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The Millennial "Week" of Time

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The “clock” that tells
us **when** Jesus is
about to come!

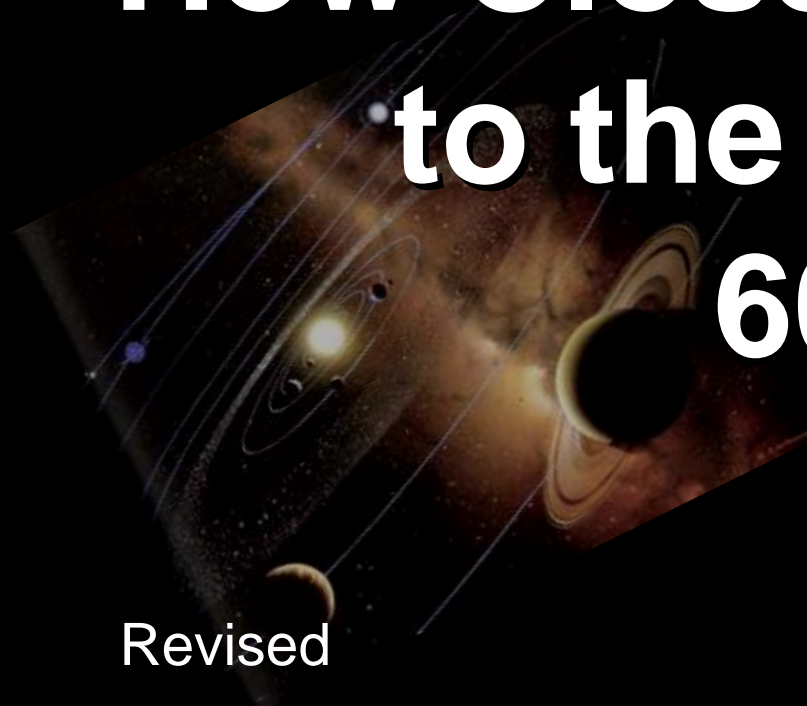
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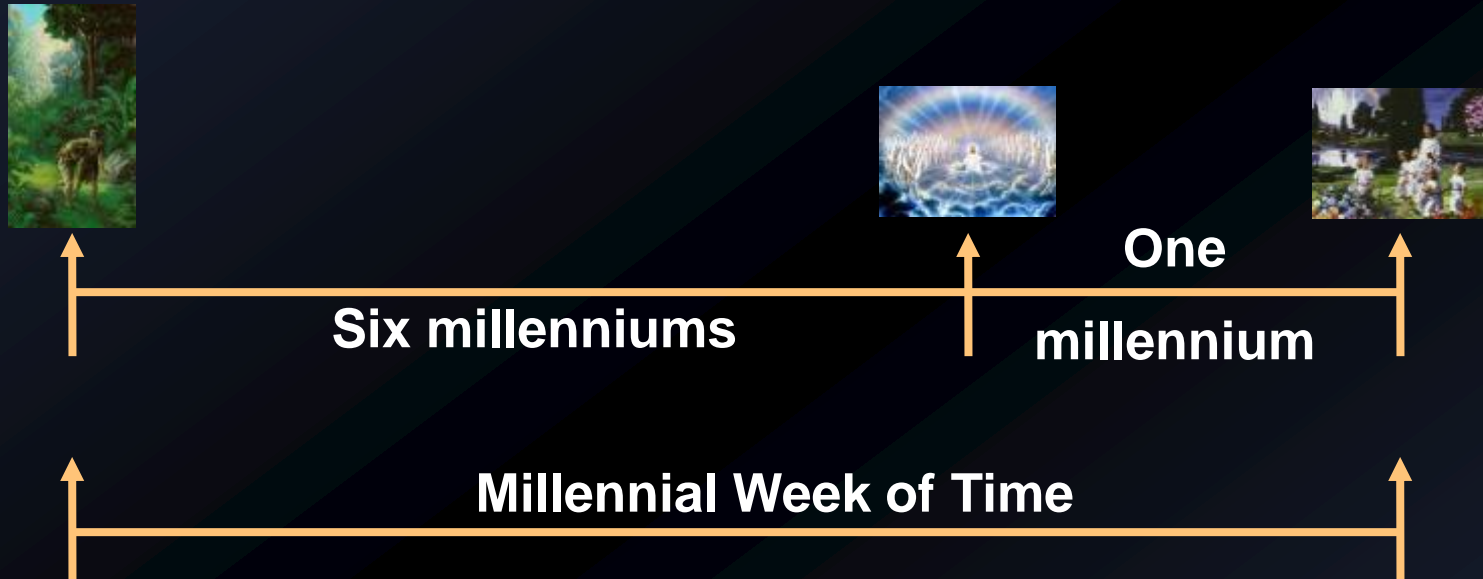
Lesson Two

How Close are We to the End of the 6000 Years?

Revised



Let's first note how history identifies with
this Millennial Week of Time



What did ancient religious
scholars think about this?

