

# The Eternal Kingdom The Fullness of Time

Lesson #2

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As a brief review...

Last week we opened up our bibles, minds, and our books authored by F.W. Mattix "The Eternal Kingdom".

We noticed that God had a plan to save man by the man Jesus Christ (1Pt.1:20; Gal.4:4).

We discussed the Roman Government, the good, the bad, and the ugly. The good things about it was they restored peace, excellent roads were built, trade and travel conditions were optimal, common coinage, common language, and pirates attempts to harm and harass were eliminated.

The bad was slavery demoralized their society and taxes discouraged them from climbing the ladder of success. Higher taxes ensured the rich remained rich and the poor remained poor.

The ugly was that Rome was bankrupt. Humanity was not valued. Relationships were not valued. I have a theory, when you devalue humanity in the womb, you will also devalue humanity outside of the womb.

We left off last week discussing Rome's immorality. Tonight I want us to pick things up in chapter one of the book discussing RELGION.

## Religions of Rome

- Mystery Religions
- Zoroastrianism
- Mithraism
- Roman Religion
- What were five facts Mattox illustrates glaring differences between pagan religions and Christianity?

Mystery Religions: The Roman empire was a vast melting pot of many people who had lots of baggage. The baggage included superstitions and religious beliefs.

Zor and Mith: (Read book). What do these religions share in common with Judaism? See any similarities? (Read material from Encyclopedia Britannica).

Roman Religion: There was no “separation of church and state”. The state was the church. The Emperor was god. Government officials were priests.

## The Jewish Contribution

- The Sadducees
- The Pharisees
- The Essenes
- The Zealots

(After reading the bullets, finish up by discussing “The Greek Heritage” and “Summary”).