



Preparing for Christmas

Galatians 4:4-7





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4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, 5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.





The coming of Time

- God prepared for Jesus!
- Gen 3:15 – The Seed of the woman





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Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."



The coming of Time

- God prepared for Jesus!
- Gen 3:15 – The Seed of the woman
- Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- Gen 49:10 – Scepter of Judah





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Gen 49:10 "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him [shall be] the obedience of the peoples.



The Coming of the Time

- God prepared for Jesus!
- Gen 3:15 – The Seed of the woman
- Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- Gen 49:10 – Scepter of Judah
- Egyptian bondage – 400 years
- Death and despair - **“but God”**





Promises and Prophecies

- God continues 400+ years Judges
- Moving by the HS in lives...
- Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah
- Samuel, David – 2Samuel 7:16





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2 Sam 7:16 "Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever."

Ps 22:16 For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They pierced my hands and my feet. 17 I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; 18 They divide my garments among them, And for my clothing they cast lots.



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Isa 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

Isa 9:6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.



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Micah 5:2 "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *too* little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity."



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Mal 4:5 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. 6 "He will restore the hearts of the fathers to [their] children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse."



The Fullness of Time Came

- At just the right moment...
- Planned and prepared
 - Born of a woman, under Law
 - Joseph prepared too...
- All to save us, and adopt us!
- ABBA! Adoption...





Preparing for Christmas?

- Buy presents?
 - BE Present!
- Wrap gifts?
 - Wrap SOMEONE in a HUG!
- Send Cards?
 - Send PEACE!






Preparing for Christmas?

- Shop for Food?
 - **DONATE** food!
- Make cookies?
- **MAKE LOVE!** (Rated G!)
- See/hang the lights
 - **BE THE LIGHT!!!**





all I want
for Christmas
is you.
- Jesus

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"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden,
and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28