In His Time

Introduction: (Compiled by Paul R. Blake)
A. Christians are given instructions regarding time
   1. Eph. 5:16; Rom. 13:11; 1Peter 1:11; Gal. 4:4; Heb. 5:12-14
B. Humans often misunderstand time
   1. Time does not exist outside of the created universe
   2. God is not bound by time; He alone controls it - Psalm 75:2-3, 89:47-48
   3. Time is a measurement of duration and decay
      a. It is not linear, reversible, nor malleable
      b. It exists and is quantified in a point, not a line
C. God set five critical points in time: Life, Death, Salvation, Kingdom, Judgment

I. LIFE, A POINT IN TIME
   A. When does life begin, does it begin at conception, at a certain time in the
      stage of development after conception but before birth, or at birth?
      1. Many contend life begins at birth (first natural breath of air).
      2. The Bible represents life before birth
      3. Luke 1:41; Psalm 139:16; Jer. 1:5; Psalm 139:13, 15
   B. The Bible does not speak of the embryonic state as lifeless, but as being a
      living entity - Ex. 21:22-23
      1. The only reasonable conclusion is that life begins before birth at the
         point of conception. If not then, when?

II. DEATH, A POINT IN TIME
   A. At what point in time does death occur?
      1. I took a medical ethics course at YSU, and the medical profession is
         somewhat divided over the matter
   B. The Bible is not conflicted over this question
      1. James 2:26; Luke 16:22 - Their souls departed

III. SALVATION, A POINT IN TIME
   A. Most religionists would agree salvation is available, but disagree widely at
      what point in time it occurs
      1. Most of denominationalism insists salvation occurs when the lost
         believes; "salvation is by grace only, Christ only, and faith only."
      2. If this is true the demons are saved because they believe - James 2:19
         a. James 2:19-26 - It is obedient faith, or it does not save
      3. At what point in time does salvation take place
         a. Acts 2:36-38; 22:16; 1Peter 3:21; Rom. 6:4-5; Gal. 3:26-27

IV. THE KINGDOM, A POINT IN TIME
   A. Dan. 2:44 “…in the days of these kings”
   B. The Kingdom was established during the Roman Empire in Acts 2, AD 30.

V. THE JUDGMENT, A POINT IN TIME
   A. Matt. 24:36; Acts 17:31; 2Peter 3:7-10