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'I have sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labours.' John 4:38

The others to whom we are indebted:

Sir Edward Denny
Grattan Guinness
Arthur Ware
Frank Paine
Roger Price
Martin Thompson

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Introduction

Ostrich Christianity - that's when you want to bury your head in the sand rather than address an issue. Ask any Christian, 'when will Jesus return?' and you are most likely to get one of two answers. Either 'its spiritual He won't actually return,' or more likely, 'we are not to know when He will return because the bible says so.'

However, the bible says '*but of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.*' Matthew 24:36. Its very specific – you won't know the day or the hour. It does not exclude knowing the year or the month!

Indeed if we want to avoid criticism from Jesus we should consider carefully what we do know and what its application might mean for us and those around us. So this booklet charts what we do know and is offered for your prayerful consideration.

Jesus was very critical of those who were not aware of the times in which they lived –

'He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red, and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.'
Matthew 16:2-3

"For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."
Luke 19:43-44

We are expected to understand the times – and seeing the signs pointing more and more to Jesus return, its not unreasonable to examine in depth what we do know about the timing of His coming. '*Because you do not know the day or the hour - **Watch***' Matthew 25:13 (my paraphrase) So this paper is to urge all 'ostriches,' and those who want to learn, to examine carefully and prayerfully what we do know. Its importance grows as we see the signs and the mounting difficulties.

The Lord knows the end from the beginning:

*'Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare;
before they spring forth I tell you of them.'* Isaiah
42:9

The Lord God gave the sun and the moon so that days and years could be measured – Genesis 1:14:18. Interestingly that suggests two chronologies - a solar chronology and a lunar chronology – that is exactly what we will find.

From these few references we can see that God has provided for the measurement of time, that He knows its precise dimensions, and that we are expected to be aware of the significance of the time in which we live.

When we study what we do know of time, God's masterplan for the ages will become apparent.

This booklet is aimed at making a complex subject simple enough for every believer. Therefore it does not go into the depths that are available to the very scholarly, but it does give us all an awareness of these times in which we live.

We do not seek to set the specific day for Jesus return. We do seek to show that time for favour for the Gentile Nations (Kingdoms) has run its course, and that God's plan, which includes the return of Jesus, is moving on a pace towards its climax.

Note about ostriches – actually they do not bury their heads in the sand as folklore would have it.

The ostrich digs a hole in the ground to deposit its eggs. When the ostrich turns the eggs over it looks as if it is burying its head in the sand.

Actually it is tending to its eggs.

As you read into this booklet we hope you will discover some wonderful eggs of truth.

Chapter 1

Simple beginnings

We have to start at the very simplest of beginnings:

A day

The earth rotates on its own axis. For the purposes of our discussion the sun is stationery – giving out its great light. As the earth rotates different parts of it are in the light at different times. Because the earth rotates in an anti clockwise direction when viewed from the northern hemisphere. The east receives the light from the sun first. We call one rotation of the earth in relation to the sun a day.

A year

At the same time as the earth is rotating on its own axis, it is also circling round the sun. It takes 365 and a quarter days to make one trip round the sun. So we call this a solar year. Our calendar is based on a solar year of 365 days. When four quarter days have accumulated we add in (intercalate) an extra day. We call the year which includes the extra day a 'leap year.'

Our calendar has undergone some revision in its history – finally it was revised by Pope Gregory in 1582, so our calendar is known as the Gregorian Calendar.

Later on we shall see that it is possible to measure a year in other ways – that is why I referred to this as a solar year – i.e. one measured by the sun.

Chapter 2

Some definitions

We have already defined a day and a year – now we are going to define some more important items in our study:

A chronology

A chronology is a list of things in sequence of time.
For example, in the chronology of the author

1945 Born
1946 Walked
1950 Went to infant school
1952 Went to junior school
1956 Went to high school
1961 First job – articulated to an accountant in London
1963 Engaged to Marion
1964 Married
1966 First child born – a son. Qualified as accountant.
1968 Second child born – a daughter.
1971 Third child - another daughter

.....and so on.