Jewish History



Ancient concepts of the earth's age were "transformed in Jewish eschatology into a *world-week of seven millenniums corresponding with the week of Creation*. The verse, 'A thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday' (Psa. 90:4), having suggested the idea that the present world of toil is to be **followed by a Sabbatical millennium**, 'the world to come.'" ("Eschatology," *The Jewish Encyclopedia*, vol., p. 211)



Epistle of Barnabas (A.D. 150)

“Consider, my children, what signify the words, ‘He finished them in six days.’ They mean this: that in *six thousand years* the Lord will make an end of all things, for a day is with him as a thousand years ... And the words ‘He rested on the seventh day,’ signify this: After that his Son hath come, and hath caused to cease the time of the wicked one ... then shall he rest well on the seventh day.”

(Barnabas 15:5, 35)



Irenaeus (A.D. 120-202)

“For in as many days as this world was made, in so many thousand years shall it be concluded.... This is an account of the things formerly created, as also it is a prophecy of what is to come.... they will come to an end at the six thousandth year.”

(Against Heresies V. XXVIII, 3)

Lactantius (A.D. 260-330)



“Therefore ... *know that the six thousandth year is not yet completed, and that when this number is completed the consummation must take place ... again, since God, having finished His works, rested the seventh day and blessed it, at the end of the six thousandth year all wickedness must be abolished ... and righteousness reign.*”

(*The Divine Institutes*, Book 7, Chapter XIV, XXV)

We now question: Is the written history of this world detailed enough to actually conclude that the 6000-year age, as suggested by these men, is accurate?

Is the Biblical record thorough enough to reveal a similar period?

Finally, are there scientific clues that might validate the Biblical age of the earth?

God's Great Week of Time urges us to find every clue possible to affirm this millennial Biblical precept.



Why is all this important?

If God gave planet earth 6000 years to redeem itself and return to His divine standard, we have amazing concerns.

If we can determine that the 7th millennium is about to begin, we have solemn urgency to fully please God! This demands a clear understanding of what God's expectations now are.

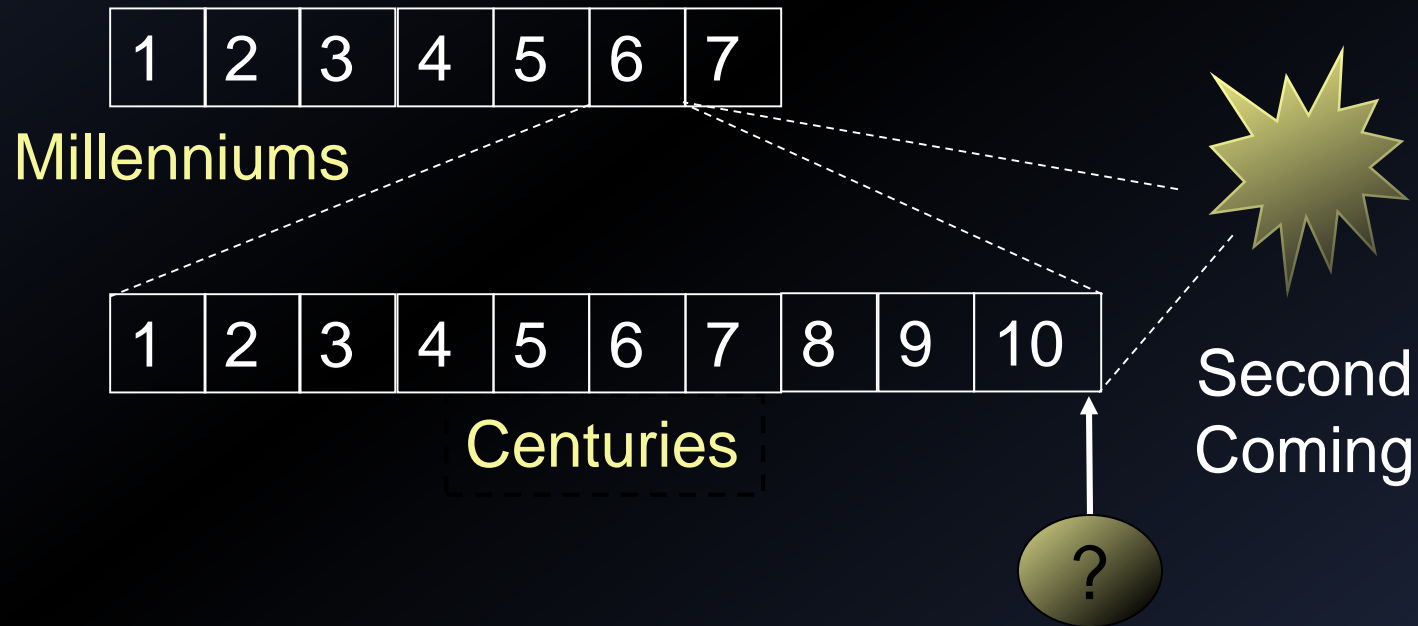
This study will unequivocally show that an elevated time to prepare for "end things" has arrived!

