

# **“The Time of Their Visitation”**

**Triumphal Entry**

**Luke 19:29-44**

Luke 19:41 <sup>41</sup> And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

Luke 19:42 <sup>42</sup> Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things *which belong* unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

Luke 19:43 <sup>43</sup> For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

Luke 19:44 <sup>44</sup> And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

What is the *significance* of that day?

What are the *converging* prophecies that make this a transitional period?

**How do we reconcile Christ's commands?**  
**In what way this event explain this *shift or transition*?**

Matthew 10:5–6

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not: <sup>6</sup> But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matthew 28:19–20

<sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup> Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

# ***1. It was the Time of Christ's Coming to Earth***

## **a. It was the fulfillment of prophecies**

(Isaiah 7:14)

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, And shall call his name **Immanuel**.

**b. The time of his coming was prophesied**

(Daniel 9:24-26)

Daniel 9:24 **Seventy weeks** are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Daniel 9:25 Know therefore and understand, that **from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince** shall be **seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks**: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

**b. The time of his coming was prophesied**  
(Daniel 9:24-26)

Daniel 9:26 <sup>26</sup> And **after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off**, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Jesus saw the judgment coming to Israel when the Romans will come and destroy the city and the temple in **AD 70**.

Luke 19:41 <sup>41</sup> And when he was come near, **he beheld the city, and wept over it,**

## What do we know?

- 70 “sevens” or week of years = 490 years
- From the decree to rebuild Jerusalem walls (Nehemiah 2:1-8) to the coming of the Messiah the Prince is 69 weeks. (483 years)
- Messiah will be “cut off” (put to death) at the end of the 69<sup>th</sup> week
- That is 444 BC – 33 AD

Four distinct groups responded in different ways to the coming of the Messiah:

1. **Those who heard the news of the birth of the Messiah**

- Shepherds in the field (Luke 2:8-18)
- The wise men (Matthew 2:1-2)
- Herod the king (Matthew 2:3-5; cf. Micah 5:2)

2. **Those who wondered if he was the Messiah**

- Many who followed Jesus but doubted

John 10:22–24 <sup>22</sup> And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. <sup>24</sup> Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, **How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.**

### 3. **Those who should have known but missed the Messiah**

- Pharisees and Jewish leadership
- They did not investigate because they will not believe

John 7:41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee?

John 7:42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Beth-lehem, where David was?

John 7:43 So there was a division among the people because of him.

John 7:52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? **Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.**

#### 4. Those who waited and looked for the Messiah

- Simeon (Luke 2:25-26)

Luke 2:25–26 <sup>25</sup> And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was **Simeon**; and the same man was just and devout, **waiting for the consolation of Israel**: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. <sup>26</sup> **And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.**

Luke 2:30–32 <sup>30</sup> For **mine eyes have seen thy salvation**, <sup>31</sup> Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; <sup>32</sup> **A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.**

#### 4. Those who waited and looked for the Messiah

- Anna, a prophetess (Luke 2:36-38)

Luke 2:36–38 <sup>36</sup> And there was one **Anna, a prophetess**, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; <sup>37</sup> And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. <sup>38</sup> **And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.**

#### 4. Those who waited and looked for the Messiah

- **Joseph** of Arimathaea (Luke 23:51; Mark 15:43)

Luke 23:51 <sup>51</sup> (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) *he was* of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: **who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.**

## ***2. It was the Time of Christ's Kingdom on Earth***

- a. **The coming king and his kingdom on earth** (Isaiah 9:6-7; Revelation 20)

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: And **the government shall be upon his shoulder**: And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace**.

Isaiah 9:7 Of **the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, Upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, To order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice** From henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

**b. Jesus publicly presented himself to Israel as their coming Messiah**

Zechariah 9:9 <sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: **Behold, thy King cometh unto thee:** He is **just**, and having **salvation**; **Lowly**, and **riding upon an ass**, **And upon a colt the foal of an ass.**

Matthew 21:4–5 <sup>4</sup> **All this was done, that it might be fulfilled** which was spoken by the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> Tell ye the daughter of Sion, **Behold, thy King cometh unto thee**, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

### 3. *It was the Time Christ's People Rejected His Rule.*

- a. They were expecting Christ to establish his earthly kingdom now

Luke 19:11–12 <sup>11</sup> And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, **because he was nigh to Jerusalem**, and **because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear**. <sup>12</sup> He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.

b. **So Jesus told them of the nobleman in a parable**  
(Luke 19:9-28)

Luke 19:14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, **We will not have this man to reign over us.**

c. **His own people did not accept him**

John 1:11 <sup>11</sup> **He came unto his own, and his own received him not.**

## 4. *It was the Time Christ's Kingdom was Postponed to Reveal the Mystery of the Church*

- a. His earthly kingdom was postponed (Luke 19:41-42)

Luke 19:42 Saying, **If thou hadst known**, even thou, at least **in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace!** but now they are **hid from thine eyes**.

Acts 1:6–7 <sup>6</sup> When they therefore were come together, **they asked of him**, saying, **Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?** <sup>7</sup> And he said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.**

b. **Partial and temporary blindness happened to Israel**

c. **Until** God completes the salvation of the number of Gentiles he determined to save (Romans 11:24-26)

Romans 11:25 For I would not, brethren, **that ye should be ignorant of this mystery**, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; **that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.**

d. **Then** God will deal with the nation Israel again during the Great Tribulation followed by His millennial kingdom on earth on the throne of David in Jerusalem. (**Daniel 9:27; Romans 11:26; Revelation 20**)

e. **The last week of Daniel, 70<sup>th</sup> week, is the 7 years of Great Tribulation**

Daniel 9:27 **And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week:** and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Romans 11:26 **And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written,** There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob (cf. Ezekiel 20)

## In this Present Age – *the Church Age*

### a. **The mystery of Christ – the *One Body*: Jews and Gentiles**

Ephesians 3:3 How that **by revelation he made known** unto me **the mystery**; (as I wrote afore in few words,

Ephesians 3:4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in **the mystery of Christ**)

Ephesians 3:5 **Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;**

Ephesians 3:6 **That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:**

Romans 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to **the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,**

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