

THE GREAT DAY OF GOD

INTRODUCTION

God is in control of time. He dwells outside time and it is his pleasure to dictate all things in their time (Eccl. 3:1-17). Men ought to examine God's timing and fear him (Eccl. 3:14). One of the ways he demonstrates this is through prophecy, or foretelling future events with absolute accuracy. Man does not know what tomorrow will bring (James 2:14). So the ability to know future events is the sure proof of God (Deut. 18:22).

For these reasons it is a most profitable exercise for the student of Scriptures to be familiar with time in the Bible. We will show in these pages all the wonderful ways God works through time to demonstrate his glory. Let all men bow before him and praise his glorious name.

NUMBERING DAYS ARIGHT

Moses wrote:

"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12)

And:

"For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by

Or like a watch in the night." (Psalm 90:4)

Here are Jesus' words:

"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning

"Like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet

So that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door..." (Luke 12:35-36)

"It will be good if the master finds them ready,

even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night." (Luke 12:38)

If a thousand years are as a watch in the night, and Jesus departed in 33AD, is Jesus predicting his return in either the second watch (1033 to 2033AD) or the third watch (2033 to 3033AD)?¹

¹ The 'watch' would be counted from the departure of the master: either Jesus' death or his ascension.

THE DAYS OF CREATION

Chapter one of the Bible describes six days of creation and a seventh day of rest. But, how long were those days? We have two clues in Scripture:

“But beloved do not forget one thing: that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years are as one day.” (2 Peter 3:8)

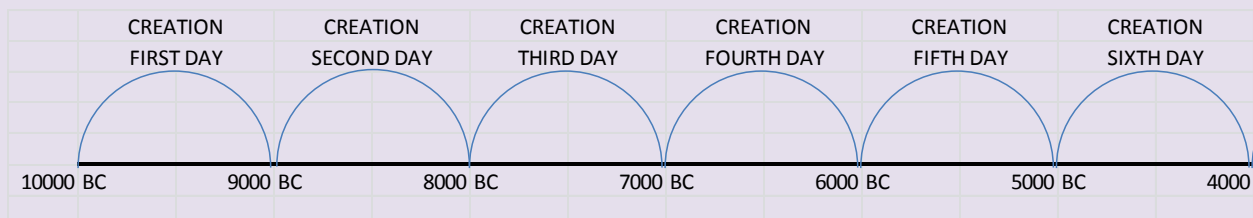
This is confirmed by the first prophecy of God recorded in Scripture:

“Of every tree of the knowledge of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day you eat of it you will surely die.” (Genesis 2: 16-17)

When Adam and Eve ate the fruit they did not immediately die. However, the Bible records:

“So all the days of Adam were nine hundred and thirty years...” (Genesis 5:5)

The prophecy of God came true. In the ‘day’ Adam ate the fruit, i.e. in the 1,000 year period following his creation, Adam died. We will call 1,000 year a ‘great day’. We therefore have justification to interpret the **first six ‘days’ of creation as 1,000 year periods or great days:**



On the seventh day God rested from all his work (Gen.2:2). It is not shown in the graphic above because the 1,000 years of God’s rest was cut short by the Fall of Eve and Adam. **The millennial kingdom of Jesus will be the fulfillment of the seventh great day of God’s rest.** It was interrupted by Adam’s sin and the generations of Adam that dwell on the earth until Jesus comes to set up his kingdom.

A graphic of the great days of God since the beginning is provided on our website www.biblenumbersforlife.com called “Time Wheel of History”.

A table of the great days of God is provided on the next page.

GREAT DAYS OF GOD

DEPARTURE OF CHRIST = 33 AD

	Starting	Ending	Since Beginning	Days of Creation	Days of Man
BC	9967	8967	Day 1	Day 1	
BC	8967	7967	Day 2	Day 2	
BC	7967	6967	Day 3	Day 3	
BC	6967	5967	Day 4	Day 4	
BC	5967	4967	Day 5	Day 5	
BC	4967	3967	Day 6	Day 6	
BC	3967	Cut Short		Day 7 *	
BC	3967	2967	Day 7		Day 1
BC	2967	1967	Day 8		Day 2
BC	1967	967	Day 9		Day 3
BC	967	AD 33	Day 10		Day 4
AD	33	1033	Day 11		Day 5
AD	1033	2033	Day 12		Day 6
AD	2033	Cut Short	Day 13 **		Day 7 **
AD	Millennium		Day 14	Day 7	

Notes

(*) Day 7 (The End) of Creation, the Day of God's Rest, is cut short by the sin of Adam

(**) Day 7 (The End) of Man, the same as Day 13 (Rebellion), is cut short by the return of Christ.

The Great Tribulation lasts 7 years and the rebellion is defeated. No 1,000 year reign of Satan!

Day 14 (Righteousness) brings in the Millennium, and fulfills Day 7 (The End) of Creation.

Using the ages of the Patriarchs in the Bible, Adam was born in 4,114 BC and fathered his first son (after he sinned) in 3,984 BC. Original sin was between those two dates, more likely closer to the latter. Using the Great Day of God calculation above, original sin occurred after 3,967 BC.