One skeptical “Christian” scientist recently noted: There is an “increasingly impossible task of maintaining the fiction that there is clear scientific evidence that life on this planet is only six to ten thousand years old and that there has been a geologically recent worldwide flood.” (E. T., Ph.D., professor emeritus of anthropology at the University of California, Riverside; May 10, 2010)

Are we at the mercy of such scientists’ bold, radical assumptions? Or – is there evidence to convince even the lay person of the Bible’s prophetic accuracy?

Our issue will not be how old the rocks, the “blank planet” or its cosmos are. We are interested in a 6000-year period since Creation and especially since the fall of Adam and Eve!

In this study we are going to explore what is known about the “ages” of the past. If we can show that a 6000-year period is almost ended – it will be important evidence that Jesus is coming soon (at the end of the “sixth”).



The many genealogies of the Bible are difficult to evaluate within a “time framework.”

One exception, however, exists:

The period between Adam and the Flood:

Though the Septuagint has a vastly different age “list” – we rely here on the Masoretic Text and Dead Sea Scrolls.

In those records it notes that Noah was 600 years old when the Flood came. (Gen 7:6)

His age may seem too old for that colossal boat ride. BUT – God is precise. This is an important reference age to study!

“In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.” (Gen. 7:11)

Did you note all the numbers? Not only is Noah’s age given but the month (*Iyar*) and the specific day when the Flood began. (This would coincide with our April–May period)! For an event that occurred over 4000 years ago, we have stunning calendar details!

**Of the ancient pre-Flood
“heads of families,”
additional ages
are noted:**

Antediluvian Patriarchs:

Genesis

1:27	Adam created	year	0
5:3	Seth born when Adam 130	year	130
6	Enos born when Seth 105	year	235
9	Cainan born when Enos 90	year	325
12	Mahalaleel born when Cainan 70	year	395
15	Jared born when Mahalallel 65	year	460
18	Enoch born when Jared 162	year	622
21	Methuselah born when Enoch 65	year	687
25	Lamech born when Methuselah 187	year	874
28	Noah born when Lamech 182	year	1056
7:11	The Flood came when Noah was 600	year	<u>1656</u>

Creation appears to have occurred 1656 years before the Flood! We still don't know how long Adam and Eve were in the Garden before the fall, which begins the 6000-year clock.

The next genealogy that seems to be fairly well established covers the time from Shem's son, Arphaxad, to Jacob (born when Isaac was 60).

These are covered in Genesis 11, 21 and 25. There, eleven patriarchs bring us to another year from Creation. We are now given amazing details in the narratives of other stories that clarify more about ancient time.

From the research of Gerhard Gertoux, this would be ~2126 years after creation, when **Jacob was born.**

(Scientific approach to an absolute chronology through synchronisms dated by astronomy", PhD Thesis, 2015, University of Clermont Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand France, p. 18)

Let's now analyze more details:



1. **Two** years after the Flood, Shem had Arphaxad (**1658** years after Creation). **290** years later, Terah began to have children. (Gen. 11:11-12:4)
Abraham was born 60 years later. (Gertoux)
350 years + **1658** = **2008** from Creation.
2. When Abraham was **75 years old**, he and his Father left the Ur of Chaldees. That was the year that he first received the covenant promises. **1948** + **75** = **2023** years after Creation. (Gen. 12:1-4)

**Abraham was 75 years old when
he received those promises
(year **2023** from Creation).**

3. Galatians 3:16-17 (cf. Exodus 12:40-41) reveals that the law was given at Sinai **430 years** after Abraham received the promises. **2023 plus 430** takes us to year **2453** after Creation to the Sinai experience.

4. I Kings 6:1 brings us up to the **fourth year** of Solomon's reign, when the temple building had already been started. This verse notes that this year was the **480th year** from the Exodus (the apparent year the law was given at Sinai). Scholars add **40 years** to the time at Sinai. (Ex. 16:35)

2453 (Exodus) + 480 + 40 = 2973 years
from Creation.

This goes to Solomon's fourth regnal year,
when the temple work began.

Year 2969 would then have been his
first regnal year (full kingly year).

Can we discover historically
when Solomon began to reign?

