

The Fullness of the Time

The Roman Rule Period

Begin with Galatians 4:4 **But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,**

Looking now at all that God did to bring in the **Fullness of the Time** for His Son, our Savior to be born into the human race. The birth of the God-man Jesus Christ. There are many things historically that must take place for the **Fullness of the Time**.

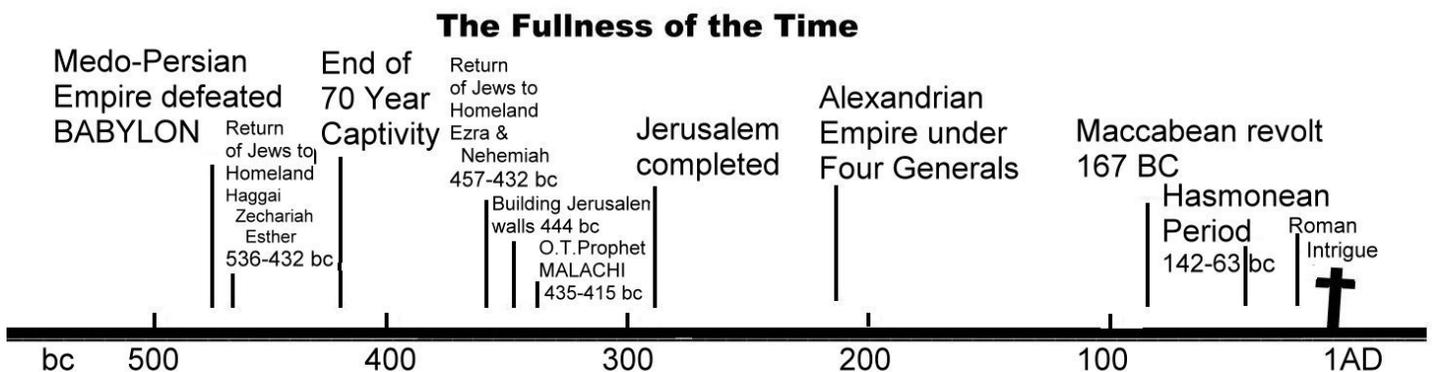
So, let's take a brief look at how God brought about the **Fullness of the Time** in human history.

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| I. Return to land of Judea | 536 bc |
| II. Division of Alexander's great empire into 4 empires | 301 bc |
| III. Antiochus IV Epiphanes | 175-164 bc |
| IV. The Maccabean Period | 166-142 bc |
| V. The Hasmonean Period | 142-63 bc |
| VI. Roman rule | 63 bc to 70 AD |
| VII. Christ born in Fullness of the Time | Bethlehem
ca. 4/3 bc |

VI. Roman Rule

Various intrigues continued down to the year **63 B.C.** When **Pompey** came to **take over Israel for Rome**. The Romans had had enough of piddling around with Syria. The Parthians were developing in the east and so Rome had to secure its eastern frontier. Pompey therefore was sent to take over Israel as the eastern front of the Roman empire.

Roman intrigues and their political deals went on for a time, **Julius Caesar** was assassinated (44 BC) and so on, the **Battle of Actinium occurred in 31 B.C.** finally putting Mark Anthony in his place, Out of all this business came a man who is very prominent in the New Testament and very prominent in the Masada episode, **Herod the Great**, right near the **Fullness of the Time**



Herod the Great married a Jewess and he always had problems being accepted by the Jewish people because he came from the south, from **Idumea** (see Idumea on map, next page), he wasn't really a Jew, he simply had married into the Hebrew nation.

Herod the Great was always perched on a limb between being knocked off by Cleopatra in Egypt and being taken over by the Jewish nationalists. Even so, Herod was able to construct some of the most magnificent architecture in the entire history of Israel. Herod built and built and built and one of his most magnificent projects was the **fortress of Masada**, a fortress that was designed to protect him both from the Jews and from Cleopatra.

Idumea



*Herod was a man in the **New Testament** known for his cruelty. In the Christmas Story wherein all male babies in Bethlehem two years old and younger were slaughtered, Herod was the one who ordered that slaughter.* Typically when Herod got angry with someone he took his anger out on an entire class of people. Christ came into the world under the rule of a very cruel tyrant, appointed by Rome.

Daniel 11:33 “**And those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many; yet they will fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder, for many days.**”

Daniel 11:34 **“Now when they fall they will be granted a little help, and many will join with them in hypocrisy.**

These verses apply to the **period of Hasmonean rule** beginning in 142 BC, down to the time just before the beast of The Tribulation.

verse 33 **“those who have insight among the people.**

Have insight is a hiphel participle and refers to those who are skilled in wisdom and understanding from God’s wisdom.

They have learned wisdom from the book of Daniel as well as other books of Old Testament. These are believers with knowledge of WORD OF GOD... great people who trusted the Word of God and trusted God. These are mature believers who have come to understand the wisdom of Daniel and know how to face the incredible national catastrophes which came to Israel between this time and the 2nd advent of the Messiah. They were able to teach others how to think and act under adversity.

“those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many”

That is, they will conduct Bible classes. God the Son pre-incarnate (Daniel 10:5–9) is predicting here in Daniel 11:33 that during this period of history from the period of the **Hasmonean** rule down to the **2nd Advent**, when the political machines are turning out one political intrigue after another, with people being starved to death, beaten, assassinated, with a surface appearance of great instability, believers will be quietly teaching the Word of God, teaching, teaching, teaching, yet it says in verse 33 that **“they will fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder”**. It will be a time of tremendous suffering and it was during this period of history. This is why Mary and Joseph hid the baby Jesus, **they well knew** of the kind of cruelty that was typical of their day.

