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Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, This is about moving on from the Messiah as taught in the Old Testament and now move on to Jesus, Himself.

let us press on to maturity, What this is saying here is in the middle voice, and the middle voice is used to emphasize individual intensive interest and moving on in learning about Jesus.

Now being pressed on to maturity Refers to full or complete understanding or in full growth about Jesus.

not laying <u>again</u> a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

Hebrews 6:2 of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and about the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.

Hebrews 6:3 And this we will do, if God permits.

Ephesians 1:10 with a view to an <u>administration</u> suitable to the fullness of the times, that is the summing up of all things together in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth.

This introduced our understanding of *administration* or as in Colossians 1:25 translated *stewardship* or as in the King James *dispensation*.

(This continues now our study on *dispensations*).

Ephesians 1:10 with a view to an administration or dispensation suitable to <u>the fullness of the times</u> or with a view to a dispensation of the fullness of the times, that is the summing up of all things in Christ

See if we can make this simple and clear. **fullness of the times and the summing up of all things in Christ**

fullness of the times. The Greek word for *fullness* is a rich word. It carries three or four concepts of this word. It occurs four times in the book of Ephesians:

1:10 fullness of times;

- 1:23 fullness of Him;
- 3:19 fullness of God; and
- 4:13 fullness of Christ.

This Greek word can have up to four different emphases. From a study The Complete WordStudy dictionary of the New Testament:

1. Particularly meaning the contents of the earth, as in 1 Corinthians 10:26 for the earth is the Lord's and all it contains.

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- 2. Used figuratively meaning fullness, full measure of abundance, full measure of God as in <u>Ephesians 3:19</u>. Or fullness, all in the Church of Christ as in <u>Ephesians 1:23</u>.
- 3. Fulfillment, full, completion or as in our study in <u>Ephesians 1:10</u>, fulfillment of time or the full period.
- 4. Or as in Ephesians 4:13 it refers to completeness, reaching the intended goal or to reach full maturity in Christian knowledge and love, that is: until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

This is why we read through Hebrews 1:6 on reaching to maturity.

Ephesians 1:10 with a view to an administration or dispensation to the fullness of the times that is to the fulfillment of the times

Two things I want you to be clear on here: first the Greek word for *time* is not the normal word for *time*. Secondly, note it is in the plural *-fullness* of the <u>times</u>. Let's understand this as 'a distinct period in time' or 'time as an <u>epic</u>.' It is used for dispensations or even as a succession of events in one dispensation. So, let's see it: 'of the fulfillment of the times that is the measure of epics in the period of times' or in the period of measure of a dispensation. Now look at the fullness which means full measure.

So, let's simplify this phrase to *the fulfillment of measurement of epics* or **the full measure of dispensations** which refers to the last and the full measure of all the dispensations which refers to <u>the fullness of all the time in human history of the reign of the Lord Jesus Christ</u>.

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with reference to the dispensation of the fulfillment of measure of times, that is the summing up of all things. First, we have to understand the fullness of the times and now of the summing up of all things. This is referring to the time of mankind from creation to the end of human time. This Greek word for the summing up is used but twice in the New Testament. This word means to sum up or gather up or bring together or even to unite. To bring everyone under one head or to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, that is under Christ.

What this verse is doing is that everything has been put under Jesus Christ, as the head of all times and all things and all people. To help you grasp what is being taught with this word **the summing up of all things** this Greek word is used only here and in

Romans 13:9 For this, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, it is <u>summed up</u> in this saying, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

This one Law, Love your neighbor as yourself, summarizes or is <u>summing up all laws under this one</u>. Therefore, to make this clear, this verse brings all things in heaven and earth under Jesus Christ. So here in Ephesians 1:10 it means to bring together under one head, that is Christ, in all things under the heavens and here on earth. When is this perfect full time that causes God to bring to an a point where it is right before God to bring all things to the glory of God. Now, when is this? This is a reference to the Millennium!

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So let's take just a quick look at some top points about the Millennium.

- 1. This is the Millennium Age or the Age of Christ.
- 2. This will start off with learning from God of how Eternity will be. It will start off in perfect Environment. One reason for the Perfect Environment will be because Satan will be not be around (Revelation 20:1-3) Another reason is that there will be no religion starting off the Millennium. The beginning of the Millennium is so wonderful since there is no Satan. Remember the perfect condition of mankind until Satan came in and led man into sin. Religion led mankind to the sinful condition of the flood. Then religion led man to the period of the construction of Babel. It was religion that put the period of the Church Age in darkness because the religion of the Roman Catholic Church tried to keep mankind from the study of the Bible. Today one of the strongest sinful movements today is from religion. Religion advances homosexuality, and the breakdown of the family. Perfect Environment cannot exist where there is religion. Religion is not Christianity and Christianity is not religion. Religion cannot and will not be stopped or destroyed by mankind. Jesus Christ will end religion at the beginning of the Millennium.
- 3. One of the most wonderful events in the beginning of the Millennium will be the most conducive favorite for Spirituality throughout the world.

Joel 2:28 "It will come about after this That <u>I</u> will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and your daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions.

Joel 2:29 And even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

- 4. In the millennium there will be the peace of Jerusalem. People throughout Jerusalem have signs asking for peace of Jerusalem. This prayer is for the coming of the Messiah. Look at Psalm 122:6 '*pray for the peace of Jerusalem*.' Remember there are some historical events that must come before the Peace of Jerusalem: the Rapture of the Church and Tribulation, and the return of Jesus, and then Armageddon and the taking out of the unbelieving Gentiles and the unbelieving Jews all these must happen in the world before the peace of Jerusalem covers the world. Isaiah 65:19; Joel 2:16ff.; Zechariah 10:6-12.
- 5. The Millennium will experience the fulfillment of the unconditional covenants to Israel mentioned in Daniel 9:24. This will be the fulfillment of the Abrahamic, the Palestinian, the Davidic and the New Covenant to Israel. No matter all the anti-Semitic in the world, including World War 2, will not end the being of Jews, for God keeps His Word.
- 6. Perfect environment will be here on earth since the sin of Adam. Isaiah 2:4; Hosea 2:18; Psalm 46:9; Micah 4:3. This will accompany universal Prosperity, Psalm 72:7 & 16. And there will be perfect world peace as in Isaiah 11:1-2 & Zechariah 14:9.
- 7. Something else that many of us will love in Millennium: perfect fair Justice.

Isaiah 11:3 And He will delight in the fear of the Lord, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make decisions by what His ears hear;

Isaiah 11:4 But <u>with righteousness He will</u> judge the poor, And decide <u>with fairness</u> for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

Isaiah 11:5 Also righteousness will be the belt about His lions, And faithfulness the belt around His waist. Also Psa. 72:12-14.

8. The millennium begins with population of believers only. Remember all civilizations begin with believers only. This will change in the Millennium as the population increases.