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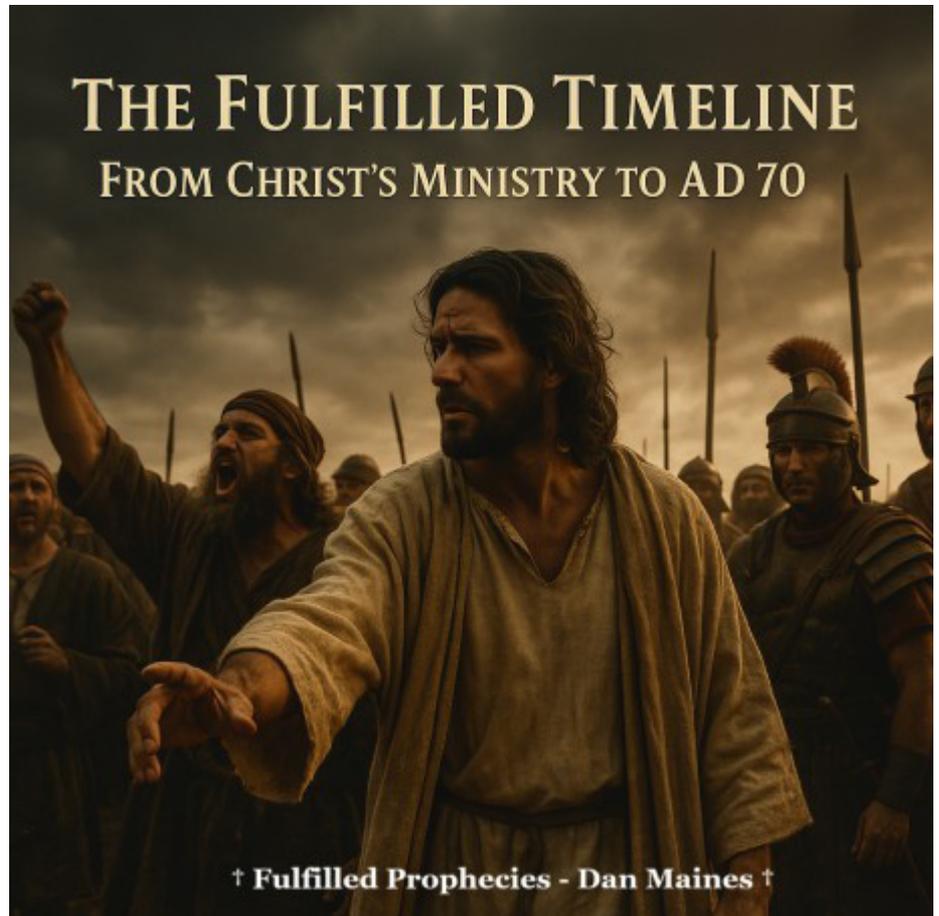
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The Fulfilled Timeline: From Christ's Ministry to AD 70

4-6 BC - The Birth of Christ

† Most historical and biblical evidence places Jesus' birth between **6 and 4 BC**, during the reign of **Herod the Great**. This dating fits because Herod died in 4 BC, and Matthew 2 records that Jesus was born before Herod's death.

Luke 2:10-11

But the angel said to them, Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for

today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

† The birth of Jesus fulfilled the promise of a coming Messiah. God entered history to bring redemption, marking the beginning of the final days of the Old Covenant era (Galatians 4:4-5).

† The announcement to the shepherds revealed that salvation had come to Israel first, and through Him, to all nations (Luke 1:68-79).

† From His birth, the countdown to the completion of God's redemptive plan had begun, as heaven's King took His place among men (Isaiah 9:6-7).

† Historical confirmation: Herod's death in 4 BC fixes the window for Jesus' birth prior to it (Josephus, Antiquities 17.8.1).

AD 26-30 - The Ministry of Christ

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach and say, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

† Jesus' message announced the near arrival of the kingdom. The Old Covenant system stood ready to vanish, as the true light was now shining (Hebrews 8:13).

† Every miracle, parable, and prophecy during His ministry exposed the fading shadow of the Mosaic order and revealed the glory of the New (John 1:17).

† For three and a half years, the Messiah confirmed the covenant with many, gathering His firstfruits of the new creation (Daniel 9:27; James 1:18).

† Historical confirmation: The timeframe aligns with Tiberius' reign and the prefecture of Pontius Pilate (Tacitus, Annals 15.44).