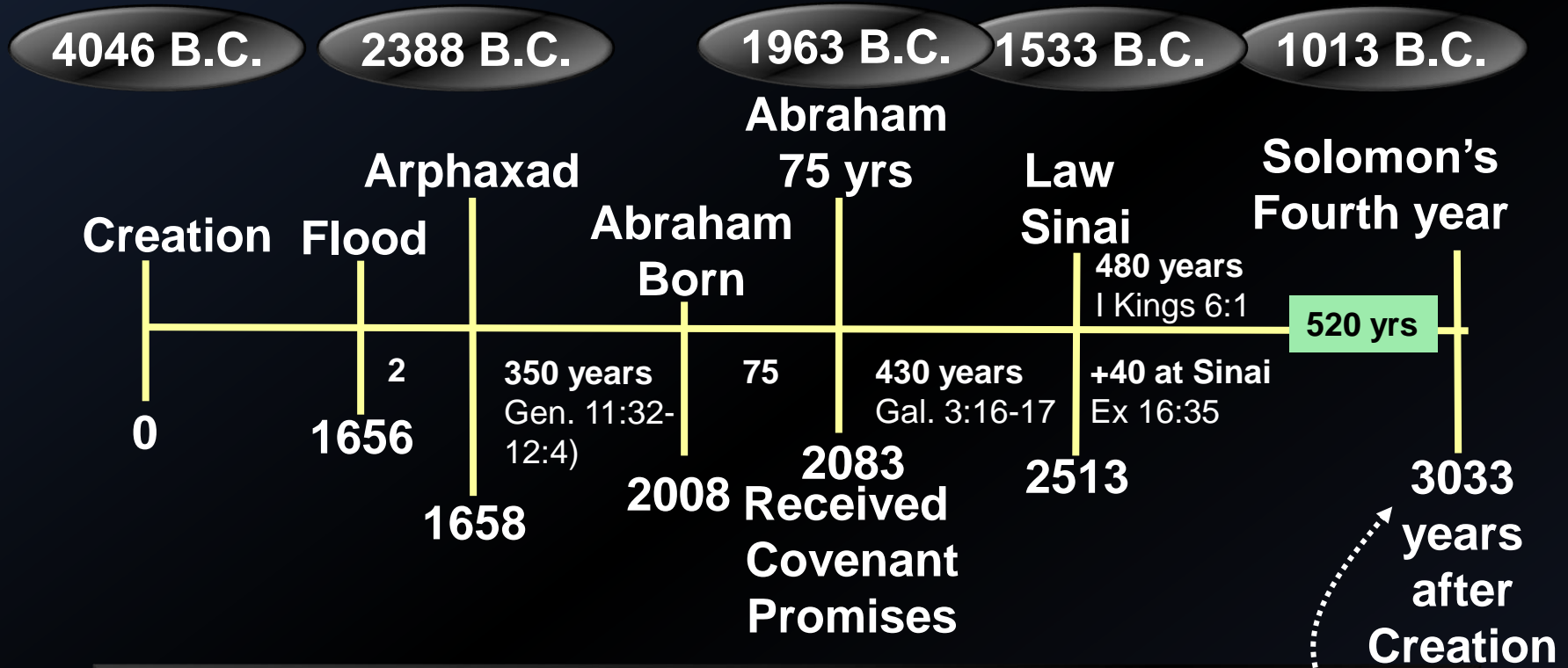
Ancient records do help us to come close.

Most scholars suggest between 1017 and 966 B.C. That is a “scholarly range” of 51 years.

971 B.C. is a year accepted by many archaeologists from the work of the late Edwin R. Thiele. Then **986 B.C.** came from astronomer John P. Pratt. <http://www.johnpratt.com/items/docs/ljs/meridian/2003/david.html#3>

Recently, the most accurate work to date, tying astronomy with archeology and the Bible, suggests that Solomon’s reign began in **1017 B.C.** (Scientific approach to an absolute chronology through synchronisms dated by astronomy”, PhD Thesis, 2015, University of Clermont Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand France, p. 18)

This is what we have discovered thus far:



This can then give us a wonderful clue as to the age of the earth:

Daniel 8:14 is given in 549 B.C.

3033 (years after Creation that Solomon began his fourth regnal year)

+1013 (years before Christ's era B.C.)

4046 (year B.C. to Creation)

[That's the year of Creation. Then adding "1" for the transition from B.C. to A.D.]

4046 + 1 + 2020 = 6067 years since Creation

We are not attempting to develop an exact date when redemptive history will end. Our objective is to see if that 6000-year end might be close. Our analysis has relied on the Masoretic Text. We are close.

What does this all say? We are nearing the end of time when Jesus will be coming!

Many prophetic formulas suggest that we are between 5967 to 6067 years since Creation.

Thus far in our study, we have two Biblical periods:

1. 6007 years (from Daniel 8:14 – Lesson 1)
2. 6067 years (from patriarchs on to today)

Average = 6037 years (again we don't know how long Adam and Eve lived before the fall)

Now let's step into another realm to continue building our information. **What does the physical world show?** Does it come close to the approximate Biblical data? There is much evidence to corroborate with the Old Testament accounts.

The Biblical date for the Flood from this study is 2390 B.C.

Let's look at some of the evidence from the natural world.

Bristlecone Pine:



1957: Methuselah – 4789 rings

1964: Prometheus – 4844 rings

Calculating from the Flood plus Methuselah's age, the earth would be 6499 years – and from Prometheus, 6547 years. Are we dealing with a six-millennial period?

