</b>	Maximum Individualism
<b>Social Motivator</b>	Guilt
<b>Sense of Greatest Need</b>	Do What Feels Right
<b>Vision of Future</b>	Darkening