

Ephesians 1:10
Summary Review

“with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him” (NASB)

“that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth-in Him.” (NKJV)

“εἰς	ὀκονομίαν	τοῦ	πληρώματος	τῶν	καιρῶν		
“into	administration	of the	fullness	of the	times		
ἀνακεφαλαιώσασθαι	τὰ	πάντα	ἐν	τῷ	Χριστῷ,	τὰ	ἐπὶ
to head up	the	all	in sphere of	the	Christ,	the	upon
τοῖς	οὐρανοῖς	καὶ	τὰ	ἐπὶ	τῆς	γῆς·	ἐν
the	heavens	and	the	upon	the	earth;	in
							αὐτῷ (NA21)
							Him” (KMT)

Expanded Translation:

“with a view to the limitations and boundaries of administration of delegated responsibility and authority to manage what has been entrusted on behalf of another, based on response, of the totality of what is necessary to fill something up completely, being a tool or instrument used to accomplish something, of the specific periods of time which provide opportunity for activity or production, based on initiation, to participate and be affected by the action in a point in time as a matter of purpose to gather together under one head the all, being tools or instruments used to accomplish something, in the sphere of the Christ (Anointed Sacrifice), an Initiator, the ones, being tools or instruments used to accomplish something, upon the heavens, based on initiation, and, logically related, the ones, being tools or instruments used to accomplish something, upon the earth, based on response; in the sphere of Him”

Principles:

1. God’s plan to make known the mystery of His will to those who are in Christ is specifically with the view to His plan to bring every believer under the authority of Christ for eternity.
2. God has established distinct ages for human history (cf. Heb. 11:3).
3. In each age God established an administration for administrators to manage clearly defined areas as His stewards.
4. In each age God’s stewards were to fulfill their role of managers of the responsibilities God delegated to them using their free will to manage in line with God’s design and instruction.
5. In each age God dispensed the necessary information for His stewards to be successful in fulfilling their assigned role.
6. There are seven distinct ages established by God:
 - a. The Age of Innocence (Gen. 1:28-Gen. 3:8) stewarded by Adam and His Woman
 - b. The Age of Conscience (Gen. 3:9-8:14) stewarded by Adam and his offspring
 - c. The Age of Civil Governments (Gen. 8:15-Gen. 12:1) stewarded by Noah and his offspring
 - d. The Age of Promise (Gen. 12:1-Ex.18:27) stewarded by Abram and his descendants
 - e. The Age of Law Part 1 (Ex. 19-John 19:30) stewarded by Israel
 - f. The Age of the Church (Acts 2:1-Rev. 5:1-14) stewarded by believers in Christ

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- e. The Age of Law Part 2 (Rev. 6:1-19:9) stewardship resumed by Israel
- g. The Age of Christ (Rev. 19:10-21:27) stewarded by Christ and His bride

7. In each age God has outlined stewards to whom He has entrusted His plan for humanity.
8. Every age was built off of the previous age in response to the failure of its stewards to faithfully manage what God had given to them to manage.
9. In the Millennial Reign of Christ the Faithful Steward will receive all of the failed stewardships because He Himself having successfully fulfilled God's plan for His life in full righteousness.
10. In His stewardship, Jesus Christ will manage believers on earth for 1000 years while Satan is bound.
11. All those who have believed, whether pre-crucifixion or post-crucifixion will be under His authority along with all the earth.
12. No unbeliever will enter into this age, having been judged by Christ at the judgment of the nations (Matt. 25:31-46) upon His return to dwell on the earth.
13. This is and has always been a part of God's plan to redeem man and the world from the chaotic disorder that resulted through the wiles and deception of Satan & Company.

Conclusion:

Paul identifies the purpose behind God's revelation of the mystery of His will as being with the view to Christ's future authority that will be exercised in the final dispensation-the Age of Christ. In that age, all who relied upon Jesus to be the Christ will be led by Him as Christ fulfills the final portion of human history that God has established to be completed.