Since there are many factors that might influence the number of rings within a tree, the figures given are the maximum years that the tree could be. (www.rmtrr.org/oldlist.htm)



Time is short.

Evidence from Human History:

The early work of archeologists gleaning information from Egyptian, Babylonian and Sumerian tablets initially set those civilizations at 3000+ B.C. More recent studies reveal that that was too old.



Kramer placed the oldest Sumerian tablet (#2426) at 2385 B.C.! This would suggest people had writing skills from the time of the Flood.

Add 2385 B.C. to 1656 years before the Flood +2020 for us today = 6061 years from Creation.

(Kramer, S. N.; "The Sumerians," Scientific American, Oct. 1957, p. 72)

A Biblically "young earth" – Time is short!

Evidence from Planet Earth:

The earth's rotational speed is gradually slowing down. Currently, it is at 1000 mph. If the earth were millions of years old, its speed would have been so great that it would be like a pancake. Nothing would be retained on its surface. From earth's changing speed alone, a young earth is suggested.

Another fascinating issue comes from the magnetic fields of the earth. They are decreasing. If we could look backwards even from the present trend at 20,000 years ago, it would have been a liquefied mass – no life.

There's more to this magnetic field issue. The sun changes its electrical fields every 11 years. It changed in 2012. The next year will be 2023!



There is something very fascinating regarding our earth! Based on McFarlane's alternative magnetic-field theory, the evidence suggests that a major change occurred 4500 years ago.



(http://www.pureenergysystems.com/news/2005/02/27/6900064_Magnet_Pole_Shift/)

That would be close to the Flood at 2390 B.C.
(or 6007 years since Creation)!

The clocks are "right on."

Oil and Gas Reserves Give Us a Clock:

These fossil fuels are located in porous or permeable rock. They are constantly leaking in many areas onto the ocean floor. If the age of the earth was even 20,000 years old, the reserves would have been depleted long ago.

Shifting of the earth's plates has been studied as initiating these leaks. They appear to have been moving since approximately 2400 B.C. Interesting!



[Baumgardner, John R., Ph.D.; "Catastrophic Plate Tectonics: The Physics Behind the Genesis Flood," *Proceedings of the Fifth International Conference on Creation* (Pittsburgh, PA), pp. 113-126, 2003]

A Biblically "young earth"

Niagara Falls has an Interesting Clock:

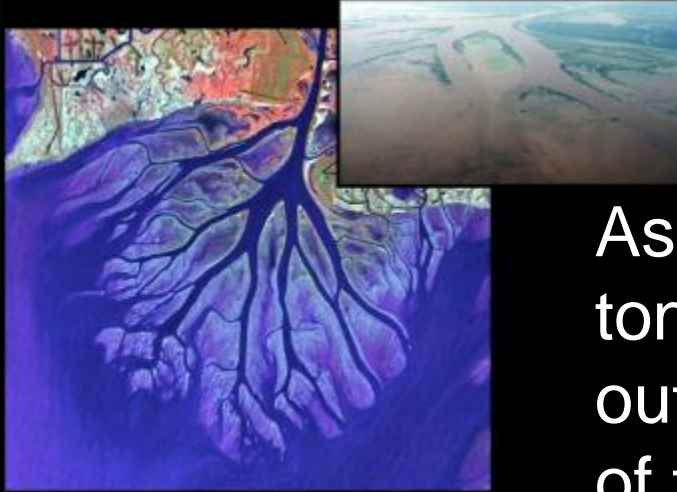
20% of the world's fresh water flows over these falls. The friction of the water over the rocks erodes the cliffs approximately three feet/year.



This has been studied geologically as to how long the river channel would take to erode from its original terminus at Lake Ontario. It was calculated at 4389 years ago. The time of the Flood! $4389 + 1656 = 6045$

Biblically “young earth” – 6045 years.

Earth Age from Bodies of Water:



Mississippi Delta

As rivers flow out to the sea, tons of sediment move further out into the ocean. The depth of the silt and the pattern of its deposits are clues as to how long it took to form.

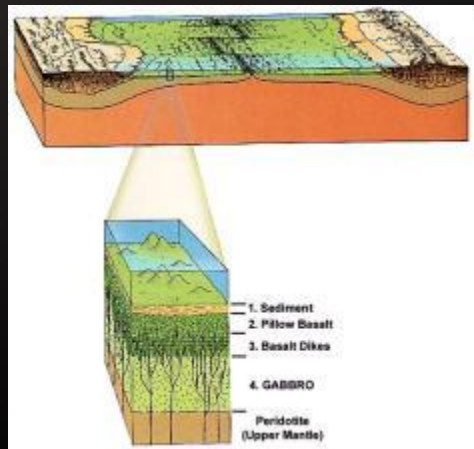
300 million cubic yards of mud are deposited into the Gulf of Mexico each year.

6056 years

Studies now show that the present delta deposits have accumulated for approximately 4400 years! It all started at the Flood!

