

Intro

The perfect timing of events is critical when it comes to strategy.

For example, being late for a job interview can result in not getting a desired or needed job.

The timing of events can be so critical that it can be life saving or life ending. It can even change the course of history. Today we will look at the timing of the events leading up to the birth of

(1) Timing is critical

In order for the timing of events to have a desired outcome,

- **Strategically planned**
- **carefully executed.**

The desired end result must be known so that a strategy can be defined to make many parts synch up perfectly.

Air Traffic Controllers ->

AIR TRAFFIC AND TIMING

During peak air travel times in the United States,

5,000 airplanes in the sky every hour.

50,000 aircraft operating in our skies each day.

Air Traffic Controllers are Responsible

Coordinate the movements of thousands of aircraft

We have learned to trust Air Traffic Controllers with Timing

But when it comes to God's timing, we quickly loose faith

Psalm 34:19 (NLT)The righteous person faces many troubles,
but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.

(2) God Has a Strategy

And you are part of it!

The strategy and careful timing of the events of the Nativity were so well calculated that only God could have perfected such a complex strategy.

Let's look at How God has planned the timing of events perfectly

Luke 1:5-25 Zachariah and Gabriel

- 1) Elizabeth was unable to conceive (1:7)**
- 2) Zachariah and Elizabeth were people of faith (1:6)**
- 3) God showed up right when Zechariah least expected it
(1:12)**
- 4) They Prayed and waited with expectation**
- 5) God's timing was perfect**

Born in Bethlehem – Luke 2:1-7, Micah 5:2

- 1) – Jesus was to be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)**
- 2) – Mary and Joseph were from Galilee**
- 3) – God’s timing was perfect – Theensus (Luke 2:1-5)**
- 4) – Without the Sensus, Jesus would not be born in Bethlehem**

The Prophecy of Simeon – Luke 2:25-35

- 1) Simeon was a man of faith (2:25)**
- 2) He was eagerly waiting (2:25)**
- 3) God told him He would see the Messiah (2:26)**
- 4) When the time was right, God prompted him and he obeyed (2:27)**

When God reveals a future plan to us, we are to eagerly wait and listen carefully when His timing is right

Earle Cairns (Church Historian)

Greek and Roman contributions aided in bringing historical development to the point where Christ could make the maximum impact on history in a way not possible before or since the time of His birth ~ Earle E. Cairns (*Christianity Through the Centuries*).

Galatians 4:4

4 But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.

Faith

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Romans 4:20

Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God.

Conclusion

- 1) God has a plan and a purpose for each that He calls His own**
- 2) His timing and orchestration is always perfect**
- 3) When God speaks, we just need to Obey**

He will orchestrate the results

- 4) We don't have to know His strategy, just know that we are part of it.**

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NLT)

Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

5) We are to wait with expectation!

Just like Zachariah, Elizabeth, Simeon, and many more.

6) When we hear God moving us, we should be obedient to His prompting.

Half the battle is simply showing up at the right time

7) Pray, and wait with expectation!