It’s no wonder that Mary, and Joseph fled to the place of Herod’s arch-enemy, Egypt.

A lot of New Testament passages are explained if you know this period of history. But again to show how God was in control to bring about the **Fullness of the Time** it was God who told Joseph to take Mary and go to Egypt.

The kind of wisdom here is that spoken of by the Lord in Matthew 10. Believers need to be wise, skillful in how they face the adversities of living in the cosmic system and how they handle witnessing and teaching.

Matthew 10:16

“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; therefore be shrewd as serpents, and innocent as doves.

17 “But beware of men; for they will deliver you up to the courts, and scourge you in their synagogues;

18 and you shall even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

19 “But when they deliver you up, do not become anxious about how or what you will speak; for it shall be given you in that hour what you are to speak.

20 ***For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.***

21 ***And brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death.***

Daniel 11:34 ***Now when they fall they will be granted a little help, and many will join with them in hypocrisy.***

22 ***And you will be hated by all on account of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.***

Remember that these verses extend through the Christian era down to the time just before the beast of **The Tribulation**. These verses make it clear that understanding the **WORD OF GOD** and **Filling of the Holy Spirit** gives you peace and stability in the crisis it doesn't protect from the consequences of the crisis.

...in war believers are killed,

...in depression believers starve to death,

...in times of economic crisis believers lose their life savings,

yet they can handle all of these crises through the

- **Power of Holy Spirit** and
- **Knowledge of Scripture** and
- **Trusting Him**

“many will join with them in hypocrisy”

Literally, join with them **by intrigue**.

Originally this referred to the unbelieving Jews who would turn traitor against the believing remnant.

Daniel 11:35

“And some of those who have insight will fall, in order to refine, purge, and make them pure, until the end time; because it is still to come at the appointed time.

This verse is **God the Son pre-incarnate's** explanation as to why we must go through an era of history when believers are helped with only a little help (Daniel 11:34).

Refine, tsarap, used for melting or refining metal (to smelt).

Purge, to separate, used in the intensive piel, to separate from impurity

Make them pure, also in the intensive piel to be white,

“some of those who have insight will fall”

Notice that it says **“some”**, not all. Some of the historically, doctrinally oriented believers will fall under physical affliction **“in order to refine, Purge, and make them pure (sanctification) until the end time (the 2nd Advent).”**

“because it is still to come at the appointed time”

. . Literally, the time of the end, a phrase loaded with eschatological significance and one that focuses our attention on the future as spelled out in the next few verses.

33 ***Those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many; yet they will fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder for many days.***

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Daniel 11:36 "The GAP"

There is a ***"gap"*** of already over 2000 years between verses 35 and 36.

Daniel 11:1-35 covered from the time of *Daniel* up to the Roman Empire and the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

We studied all that God had to do to come to the point in history when Jesus would be born, called in Galatians

“the fullness of the time.”

We began *the* working of God when Jerusalem was in shambles, destroyed by *Nebuchadnezzar* of *the* Babylonian empire, up to its being completely rebuild, then *the* birth of Jesus, *and* shortly after His crucifixion *and* resurrection, to being complete destroyed once again by the Romans in 70 AD.

This included *the* reign of Antiochus IV, who was an anti-type of **THE DRAGON** in *the* 7 years of The Tribulation or *the* final 7 years promised to Israel. *Daniel* 11:36-12:3 covers those final 7 years of The Tribulation. We have seen this **“gap”** in chapter 2: between 43 *and* 44.

The **gap** here between 11:35 *and* 36 will cover the **Church Age**, unknown to Daniel or anyone in the Old Testament, so you will find this **“gap”** as you read through the Prophets. During *the* period of *the* **CHURCH AGE** *the* world will be constrained.

Constrained not by man; not even by believers; but by **Spirit of God**, the **Holy Spirit**, through Christians who will be empowered by HOLY SPIRIT.

So here again, we see *the* all importance of knowing how to be ***Filled of the Holy Spirit*** and then **walking, living in the *HOLY SPIRIT***. But once *the* **HOLY SPIRIT** is removed and **"snatching away"** from *the* earth, of the Church, of the Body Christ, whom *the* **HOLY SPIRIT** indwells, when this happens *the* desire of **THE DRAGON**, of the Anti-Christ will shoot into fullness on *the* earth, obsessed with getting rid of all Jews.

Thessalonians 2:1-12 Man of Lawlessness

¹ ***Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,***

² ***that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.***

³ ***Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,***

⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

⁵ Do you not remember that while *Ŷ* was still with you, *Ŷ* was telling you these things?

⁶ And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed.

⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way.

⁸ Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;

⁹ *that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,*

¹⁰ *and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.*

¹¹ *For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,*

¹² *in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.*

We have well studied how horrible *and* even insane Antiochus IV was, but now from 36 we come to *the* complete portrait of **THE DRAGON**, who is yet to come. Yes, more horrible than Antiochus IV, the dictator of the Revived Roman Empire. So evil *and* diabolical is this dragon, this person that the world has never experienced anything like him before, not Antiochus IV nor Hitler.

We now come to a Biblical portrait of the world dictator, who will bring a suffering that has not been since the beginning of the world.

Matthew 24:21

²¹ ***For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.***