Thickness of Ocean Sediments:

Sediment ranges are only a few thousand feet thick on the ocean floor. The rate of sediment buildup has been studied extensively.



The thickness is consistent with the time of Noah's Flood. This is a major argument for a young age of the earth and the Biblical period of 6000 years!

A Biblically “young earth” is in view –
Time is getting short!



Coral Growth Patterns:



Coral growth patterns now reveal that the earth is quite young. There are no known coral formations that are older than 3500 years – thus indicating the earth age 5156 years.

(www.pathlights.com/ce_encyclopedia/05agee3.htm)

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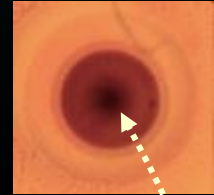
Biological Material Decays Too Fast:



Natural radioactivity, mutations and decay degrade DNA and other biological materials rapidly. Scientists know that the longest DNA can survive in nature cannot be more than 10,000 years. Yet, DNA has been found in bones, insects, dinosaur fossils and even Neanderthal man, all said to be hundreds of thousands of years old. As scientific refinement of DNA studies has progressed, it has been concluded that “mother Eve” of the human race could not have lived more than ~6000 years ago!

[Gibbons, A.; “Calibrating the mitochondrial clock,” *Science*, 279:28-29 (January 2, 1998)].

Radiohalos: When a radioactive element is formed, it puts out a specific kind of beam (it's radioactive). Based upon its power, those beams travel a distance over a period of time, then slowly dissipate.



The red area is a “chemical scar” where such radioactivity beamed out and suddenly stopped.

They are called radiohalos, from Polonium-210.

Many of these are found in the Colorado plateau. Something rapidly halted those powerful beams as they began to pass through a liquid mass, which suddenly became solid. This is evidence for the Flood – in support of the “**young earth**” **Biblical story**.

Too Much Helium in Minerals:

^4He



Radioactive uranium and thorium generate helium atoms as they decay to lead. A study published in the *Journal of Geophysical Research* shows that such helium produced within zircon crystals, formed deep in granite rock when it was molten. By the amount of helium that has been leaking, it appears to date back 4000 years.

This is based on the amount of helium in those crystals related to the radioactivity rate of decay.

[Humphreys, D. R, et al., Helium diffusion age of 6,000 years supports accelerated nuclear decay, *Creation Research Society Quarterly* 41(1):1-16 (June 2004). See archived article on following page of the CRS website: http://www.creationresearch.org/crsq/articles/41/41_1/Helium.htm]

This is, again, evidence for a young earth.

Too Much Carbon 14 in Deep Geologic Strata:

The half-life of C^{14} is 5,700 years.



After 250,000 years there should be basically no C^{14} in a given layer of earth. Yet all deep natural sources of carbon below Pleistocene (Ice Age) strata contain significant levels of C^{14} , even though this strata is supposed to be *millions or billions of years* old. Scientists are unable to account for this. Recently, similar observations have been shown in coal samples and even in diamonds.

By the C^{14} levels, there is strong evidence that the earth is only **thousands** of years old!

What have we learned about God's Millennial Week of Time so far?

Biblical Age:

1. 6007 years (from Daniel 8:14)
2. 6067 years (from the patriarchs)

Natural World Age:

1. Bristlecone Pine (approx. 6523 years)
2. Human History (approx. 6061 years)
3. Magnetic Fields (approx. 6007 years)
4. Oil Leakage (approx. 6076 years)
5. Niagara Falls (approx. 6045 years)
6. Mississippi Sediment (approx. 5956 years)
7. Coral (approx. 5156 years)

Though these are only approximations, they confirm that the concept of a 6000-year redemptive plan is precise and pending!

Intriguingly – the average of all these items:

5989 years

From other prophecies we have persuasive reason to believe that we are just over 6000 years from Creation and just shy of the 6000-year point from when Adam and Eve fell.

God teaches us about
the 6000-year redemptive
period in another way –
by a unique metaphor!

**The Millennial “Week”
in the *Shemita* Cycles**



Now that we know the earth is close to that 6000th year, we visit once again Revelation's millennial story. Notice this sequence:

Ch 17 – final imagery of Babylon's apostasy

Ch 18 – final call to come out of Babylon's – onset of God's wrath prophesied in Rev 14:9-11

