

Lesson: FULLNESS OF TIME

Fullness of Time is the Greek phrase, *to pleroma (the fullness) tou chronos (the chronology of time/ Eccl.3:1-11/Rom.8:28)*.

This lesson will study SIX aspects of the **Fullness of Time** that began with the incarnation of Jesus Christ.

1. In first two points, we will focus on two Greek words Paul used for the **Fullness of Time** in Gal.4:4-5.

*"But when the **fullness of the time came**" - pleroma/ to fill plus suffix of result (ma) to fullness of OC messianic chronology to coming of Christ. Pleroma was used to show the completion of OC messianic chronology with the incarnation of Jesus Christ (Matt.1:1-17 and Luke 3:23-38/Gen.5 and Gen.11).*

*"God sent forth (exapostello) His Son, **Born of a woman, Born under the Law, so that (He) might redeem those under the Law, that (we) might receive the adoption as sons.**" (Gal.4:4-5)*

"But when the fullness of the Time came" - Chronos/ succession of time/ chronology of biblical time of First Coming of Christ).

2. **Chronos** was used to show FOUR **successions of fullness** or **Covenants** of biblical history of First Coming of Christ.

Adamic Covenant (Gen.3:15) to **Abrahamic Covenant** (Gen.12:1-3; Gal.3:8, 16) to **Davidic Covenant** (2 Sam.7:11-16; Rom.1:1-4; Matt.1:1) to **New Covenant** (Jer.31:31-33; 1 Cor.11:25; 2 Cor.3:6).

I.S.B.E (to pleroma tou chronos) - *"the fullness of the time is that portion of time by which the longer antecedent period is completed."* (vol.2, pg.1148/ OC messianic chronology)

In Gal.4:4-5, **Fullness of Time** teaches that the birth of Jesus Christ occurred in perfect timing in the plan of God in both biblical and human history (Gal.4:4-5; Eph.1:7-10).

3. Fulness of Time **involved** prophetic celestial events (Bethlehem Star of Jacob (Num24:17; Micah 5:2-3; Matt.2:1-12/ Magi visited birth of Jesus Christ).

It **involved** prophetic nations and policies (Roman census and Egypt/ Luke 2:2, 10-11; Matt.1:22-23; 2:18-23/ Hos.11:1/ "out of Egypt I called My Son").

Fullness of Time **involved** historic people like the temple shepherds and Mary and Joseph (Matt.1:18-25; Isa.7:14; Luke 2:8-20).

Fulness of Time **involved** redemptive purpose (**Gal.4:5**). *"For while we were still helpless, **at the right time** Christ died **for the ungodly.**" (Rom.5:6) (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9; John 10:28-30)*

4. The study of **Fullness of Time** teaches that God is in control of plan of God in biblical, historical, and individual history (Eph.1:18-23).

*"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be **for all people**; for today in the city of David there has been born **for you a Savior**, who is Christ the Lord.'" (Luke 2:10-11/ Gabriel to temple shepherd to the worlds)*

God is in control no matter who thinks they are (John 19:9-12). God is greater than great historical leaders like **Pilate, Caesar Augustus, Quirinius, Magi, Herod the Great, and Sanhedrin**. Remember God is in control of your life no matter how it looks to you or to others (Rom.8:28; Phil.1:21-23; Gal.2:20).

5. Pay special attention to marker "the days" (8x).

Notice the days of the decree of Caesar Augustus **became the days** of census of Quirinius that **became days** of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem that **became the days** of the birth of Christ that **became the days** of the angelic visit to the temple shepherds that **became the days** of the arrival of the Magi that **became the days** of Herod the Great slaughter of Bethlehem babies that **became the days** to travel to Egypt with baby Jesus. (Note the marker used 8x)

All these "DAYS" came to pass this way because **God is in control of plan of God and all "Days" of every believer**. God is responsible for the days of **Fullness of Time** in our daily lives (**Rom.8:28**).

- **Jeanne Wilson's verse is Phil.4:13. In "her days," She travelled the world as a champion weightlifter in a wheelchair giving her testimony to others with one verse, Phil.4:13.**

6. It is important that CABs are spiritual ready to participate in the **fullness of Time** of the plan of God in our lives. We need to consistently inhale and exhale the faith cycle) (2 Tim.3:16-17).

Messianic prophecies of **thousands of years** had waited to be fulfilled at the First Advent of Jesus Christ in the lives of spiritual advancing believers. **Luke 1-2** records **SEVEN** OC spiritual advancing believers were LOOKING to participate in **Fullness of Time**.

- **Elizabeth and Zacharias** (Luke 1:5-20) parents of John the Baptist **visited by Gabriel**.
- **Mary and Joseph** (Luke 1:20-38; Matt.1:18-25) parents of Jesus **visited by Gabriel**.
- **Simeon** (Luke 2:25-35/ 25 "looking for") and **Anna** (Luke 2:36-38/ 38 "looking for") attendants of temple **visited by baby Jesus**.
- **Temple shepherds** visited by angelic choir (Luke 2:8-14).

Once again, **the Fullness of Time** teaches us that God is in control of the plan of God and human history as well as individual spiritual advancing believers.

"But **when the fullness of time came**, God sent forth His Son, **born** of a woman, **born** under the Law, in order **that (He)** might redeem those who were under the Law, **that (we)** might receive the adoption as sons." (Gal.4:4-5/ **note "that" and "HE" and "we"**)