



- God's hand in bringing redemption to a lost world can be seen from the historic records. cf. 2 Timothy 3:16
- Historic persons, places and times.
- Seed of Woman. Genesis 3:15
- Unique character. Isaiah 9:6; 7:14; cf. Luke 1:35
- Birthplace foretold. Micah 5:2

- BEHIND THE SCENES GOD SETS THE STAGE. Galatians 4:4

Plan Of Redemption Based Upon Mighty Acts...

- Known of God from the beginning. cf. Acts 15:13-18
- Certain things must happen. Matthew 16:21
- Love and justice declared. John 3:16; Romans 3:24-26
- Why? Died to forgive sins. Matthew 20:28; 26:28; Galatians 1:4

Plan Must Be Revealed...Eph. 3:1ff

- Made known through preaching. 1 Cor. 1:21
 - Time and place foretold. Luke 24:44-47; Isa. 2:1-4
- Apostles commissioned. Mk. 16:15-16; Mt. 28:18-19
- Apostles needed help. 1 Cor. 2:1-5; 2 Cor. 4:5; Rom. 10:14-15
- Holy Spirit promised. John 16:13-14; 1 Cor. 2:9-13
 - Received Power. Luke 24:49
- Witnesses. Acts 1:8; Acts 4:20

Day, Place, Persons Involved When Redemption Began

- The Day Was Pentecost.
 - - i.e., "fiftieth", found only in the New Testament (Acts 2:1; 20:16; 1 Cor. 16:8). The festival so named is first spoken of in Ex 23:16 as "the feast of harvest," and again in Ex 34:22 as "the day of the firstfruits" (Num 28:26).
 - From the sixteenth of the month of Nisan (the second day of the Passover), seven complete weeks, i.e., forty-nine days, were to be reckoned, and this feast was held on the fiftieth day. (from Easton's Bible Dictionary)

Day, Place, Persons Involved When Redemption Began

- The Place Was Jerusalem.
 - According to the scriptures (Isa. 2:1-2).
 - On the first day of the week, around 9 o'clock in the morning. Acts 2:14-15

Day, Place, Persons Involved When Redemption Began

- The Holy Spirit Came Upon The Apostles. Acts 2:1ff
 - Holy Spirit Baptism promised. This promise is recorded in all four gospels. Mt. 3:11; Mk. 1:8; Luke 3:16; John 1:33
 - Promised to the apostles... John 16:13 Context

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Day, Place, Persons Involved When Redemption Began

- The Spirit enabled them to “speak in tongues.” Acts 2:4
- The purposes of this outpouring of the H.S. upon the twelve was to qualify them for the apostolic office... Confirm the word. Heb. 2:1-4
- That was the power of the apostles to speak any language to any audience, to any people, to impart and convey this divine revelation, which originated here in the second chapter of Acts.

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Day, Place, Persons Involved When Redemption Began

- The Audience. Acts 2:5-11
 - Devout Jews from every nation.
 - Familiar with recent death of Jesus of Nazareth.
 - Were in deep distress. Luke 23:44-49

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Day, Place, Persons Involved When Redemption Began

- The Preacher And His Sermon. Acts 2:14-38
 - Answered the revilers. Verse 13
 - Preached Christ.
 - Historic past to present. *“This is that...Whosoever”*
 - Christ of prophecy.
 - Four great themes. Life, death, resurrection and exaltation.
 - Proved the resurrection by eyewitness testimony. Verse 32
 - Conclusion: verse 36

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- The Question: What shall we do?
- THE ANSWER TO THEIR QUESTION: The ages had awaited and been shaped by God for the answer to that question. Verses 38-39

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Jerusalem— Where Time Became Full

- We all now stand in our historic moment.
- But someday our historic moment shall end. And God shall one day bring on the final day.
- But now in history, while time is ours, let us go forth “sowing the precious seed” and say to all... *“come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, and let us walk in His ways for out of Zion has gone forth the law of the Lord and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”*

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