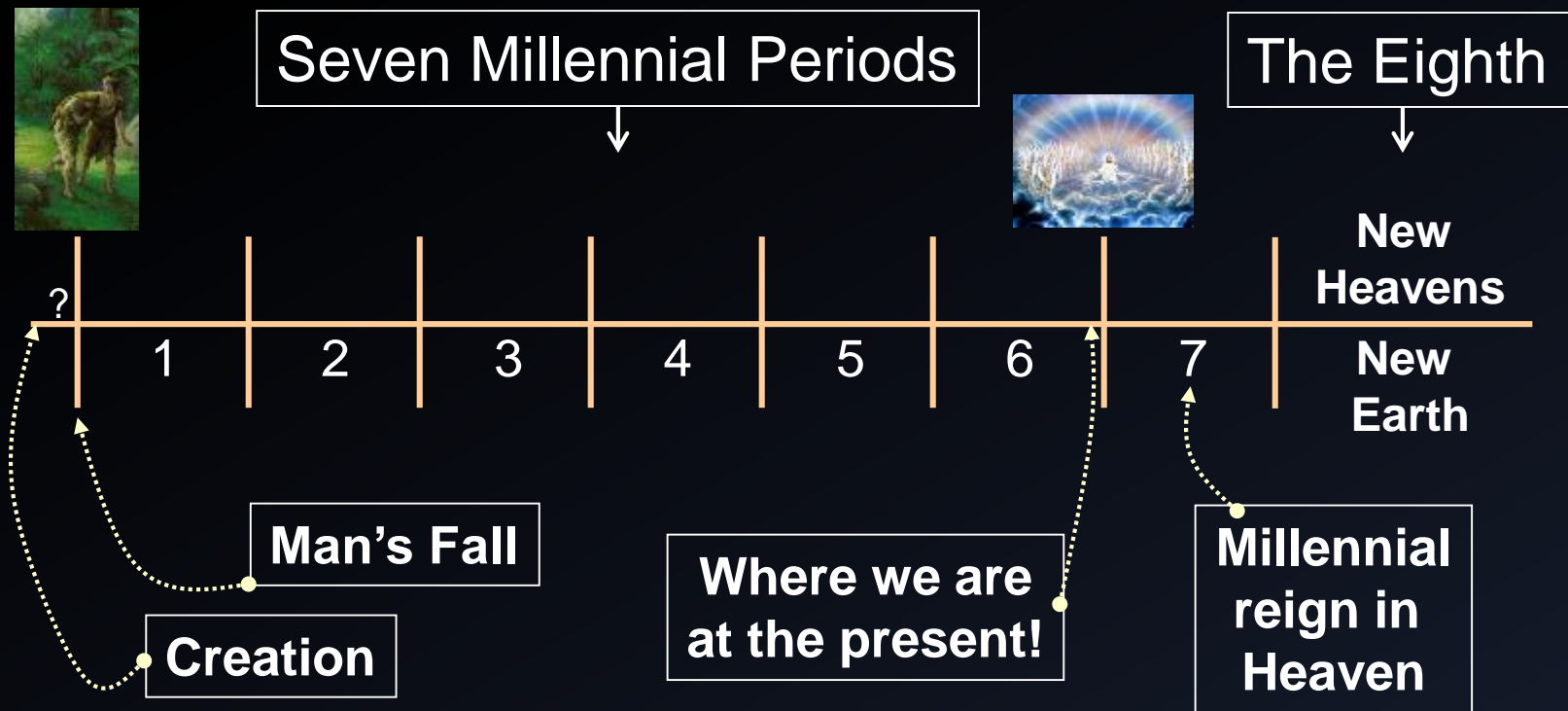
Ch 19 – invitation to the saved – the marriage supper of the Lamb. This is at deliverance – then the Second Coming.

Ch 20 – millennium in heaven

Ch 21 – new heaven and new earth

The 6000 years of dealing with sin precedes the millennium in Revelation!

The millennium in heaven is the seventh. Since an “eighth” is always a “beginning again,” this beautifully corresponds with the theme of a new heaven and a new earth in chapter 21.



A tragic experience came to God's people shortly after they left Egypt.

In spite of the miracles of the Exodus, the Red Sea and the amazing display of glory and power on Mt. Sinai – a few days without their visible leader, and many of the Israelites made a golden calf to worship and put their trust in!



Observing visible signs never assures that faith and trust will continue to prevail!

What was God going to do?

The main perpetrators were removed.
Then He developed a plan where the people would “practice” trusting in Him!

“And God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying: ‘Speak to the Children of Israel and say to them, when you enter the land which I am giving to you, the land shall be at rest – a Sabbath unto the Lord. For six years you shall plant your field and for six years you shall prune your vineyard and you shall harvest its produce. But the seventh year shall be a Sabbath of rest for the land – a Sabbath for the Lord.’” (Lev. 25:1-4)

What happened during that year?

Three things of wonderful significance:

1. The land would rest – it kept a Sabbath.
 - a. There would be no farm labor – God provided the food beforehand.
 - b. That time, therefore, would be devoted 100% to God and His plans.
2. The volunteer crops and the land space belonged to everyone. This showed that everyone was a family and everything was fully shared.
3. Any family member who had a debt was forgiven it 100%. There was no bondage to another.

This concept was prophetically given to
Isaiah:

*“The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me;
because the LORD hath anointed me to
preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath
sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to
proclaim liberty to the captives, and the
opening of the prison to them that are bound.*

*“To proclaim the acceptable year of the
LORD.”* (Isa. 61:1-3)

That year occurred every seven years!

