

Sermon Series: For Everything a Season (Week 2)

"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 2nd Season, Spiritual Awakening, as it relates to the story of King Solomon 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 the availability of social order is high, but the demand for social order is low. Overall, the country is questioning, the future is euphoric, and institutional trust is weakening in favor of personal authenticity and inward ideals.

| 2nd Season - Spiritual Awakening (1964–1984) | |
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| Generation Type | Phase of Life |
| Civic (G.I.) | Elderhood |
| Adaptive (Silent) | Midlife |
| Idealist (Boomer) | Young Adulthood |
| Reactive (Gen Z) | Childhood |

| Trends | |
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| Families | Weakening |
| Child Nurture | Underprotective |
| Ideals | Discovered |
| Institutions | Attacked |
| Culture | Passionate |

| Outlook | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Worldview | Complicating |
| Priority | Rising Individualism |
| Social Motivator | Conscience |
| Sense of Greatest Need | Fix Inner World |
| Vision of Future | Euphoric |