Notice that this list only records certain events that I have chosen to include. A chronology need not be a continual sequence of every event. It is a selective list of things which can be very selective or can include everything, depending on the criteria set.

So a chronology is a selective list in sequence of time.

A calendar

A system by which the beginning, length and subdivision of years is fixed.

We have already met the calendar we use – the Gregorian Calendar.
Before the Gregorian calendar came into use the common calendar was called the Julian calendar after Julius Caesar who introduced it.

Lunar calendar

A calendar using the moon as its instrument of measurement. The moon takes 29 and a half days to complete one circuit of the earth. A lunar year, of 12 months, therefore has 354 days in it. Sometimes called a Bible Year as Israel used this calendar before the Exodus.

Intercalation

The insertion of an extra period of time for calendar correction. The simplest example has already been quoted – we add in 1 extra day every four years to keep our Gregorian Calendar in line with the sun.

Israel had a lunar calendar until the Exodus.

Because a lunar calendar consists of 354 days, it is necessary to add in extra days if one wants to keep the calendar in line with the seasons, because seasons are related to the sun. When the Lord told Israel to start keeping feasts based on agriculture it meant that the seasons had to be at the same time each year – you can only keep first fruits when the first of the harvest is ready!

So Israel adopted a luni-solar calendar by intercalating an extra month every two or three years.

Chapter 3

Early church expectations

From the writings of the early church fathers, we know that they thought that the seven days of creation week indicated that in God's plan, this world would last for 7,000 years.

The first quotation is from 'The Epistle of Barnabas' and the second from Hippolytus.

'Even in the beginning of creation He makes mention of the sabbath, and God made in six days the works of His hands and He finished them on the sixth day and He rested on the seventh day and sanctified it. Consider my children what that signifies, in 6,000 years the Lord will bring all things to an end. For with Him one day is as 1,000 years as Himself testified saying "Behold this day shall be a thousand years" therefore children in 6 days, that is 6,000 years shall all things be accomplished.'

'6,000 years must needs be fulfilled that the sabbath may come, even the rest, that Holy day on which God rested from all His work. The sabbath then is a type and image of the future kingdom of the saints, when they will reign with Christ after His coming down from heaven as John declares it in the apocalypse.'

We do not seek to consider these early church writings on the same level as scripture – but, merely to show that some early church thought expected man to enjoy 7,000 years of existence on this earth.

Here is another – this time foreseeing 6,000 years before things come to an end and change:

'For in so many days as this world was made, in so many thousand years shall it be concluded In six days created things were completed; it is evident that, therefore, they will come to an end after 6,000 years.'

What Irenaeus thought would happen after 6,000 years is not clear from this quotation.

There are also similar references in Jewish writings and the Talmud.

Scripture

There is some scriptural basis for the link made by our forefathers:

*‘For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past,
and like a watch in the night.’* Psalm 90:4

*‘But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is
as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.’*
2 Peter 3:8

It would be easy for us to dismiss the link our predecessors made as too fundamental and too speculative. Yet, if we are going to be sound and intelligent students, then we would at least bear it in mind in our deliberations and examine the proposition to see if it stands scrutiny.

We are conditioned into thinking that the earth has been around for many millions of years by the ‘Theory of Evolution.’ Virtually all our education and all expression in the media are based on this theory – theory, not fact, for there is no genuine scientific evidence to prove it. Indeed there is a growing body of expert Christians, whose work is in science, who show that the geological evidence points to creation and a worldwide flood.

Others expert Christian scientists, working in various fields, also show that evolution is just not possible in many scientific disciplines.*

Not only that, the theory goes absolutely contrary to scripture which declares that God created man in His image, that man, using his free will, fell into sin – then needing forgiveness and redemption. Our recording of time goes from Adam, what may have happened before he was created is not in the scope of this study.

* A great deal of excellent material is available from:

Creation Science Foundation
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Chapter 4

The discovery of the Chronology of Kingdoms

In the early 1800's Sir Edward Denny, a member of the Brethren and a well known author, discovered what he called the 'Chronology of Redemption.' We are changing the name to be the chronology of Kingdoms as it more accurately describes the chronology.

