

Jerusalem – Where Time Became Full

Galatians 4:4-5, "... but when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, that he might redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

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Behind The Scenes, God Sets The Stage

- God's hand in bringing redemption to a lost world can be seen from the historic records. cf. 2 Timothy 3:16
- Historic persons, places, and times. Isaiah 2:2-3; Luke 24:47
- Seed of Woman. Genesis 3:15
- Unique character. Isaiah 9:6; 7:14; cf. Luke 1:35
- Birthplace foretold. Micah 5:2

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Plan Of Redemption Based Upon Mighty Acts ...

- Known of God from the beginning. cf. Acts 15:13-18
- Certain things must happen. Matthew 16:21
- Love and justice declared. John 3:16; Romans 3:24-26
- Why? Died to forgive sins. Matthew 20:28; 26:28; Galatians 1:4

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Plan Must Be Revealed Ephesians 3:1ff

- Made known through preaching. 1 Corinthians 1:21
 - Time and place foretold. Luke 24:44-47; Isaiah 2:1-4
- Apostles commissioned. Mark 16:15-16; Matthew 28:18-19
- Apostles needed help. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 4:5; Romans 10:14-15
- Holy Spirit promised. John 16:13-14; 1 Corinthians 2:9-13
 - Received Power. Luke 24:49
- Witnesses. Acts 1:8; Acts 4:20

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Day, Place, Persons Involved When Redemption Began

- The Day Was Pentecost.
 - – i.e., "fiftieth," found only in the New Testament (Acts 2:1; 20:16; 1 Corinthians 16:8).
 - The festival so named is first spoken of in Exodus 23:16 as "the feast of harvest," and again in Exodus 34:22 as "the day of the firstfruits" (Numbers 28:26).
 - From the sixteenth of the month of Nisan (the second day of the Passover), seven complete weeks, i.e., forty-nine days, were to be reckoned, and this feast was held on the fiftieth day. (from Easton's Bible Dictionary)

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- The Place Was Jerusalem.
 - According to the scriptures. Isaiah 2:1-2.
 - On the first day of the week, around 9 o'clock in the morning. Acts 2:14-15

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- The Holy Spirit Came Upon The Apostles. Acts 2:1ff
 - Holy Spirit baptism promised. This promise is recorded in all four gospels. Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33
 - Just as was promised to the apostles John 16:13 Context

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- The Spirit enabled the Apostles to “speak in tongues.” Acts 2:4
- The purposes of this outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the twelve was to qualify them for the apostolic office ... Confirm the word. Hebrews 2:1-4
- That was the power of the apostles, to speak any language to any audience, to any people, to impart and convey this divine revelation, which originated here in the second chapter of Acts.

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- The Audience. Acts 2:5-11
 - Devout Jews from every nation.
 - Familiar with recent death of Jesus of Nazareth.
 - Were in deep distress. Luke 23:44-49

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- The Preacher And His Sermon. Acts 2:14-38
 - Answered the revilers. Verse 13
 - Preached Christ.
 - Historic past to present. “*This is that ... Whosoever*”
 - Christ of prophecy.
 - Four great themes. Life, death, resurrection, and exaltation.
 - Proved the resurrection by eyewitness testimony. Verse 32
 - Conclusion: Verse 36

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•The Question: “What shall we do?”

- THE ANSWER TO THEIR QUESTION:
The ages had awaited and been shaped by God for the answer to that question.
- Acts 2:38-39, “*And Peter (said) unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, (even) as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him.*”

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- We all now stand in our historic moment.
- But someday our historic moment shall end. And God shall one day bring on the final day.
- But now in history, while time is ours, let us go forth “sowing the precious seed” and say to all ... “*Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem.*” (Isaiah 2:3)

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