AD 30 - The Crucifixion and Resurrection

Luke 23:44-46

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two. And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, Father, into Your hands I commit My

spirit. Having said this, He breathed His last.

† The torn veil symbolized the end of the Levitical system and man's restored access to God (Hebrews 10:19-20).

† Christ's death fulfilled every type and shadow of sacrifice. He became the final offering, satisfying the law's demands once for all (Hebrews 9:11-12).

† His resurrection three days later confirmed victory over sin and death, securing the promise of new life to all who believed (Romans 6:9-10).

† Historical confirmation: Christ's execution under Pontius Pilate during Tiberius' reign is recorded by Roman historians (Tacitus, Annals 15.44).

AD 30-33 - The Outpouring of the Spirit

Acts 2:16-17

But this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: And it shall be in the last days, God says, that I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

† Pentecost marked the official beginning of the New Covenant age. The Spirit's presence confirmed that the promise of the Father had arrived (Acts 1:4-5).

† The miracles and signs performed by the apostles validated the message that Jesus was the risen Messiah (Hebrews 2:3-4).

† Through the Spirit, the church became the new dwelling place of God, replacing the temple made with hands (Ephesians 2:19-22).

† Historical confirmation: Reports of extraordinary signs and portents in the decades leading to the war were noted by Jewish and early Christian sources (Josephus, Wars 6.5.3; Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History 3.5).

AD 33-62 - The Apostolic Mission

Colossians 1:23

If indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and

steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

† The apostles carried the gospel to every nation within their known world, fulfilling Jesus' command (Romans 10:18).

† This period was the gathering of the elect from Israel and the nations before the final judgment fell on Jerusalem (Matthew 24:14).

† The Great Commission was completed before the destruction of the temple, just as Jesus foretold (Mark 16:20).

† Historical confirmation: Early witnesses attest to the apostles' widespread missions before the war and persecutions under Nero (Clement of Rome, 1 Clement 5; Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History 2.25).

AD 64-70 - The Great Tribulation and the War of Jerusalem Matthew 24:21-22

For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

† The persecution of believers under Nero in AD 64 marked the beginning of the Great Tribulation. For forty-two months the Beast held power, fulfilling Revelation 13:5 and matching the duration of Nero's persecution.

† The Jewish revolt began in late AD 66 under Nero's reign. Vespasian's campaigns started in early AD 67 and continued through Titus' destruction of the temple in August AD 70, a span of about 3.5 years, fulfilling Daniel's "time, times, and half a time"(Daniel 12:7).

† These overlapping events, Rome's persecution of the saints and Jerusalem's destruction, formed one unified judgment, ending the Old Covenant age and confirming Jesus' prophecy that all things written would be fulfilled within that generation (Luke 21:22).

† Historical confirmation: Nero's persecution lasted from AD 64-

68 (Tacitus, Annals 15.44). The Jewish war began in AD 66 and ended in AD 70, aligning perfectly with the prophetic timeframe (Josephus, Wars 2.14-17, 5-6; Tacitus, Histories 5.13).

AD 70 - The Coming of the Son of Man in Judgment

Matthew 24:30-34

And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the land will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other. Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door. Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

† The coming of the Son of Man in judgment fulfilled Daniel's vision of the Son of Man receiving His kingdom (Daniel 7:13-14).

† It was not a physical descent but a divine vindication, Christ coming in power against those who rejected Him (Matthew 26:64).

† The kingdom of God was fully revealed, the old world of shadows was gone, and the new creation stood complete (Revelation 21:1-2).

† Historical confirmation: Contemporary reports describe signs in the heavens and the city's fall as divine judgment, matching Jesus' words (Josephus, Wars 6.5.3; Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History 3.5).

How it applies to us today

† The timeline from **4-6 BC** to **AD 70** shows the complete fulfillment of God's redemptive plan through Christ (Luke 24:44).

† The Old Covenant age ended, and the kingdom of God now reigns in fullness and permanence (Hebrews 12:28).

† We live in the reality of the New Jerusalem, the dwelling of

God with His people, where righteousness and peace prevail (Revelation 21:3-4).

† Our task is not to wait for fulfillment, but to walk in it, proclaiming the everlasting kingdom that Christ established once and for all (2 Corinthians 5:17-20).

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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† Luke 2:10-11; Matthew 4:17; Luke 23:44-46; Acts 2:16-17; Colossians 1:23; Matthew 24:14, 21-22, 30-34; Luke 21:20-22

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