

Word of the Kingdom Conference
February 14th – 16th 2014
The Fullness of the Time
Part Two
Study Questions

1). Read Galatians 4:4-5 – Where do we find this precise moment in human history announced?

a). What is the overall focus of these verses in which the announcement is found?

b). How can we see this same focus in our verses from Galatians?

c). With this in mind, how should we view the events of the Lord's first advent?

d). Why would it be dangerous to see the events of the Lord's first advent as an end in themselves?

2). Read Luke 1:26-38 – Who is speaking to whom in these verses?

a). What is the basis for the proclamation of the angel to Mary and what would you think is significant about that?

b). Read v32-33 again – which scripture did we look at in connection with this?

c). Where do we find commentary on these verses and what is there of particular significance that we find there?

d). Read v36 again – what significance do we find in this verse and what might it remind us of?

e). Read v34-35 again – where in OT prophecy does this verse take us to?

f). According to Isaiah what is the virgin birth given as? And what would this tell us?

g). To what then is this sign pointing and where did we see it in the scriptures?

h). Read v38 again – what can we say of Mary's response to the angel?

i). What is the overall focus of the angel's proclamation to Mary?

3). Read Luke 1:46-55 – Who is speaking and to whom?

a). What 2 elements are found in the words of Mary?

b). Read v55 again – where does this verse take us to?

c). Where then is the focus of Mary's words and what would this tell us about her understanding of what was taking place?

- d). Read Isaiah 9:6-7 – What is the focus of these verses and what in particular does the prophet draw attention to in v7?
- e). How is Jesus described in these verses?
- f). Read Isaiah 53:2-3 – How is Jesus described in these verses?
- g). What must we conclude then from these 2 descriptions?
- h). What would be the timeframe for each?
- i). Has the first of these been fulfilled and if so what does that confirm for us about the second?
- j). Which scripture did we look at from John in our previous study that would confirm this?
- k). Read Matthew 17:1-9 – what is taking place in these verses and what significance can we find in what is revealed here?
- 4). Read Micah 5:2-4 – What are these verses referring to?
- a). What is the focus for these verses?
- b). What is the connection between Bethlehem and David the king?
- c). Read Luke 2:4 – where does this take us back to once again and how does all of this fit together?
- d). What might we conclude then about the location of the Lord's birth?

- 5). Read Luke 2:25-35 – Who is speaking here and on what occasion?
- a). What do these verses reveal concerning Simeon?
 - b). What is the focus of what Simeon says in these verses?
 - c). Read v34 again – what does Simeon tell Mary in the first half of this verse? How should we understand this and which scripture did we look at in connection with it?
 - d). What does it say in the second half of v34? What does this tell us and what does this mean?
 - e). Read v35 again – what is recorded in the brackets? Which 2 ways should we understand this and which scripture did we look at in connection with this?
 - f). Where was Mary on the Pentecost following the Lord's resurrection and what would be significant about this?
 - g). Read Luke 2:36-38 – what are we told in these verses about Anna and what was she looking for?
 - h). What is the common characteristic between Simeon and Anna and what might we learn from this for ourselves?
 - i). Did either of them see the fulfillment of that which they waited for?
 - j). What did they see and what must we conclude from this?

- k). What contrast do we see between Simeon and Anna and Herod?
- l). Which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?
- m). What might we say about Herod with respect to this and what might we learn from him for ourselves?
- n). All in all then, what can we say about the coming of the fullness of time when God sent forth His Son?
- 6). When is the next precise moment in human history when God will again send forth His Son?
- a). What will be different on this occasion?
- b). What parallel is there between the spiritual condition of Israel before the Lord's first advent and the 'Church' immediately prior to His second?
- c). What parallel is there between Israel and the 'Church' with respect to a timeframe for His coming?
- d). Although there is a precise timeframe what did Israel not know and what does the 'Church' not know?
- e). Why is this not surprising?
- f). What do we find in Matthew 4 and 1 Thessalonians 5 about this?

g). How does what we read here apply to the Lord's first advent as well as His second and what will be the reason for this with regards to both Israel and the 'Church'?

h). Read 1 Thessalonians 5:4-9 – What do we learn in these verses?

i). What further commentary on this do we find in Hebrews 12:1-2?

j). Read Romans 13:8-14 – What do we learn from these verses?

k). Any final thoughts or comments?