

**Fullness of Time
First Coming of Jesus Christ
GALATIANS 4:4-5**

Old Testament Preparation:

God's Covenants/Promises – Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Phinehas, David

God's People – Israel as a nation

**God's Prophets & Prophecy – over 100 specific prophecies literally fulfilled
(Daniel 9:24-27 gives specific timing of Christ's coming)**

God's Foreshadowing/Plan Pictured

- **Characters – Isaac, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Boaz, David, Daniel, etc.**
- **Events – Noah's Ark, Blood Trail of Abraham, Red Sea Crossing, Fiery Furnace, etc.**
- **Feasts – Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Weeks**
- **Provisions – Bread from Heaven, Water from the Rock, Bronze Serpent, etc.**
- **Sacrifices- Burnt Offering, Guilt Offering, Sin Offering; the Lamb, the Scapegoat**
- **Tabernacle/Temple – Furnishings, Practices, Order, etc.**

God's Word – Law, Poetry, Prophecy using authors by inspiration

God's Judgment/Discipline – Flood, Sodom & Gomorrah, Exile, etc.

God's Lineage – Abraham, David, etc.

Locations in Israel – Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Jerusalem, etc.

Jewish Culture

- **Diaspora (dispersion)**
- **Religious Sects – Sadducees, Pharisees, Zealots, Essenes, etc.**
- **Synagogues – Community emphasis**
- **Teachings – Rabbis & Disciples**

400 Years of Silence:

Persian Empire, Grecian Empire, Roman Empire

Greek Language, Philosophy & Literature

- **Septuagint-Old Testament Hebrew translated into Greek**
- **Apocrypha-Non-inspired writings of the period**
- **New Testament language**
- **Socrates, Aristotle, Plato, etc. with worldly wisdom and thinking**

Roman Culture

- **No borders, one language, roadways, customs, etc.**
- **Capital punishment method – the cross**
- **Authority – legal system, military, government**
- **Israel under Roman authority**

Events, Circumstances, Facilities in Place

Age of the Law

The Temple

Herod's Rule

The Star in the East (Wise men)

and much more...

Fullness of Time Second Coming of Jesus Christ

Before Rapture & Resurrection of the Believers in Christ:

Increase of knowledge and travel – Daniel 12:4

Nuclear weapons – Zechariah 14:12

Rebirth of the nation of Israel out of exile (1948) –

Isaiah 11:11-12, 43:5-7, 54:5-7, 66:7-9

Jeremiah 16:14-16, 23:7-8, 31:8, 17, 35-37

Ezekiel 11:17, 36:22-28, 37:1-14, 21, 38:8, 14-16, 39:1-8, 25-29

Amos 9:15; Zechariah 12:1-3

Jerusalem no longer under Gentile control – Luke 21:24

Worldwide instant communication (internet, satellite communication) – Revelation 11:3, 7-10

Birth pains –

- **Rampant deception (false religions, apostasy) – Matthew 24:4-5; 2 Thessalonians 2:3**
- **World War (nation against nation) – Matthew 24:7**
- **Increase of famines and pestilence in various places – Matthew 24:7**
- **Increase in number and intensity of earthquakes – Matthew 24:7**

Re-establishment of Jewish symbols in Israel –

- **Rebuilt Temple Movement**
- **Jewish Tribunal – Sanhedrin Formation**
- **Priesthood – Levites identified**

As it was in the days of Noah & Lot – Matthew 24:37-39; Luke 17:26-30

- **Violence and terror everywhere – Genesis 6:11; Luke 21:11, 26**
- **Immorality (accepted perversion) – Genesis 18:20, 19:4-29**

Storm clouds in the Middle East –

- **Threats against Israel**
- **Israel's desperation**

Formation of key world powers and their direction from Israel –

- **East – Kings of the East – China, Korea**
- **South – Muslim nations around Israel**
- **North – Russia**
- **West – European Union & United Nations**

Demise of a sovereign United States of America

Time of the Gentiles ending – Luke 21:24; Romans 11:25

Tribulation Period:

Ten earthly kingdoms (horns) – Daniel 7:7; Revelation 13:1, 17:3, 12-14, 16, 19:19

Antichrist revealed – 2 Thessalonians 2:3

Temple rebuilt in Jerusalem – Ezekiel 40-47; Daniel 9:27, 12:11; Matthew 24:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:4; Revelation 11:1

Global Religion – Revelation 13 & 17

Global Government – Revelation 13

Events of the Tribulation – see order of the 21 judgments: seals, trumpets & bowls

Armageddon – Revelation 16:16

Unknown Timing:

Destruction of Damascus – Isaiah 17:1

Battle of Gog & Magog – Ezekiel 38 & 39