

Fullness of Time

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**3 Even so we, when we were children, were in
bondage under the elements of the world. 4
But when the fullness of the time had come,
God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born
under the law, 5 to redeem those who were
under the law, that we might receive the
adoption as sons.**

God had a plan

The plan was in place before creation

Why did He wait so long – over 4,000 years?

In the fullness of time = when the time was right, when days were fulfilled

In the 4th Kingdom

- | **Daniel 2:37-44**
- | **Gold – Babylon**
- | **Silver – Meads / Persians**
- | **Brass – Greek**
- | **Iron - Roman**

In the 4th Kingdom

┆ **Daniel 2:37-44**

┆ **And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.**

In the 4th Kingdom

Persians introduced the synagogue

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- | **Greeks brought:**
- | **Common language**
- | **Philosophy, wisdom, deep reasoning**
- | **Broader education for all people**
- | **Papyrus – books more affordable**

In the 4th Kingdom

- | **Romans brought:**
- | **Pax Romana – (Roman Peace) – 120 years**
- | **Ease of travel – highways w/mile markers**
- | **Postal system**
- | **Census**

Jesus born the 65th Week

- | **Daniel 9:24-27**
- | **A day = a year; A week = 7 years**
- | **70 weeks = 490 years**
 - | **7 weeks = 49 years (457 – 408 BC)**
 - | **62 weeks = 434 years (ends at 26 AD)**
 - | **Mid-week = 3 ½ years (ends at 30 AD)**

When Bethlehem was a small city

- | **Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."**

When Bethlehem was a small city

Problem: Mary and Joseph live in Nazareth

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| **Augustus Caesar orderd a census / tax –
from the city of origin**

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| **They had to return to Bethlehem**

God Knew

- | **God knew world history – empires**
- | **God knew what they would contribute**
- | **God knew the exact time of the birth, baptism and death of Christ**
- | **God knew when all was in place, when the time was right, when the fullness of time had come.**