



RIGHT ON TIME

Daniel 9:35 Written 538BC era.

“Know thou and understand from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem unto the MESSIAH the PRINCE shall be 7 weeks and 3 score and 2 weeks.....”

Luke 2: 1-2 Written about 1 AD.

“And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyreneus was governor of Syria.”

Introduction: Read [Galatians 4: 4-5](#) *But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*

What did God mean when He had these verses written? We can see that it was about Jesus’ birth, but it sounds like God the Father and God the Son (Jesus) had this birth planned for a long time. Just how far back was this planned? Did they have to sit down and make the plan for salvation when Eve and Adam sinned?

The answer is CLEARLY stated in several places in the Bible: Let’s look [Ephesians 1: 4-5](#) *According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be Holy and without blame before him in love; Having predestined us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.*

Lesson: Write the Daniel reference on a white board. Write the LET ME EXPLAIN Puzzle beside it.

Let’s look at the information that Daniel provides in the prophecy the Lord gives him around the year of 538 BC. It is recorded over 500 years before Jesus’ birth that we should “*know and understand*” when to expect Him to come.

This information was presented in a sort of math puzzle to make us have to think and study to understand. He based it on the rebuilding of Jerusalem. God sent the angel Gabriel and told Daniel it would be seventy weeks that Israel would be in captivity and it had almost been 70 years. This gives Daniel the key: weeks in this puzzle would mean years!

Since the rebuilding of the temple had not started yet, Daniel knew that the 70 years was almost up and that he could already get pretty close to the birth of Jesus Christ by figuring out the puzzle. After the reconstruction of the City of Jerusalem had begun, Daniel knew exactly when Jesus would be born.

LET ME EXPLAIN:

“7 weeks & 3 score [20] weeks & 2 weeks” is saying:

7 plus 60 plus 2 =69 weeks.

Principle Decree to rebuild Jerusalem: 457 BC

Add 483 years to 457 BC and that brings you to 26AD.

In 26 AD Jesus was baptized & began His public ministry.

**Fulfillment of Daniel’s
Prophecy to the Exact Year !**

Matthew 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

An interesting thing to mention here is that the Magi or Wise Men that came to see baby Jesus were descendents of the magicians or wise men that Daniel trained during the time of Nebuchadnezzar.

They had the book of Daniel and some of his other writings to study. That is why they were watching for the star in the heavens! They came from Persia [area of Iran & part of Iraq] which was east of Bethlehem.

God has had everything planned from the beginning of creation. That is why the birth place, the time, the parents, and even the fact that He would be born of a virgin could be written down hundreds of years before it happened. God had this all figured out before the earth was here!

Ephesians 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.

All the prophecies have come true just exactly as He said they would. There is now only one more prophecy that has not come to pass. That is, the second coming of Jesus. That is why we take the time to make these prophecies clear to you. You need to be ready for that last prophecy!

Present the Plan of Salvation. [Devotional #21 correlates with this lesson]

Suggested Illustrations & Live Visuals:

Often, we have taught **four** Christmas prophecies to children's churches.

Refer to Lessons/Message: *Christmas Prophecies Bethlehem* and *Christmas Prophecies Family Ties*

I use PowerPoint but I have used pre-cut colored poster board.

- On two I write: Bethlehem
- On two I write: Family Tree
- On two I write: Virgin Born
- On two I write: Exact Time
- On one I write: The Beginning [4000 BC]
- On one I write: [The current year...for example 2011 AD]
- On one I write: 1 AD

Starting with the Old Testament scripture prophesy and then referring to the New Testament fulfillment of that prophecy I have students form a TimeLine in front of the class. The Beginning starts at one end & the current year at the other end with a student right in the middle holding the 1AD. Then I give them a quick lesson on the calendar of BC and AD [which now in schools is taught as BCE and CE].

The prophecies that we commonly use are:

- OT: Micah 5:2 Bethlehem NT: Matthew 2:5 Bethlehem [*refer to Christmas Prophecies-Bethlehem*]
- OT: Daniel 9:35 Exact Time NT: Luke 2: 1-2 Exact Time
- OT: Isaiah 7:14 Virgin Born NT: Matthew 1:23 Virgin Born [*refer to Christmas Prophecies Family Ties*]
- OT: Isaiah 11:1 Exact Family NT: Matt. 1 & Luke 3 Exact Family [*refer to Christmas Prophecies Family Ties*]

As I review the particular prophecies one student will hold the OT board; another student will fill in the NT.