

The Last Word

“God, after He spoke long ago
to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,
in these last days has spoken to us in His Son,
whom He appointed heir of all things...”

Hebrews 1:1-2 (NASB)

Listening to people argue is an interesting exercise. Arguing is a science among lawyers as they plead their case. I have had the opportunity to attend numerous proceedings in criminal court and listen to cases being pled before a judge.

Lawyers are masters at summing up their arguments as they conclude their presentation. After a time of deliberation the judge pronounces his verdict as the last or final word.

In biblical history God spoke numerous ways through many prophets—with Jesus being the final Word.

Hebrews 1:1-2 makes it clear—in the Greek text—that God is done speaking through prophets. The prophetic office *ends* with God’s Son. All prophecy

points to the *final* Prophet, whose coming we celebrate this month.

As you read your Old Testament, look for information concerning the One whose appearance in history marked a profound turning point. The calendar has a year marked on it that is understood to represent the number of years since Jesus was born.

So this year is a total of 2023 years since Jesus was born. However, we have learned through historical research that the actual year of Jesus’ birth is somewhere between 1-7 BCE. No matter, He came and concluded the work of delivering God’s message to humanity.

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep
and dreamless sleep

The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy darkness shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears
of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

Jesus is God’s last word—
are you listening?

“May we sit at the foot of
the cross; and there learn
what sin has done, what
justice has done, what
love has done.”

- John Newton

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