

THE RIGHT TIME

ARRIVAL: when Heaven came to Earth

INTRODUCTION

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.” Galatians 4:4-5 ESV

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1. AS IT RELATES TO THEM

A. NATIONALLY

Israel's Invasions:

> Babylon | Medo-Persia | Greece | Rome

Under Rome:

> Pax Romana | Roads | Language | Longing for Deliverer

“There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.” Isaiah 11:1 ESV

B. SPIRITUALLY

“The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”” Genesis 3:14-15 ESV

C. SILENCE

1. **Trust God's Promises** [>300] (Isa. 7:14, Mic. 5:2, Jer. 23:5-6, 31:15, Dan. 9:24-27, Hos. 11:1)
2. **Remain Faithful to God**

2. AS IT RELATES TO US

A. CELEBRATE 1st COMING; LOOK FORWARD

“He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” Revelation 22:20 ESV

“Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.” 1 Thessalonians 4:17 ESV

1. Trust God’s Promises

2. Remain Faithful to God

“So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”” Acts 1:6-11 ESV

3. Align Your Heart with God’s

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.” James 4:7-8 ESV

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28 ESV

CONCLUSION