

Sermon Series: For Everything a Season (Week 4)

"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 4th Season, Global Crisis, as it relates to the conclusion of Rehoboams's 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 the availability of social order is low, but the demand for social order is high. Overall, the country is in crisis, the future is urgent, and the priority is to fix the outer world as the nation's identity hangs in the balance.

4th Season - Global Crisis (2008–2029?)	
Generation Type	Phase of Life
Idealist (Boomer)	Elderhood
Reactive (Gen X)	Midlife
Civic (Millennial)	Young Adulthood
Adaptive (Gen Z)	Childhood

Trends	
Families	Strengthening
Child Nurture	Overprotective
Ideals	Championed
Institutions	Founded
Culture	Practical

Outlook	
Worldview	Simplifying
Priority	Rising Community
Social Motivator	Stigma
Sense of Greatest Need	Fix Outer World
Vision of Future	Urgent