The “sabbatical” year, the “acceptable year of the Lord,” and its message of renewal reminded God’s people of the heavenly Canaan.

There, they would be sustained by God in an atmosphere of glory near His throne.

There, no bondage would exist. Life, in many ways, would be a continual “seventh.”

Then God said: After every 7 of those 7 cycles (49 years) a special year, called a Jubilee, would come.

That was when land was to be restored to the original owners and all slaves were to be freed. That came on an “eighth.”

This is partially depicted in Revelation 7.

At the end of time, during the seventh millennium, the saints are described:

“After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.” (Rev. 7:9-10)

Then in Revelation 20, where the Millennium is presented:

“And I saw thrones, and they [God’s people] sat upon them ... and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.” (Rev. 20:4)

The saints have just entered the antitypical land of Canaan (heaven). *“Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest.”* (Heb. 4:11a)

“Let us labor” during the “six” – in preparation for the onset of that “seventh.”

Everywhere we look, we see the Biblical model of:

$$6 + 1 = 7^{\text{th}} \text{ -- then}$$

$$7 + 1 = 8^{\text{th}}$$

In the *Shemitas* or Sabbatical years with the following Jubilee we see:

6 years + 1 = the 7th or a Sabbath with God

Then the 7th + 1 = 8th when everything becomes new again.

6 millenniums + 1 = 7th millennium with Jesus

7th millennium + 1 = new heavens and earth

“The great plan of redemption results in fully bringing back the world into God's favor. All that was lost by sin is restored. Not only man but the earth is redeemed, to be the eternal abode of the obedient. For six thousand years Satan has struggled to maintain possession of the earth. Now God's original purpose in its creation is accomplished. ‘The saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.’” (AH 539-540)

Are we close to the end of that 6000-year period?

Based on the Biblical records, we are beyond that period. Based on the natural world records, we are just shy of that point. Together, they are at the 5989-year point from Creation.

This all suggests that we are exceedingly close to the end of redemptive history.

If we look at that Biblical record, suggesting this 6000 years, and assume that Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden for only a few years before the fall (they had no children until afterward), we could conclude that in another few years we could count on our hands the years till the “Millennial Week of Time” would come to an end!

For those of you who have studied with us the amazing timing issues of Daniel 9, you know that is very close!

Though not part of this study, those last 3½ years of Daniel 9 will be repeated in an important finalé, which will begin:

At a Passover

At a full moon

Probably on a Friday

You might be defensive and say there is no 3½ years at the end. Expositor White knew there was. She made this dramatic statement in 1902:

“In the last days Satan will appear as an angel of light, with great power and heavenly glory, and claim to be the Lord of the whole earth. He will declare that the Sabbath has been changed from the seventh to the first day of the week; and as lord of the first day of the week he will present this spurious sabbath as a test of loyalty to him. Then will take place the final fulfillment of the Revelator’s prophecy. *‘And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?’ ‘And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.*” (19MR 282)

Just ahead:

**A Work Will Soon
be Finished – Then
the 6000 Years Will End**

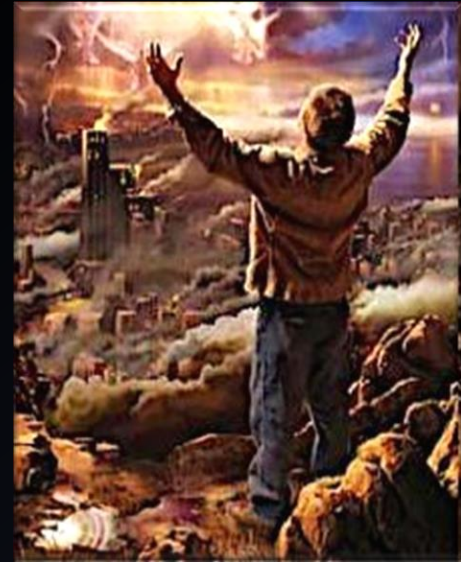


“But there is a day ‘that God hath appointed for the close of this world’s history. This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.’ Prophecy is fast fulfilling. More, much more, should be said about these tremendously important subjects. The day is at hand when the destiny of every soul will be fixed forever. This day of the Lord hastens on apace. The false watchmen are raising the cry, ‘All is well;’ but the day of God is rapidly approaching. ⇒

“Its footsteps are so muffled that it does not arouse the world from the deathlike slumber into which it has fallen.... The solemn fact is to be kept not only before the people of the world, but before our own churches also, that the day of the Lord will come suddenly, unexpectedly. The fearful warning of the prophecy is addressed to every soul. Let no one feel that he is secure from the danger of being surprised. Let no one’s interpretation of prophecy rob you of the conviction of the knowledge of events which show that this great event is near at hand.” (FE 335-336)



We are
this
close!



“Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

“Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.” (Rev. 3:11, 22:7)

The End

(Scientific approach to an absolute chronology through synchronisms dated by astronomy", PhD Thesis, 2015, University of Clermont Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand France, p. 18)

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Typology of the Millennial Clock



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