

Rom 5:8 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

What made this the “right time?”

Eph 1:9 *And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment — to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.*

The “right time” was prophesied.

The prophecies had to be fulfilled, but why did God wait all those centuries for this time?

Babylon ruled the known world at the time of Daniel (606 BC)



# Babylonian Empire



Dan 2:36 "This was the dream; now we shall tell its interpretation before the king



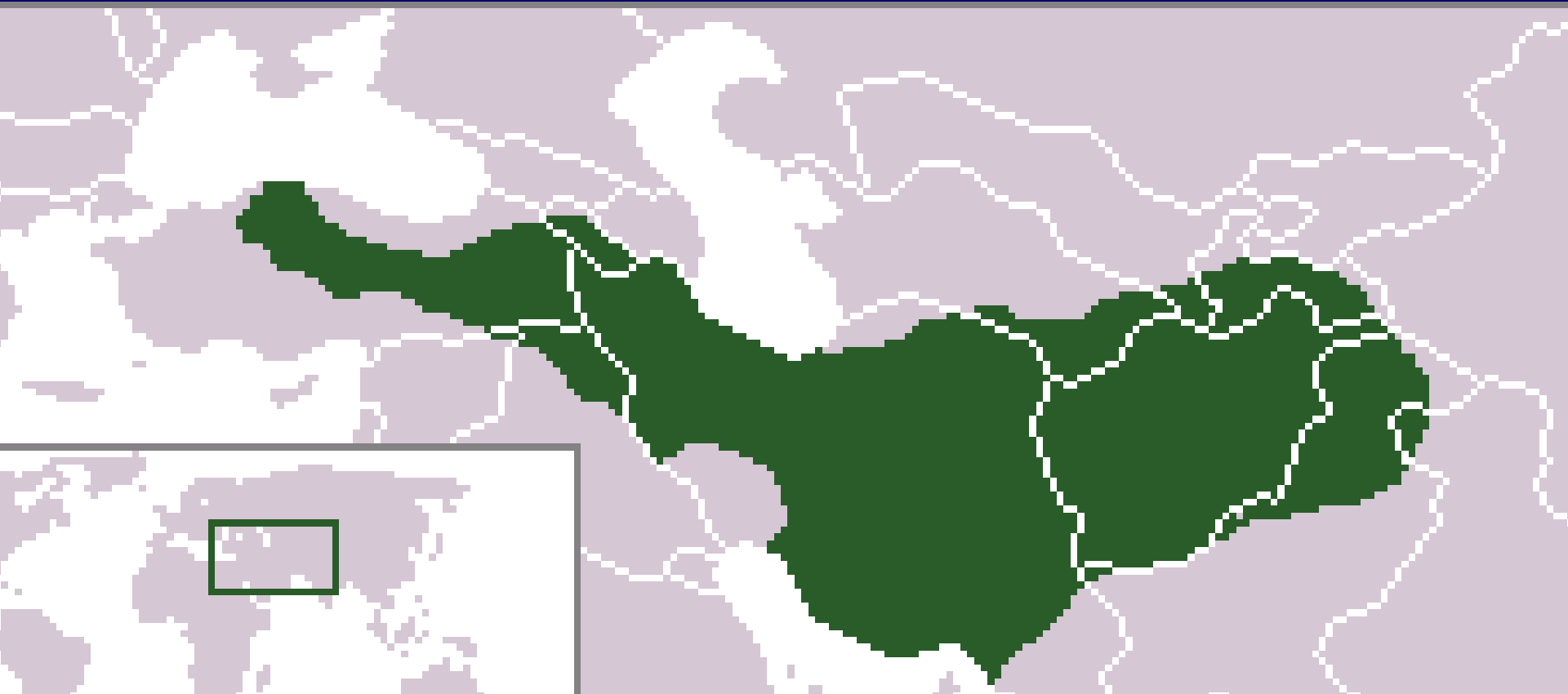
Dan 2.37 "You, O king, are the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the strength, and the glory; 38 and wherever the sons of men dwell, or the beasts of the field, or the birds of the sky, He has given them into your hand and has caused you to rule over them all. You are the head of gold. 39 "And after you there will arise another kingdom inferior to you, then another third kingdom of bronze, which will rule over all the earth.

Dan 2:40 "Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron ... 42 "And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of pottery, so some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be brittle.

Dan 2:44 And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

The Babylon empire was conquered by the Medo-Persians under Cyrus the Great.

*Dan 8:20 "The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia."*





*Dan 8. 21 "And the shaggy goat represents the kingdom of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king. 22 "And the broken horn and the four horns that arose in its place represent four kingdoms which will arise from his nation, although not with his power.*

Alexander defeated the Persians, but died in  
Babylon in 323 BC.

His kingdom was split between Seleucus, Ptolemy,  
Lysimachus and Cassander.

# Alexander the Great's empire



Finally there arises a fourth world power— Rome — but it crumbles.

Roman Empire, 117 AD



It was prophesied that Jesus would establish his kingdom during the days of fourth kingdom – strong as iron – the Roman empire – once it had decayed from its strength of iron to a weaker kingdom.

Why did Jesus come during the Roman Empire?

**It was the “right time.”**

Eph 3:5 as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; 6 to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, 7 of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.

8 To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things; 10 in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Important things were to occur that made this time the “right time.”

Mic 4:1 And it will come about in the last days That the mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains. It will be raised above the hills, And the peoples will stream to it. 2 And many nations will come and say, "Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD And to the house of the God of Jacob, That He may teach us about His ways And that we may walk in His paths." For from Zion will go forth the law, Even the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

What prevented the establishment of the kingdom prior to this “right time?”

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Acts 1:6 And so when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth. "

Matt 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. "

What made Christianity spread over the known world during the time of the Apostles and what would have prevented it from doing so earlier?

Rom 10:13 for "Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved." 14 How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!" 16 However, they did not all heed the glad tidings; for Isaiah says, " Lord, who has believed our report? " 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ. 18 But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? Indeed they have; "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world."

# A common language - Greek.

One of the things necessary for the gospel to “go into all the world” was a common language by which those who heard could be saved.

Koine Greek was the first common Greek dialect and came into common use in commerce across the Mediterranean region. After Alexander the Great and the Greek colonization of the known world, Koine Greek was spoken from Egypt to India. When the Romans conquered the nations around the Mediterranean, Koine Greek became the first or second language throughout the Roman Empire.

“Through Koine Greek is also traced the origin of Christianity, as the apostles used it to preach in Greece and the Greek-speaking world.” (Wikipedia)

The copies of the original manuscripts we have were written in Koine Greek.

5,300 copies in Greek

There are 230 Greek manuscript portions currently in existence which pre-date 600 AD!



It was not just Paul and the other apostles who preached to the Jews and had the miraculous gift of languages, but we know that at least Silas, Barnabas, John Mark, Timothy, Apollos, Ephaphroditus, Sopater, Aristarchus, Secundus, Archippus, Gaius, Tychicus and Trophimus went to the Gentiles

God's plan culminated in Jesus' death at the "right time"

The word of the Lord could go into all the world.

Mark 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.  
16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.