

The Next “Fullness of Time”

Galatians 4:1-7

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles^[b] of the world. ⁴ But when the **fullness of time had come**, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Fullness (*plērōma*)

- a ship inasmuch as it is filled (i.e. manned) with sailors, rowers, and soldiers, freight and merchandise. Ready to set sail – fulfill its purpose
- a woman who is ready to give birth, the gestation period is complete and the baby is ready to enter the world.
- The NT refers the body of believers, as that which is filled with the presence, power, agency, riches of God and of Christ

Time – (*chronos*)

- a specific or appointed season or period of time.

Ephesians 1:10-11

...as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

My Thoughts-

What made the fullness of time?

- **Hellenization** – Alexander the Great, Greek culture & Universal Language
- **Pax Romana** – Roman military conquest = Roman Peace
- **Via Romana** – Roman Road systems (53,000 miles of hard surface)

- **Jewish Diaspora** – Known World
- **Synagogue Systems** - God Fearers

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Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

New Missions Paradigm

- 2000 Language groups with heart language NO ACCESS to the GOSPEL
- 1.2 Billion People that are Gospel Deprived
- Unreached and Unengaged or targeted

Revelation 14:6

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.

Fullness of Time?

- Bible App – thousands of languages available
- Downloaded in all 195 Countries
- 7 billion cell phone subscriptions

My Thoughts-

Will you COUNT FOR ZERO?

- **Zero** unreached people groups...
- **Zero** languages without the gospel...
- **Zero** people who haven't heard the audacious plan of God, the resurrection, to restore, to reclaim, and to redeem us for Him!

Let's make our church count for ZERO.

Make Plans to Attend Manna Church Sanford's Reach Out Celebration 2021

Sunday: Feb 28th – Bill Fuller Mar 7th – Sam Skaggs Mar 14 – Dale Losch
