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After John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, “**The time is fulfilled**, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Mark 1:14-15

Like the stars in the vast circuit of their appointed path, God's purposes know **no haste and no delay.**

The Desire of Ages, 31-32.

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A: **Cup** of iniquity (Genesis 15:16)

INSPIRATION

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Satan's greatest triumph was the perversion of Israel's religion. They robbed God of His glory, and defrauded the world by a counterfeit of the gospel. They had refused to surrender themselves to God for the salvation of the world, and **they became agents of Satan for its destruction.**

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The people whom God had called to be the pillar and ground of the truth had become representatives of Satan. They misrepresented the character of God and corrupted the ordinances through which a knowledge of salvation could be imparted. God could do no more for man through these channels. The whole system must be swept away.

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The temple of the soul became a habitation of demons. The face reflected the expression of the legions of evil spirits with which they were possessed.

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Satan and his angels, as well as the unfallen worlds expected that God **sweeps away** the inhabitants of the world!

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Instead of **destroying the world**, God sent His Son to save it. When the fullness of the time had come, God poured upon the world **a flood of healing grace** that was never to be obstructed or withdrawn till the plan of salvation should be fulfilled.

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Only Christ can fashion anew the character that has been ruined by sin. **He came to expel the demons that had controlled the will.** He came to lift us up **from the dust**, to reshape the marred character after the pattern of His divine character, and to make it beautiful with His own glory.

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Therefore **you are no longer a slave** but **a son, and** if a son, then **an heir** of God through Christ.

Galatians 4:7

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:14

Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. **When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own.**

Christ's Object Lessons, 69.

Therefore **do not cast away your confidence**, which has great reward. For you have **need of endurance**, so that after you have **done the will of God**, you may receive the promise: “For **yet a little while**, *and He who is coming* will come and **will not tarry.**”

Hebrews 10:35-37