Let us remind ourselves that a chronology is a selective list in sequence of time. So Sir Edward Denny discovered that there is a selective sequence which measures forgiveness and redemption through His choice of Kingdoms.

He made the discovery as he pondered and prayed about understanding the following passage:

'Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.'

Matthew 18:21-22

Sir Edward Denny was led to consider that there might be a link between 'forgiveness' and the number 490 (70 x 7).

He then wondered what was meant by 70 x 7, why not 80 x 8 – or any other number. Was this just a random expression used by Jesus, or was there a deeper meaning?

Then he was led by the Spirit of God to another passage of scripture which brought revelation.....

Chapter 5

The unique features of the Chronology of Kingdoms

..... the passage Sir Edward came to was this:

Jubilee cycles

*'And you shall count seven sabbaths of years for yourself, **seven times seven years**; and **the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-nine years.***

'Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land.

'And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family.

'That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of its own accord, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine.

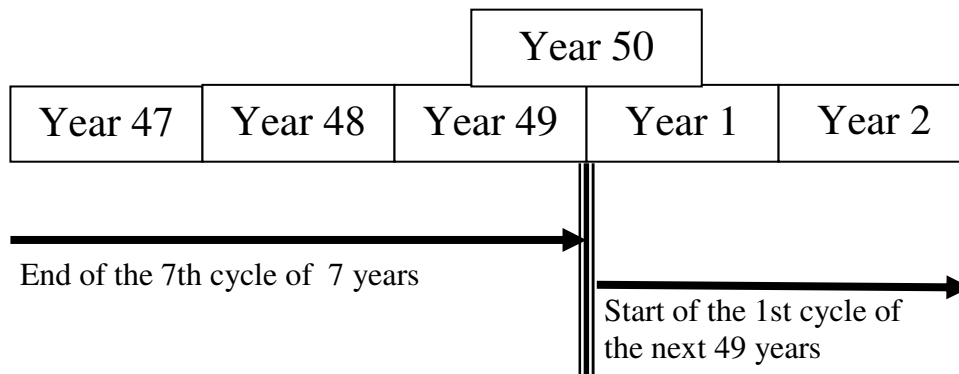
'For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat its produce from the field.

'In this Year of Jubilee, each of you shall return to his possession.'

Leviticus 25:8-13

So here was an immediate link – 49 years was given until the jubilee – a time when debt was forgiven and land redeemed. The 70 times 7 (490) years of Matthew's gospel was the same as 10 of these jubilee cycles. (10 representing numerical fullness)

Then he realised that there was something unusual – the jubilee was to be sounded on the 10th day of the seventh month and was to last one year – but look it was starting half way through an existing year – the tenth day of the seventh month. If the jubilee lasted one year, then it would end half way through the first year of the next cycle like this:



Year 50 did not exist on its own – it ran concurrently with the last half of the last year of one cycle, and the first half of the first year of the next cycle.

One of the unique features of the chronology of God’s administration of Kingdoms was discovered – in man’s experience, and therefore in the chronology of his existence, he lived for 49 years but in God’s reckoning He was counting 50 years in the chronology of His administration of Kingdoms.

Sir Edward Denny also came to realise that 10 jubilee cycles, that is 500 years in Kingdom chronology, was a significant period, highlighted in the scripture. Details in the appendix.

The Lord’s method of counting had another hidden facet...

The second unique feature of the chronology of God’s administration of Kingdoms is the fact that God does not count some periods of time at all.

Again, we need to remind ourselves of the nature of the chronology we are considering – it is called the chronology of God’s administration of Kingdoms. Therefore, the fact that there are periods of time that God does not count, is not so strange after all.

Judgement

Israel had been warned of the consequences of disobedience to their God. One of those consequences was that they would be ruled over by foreign

kings or peoples. Whilst Israel is under this foreign rulership, as a matter of judgement, they were not operating as a Kingdom – therefore these periods are not reckoned to Israel in this chronology. There are quite a lot of periods like this – periods which God does not count at all.

For example here is a list of the situation during the period from the Exodus to Solomon's Temple

During this period Israel were ruled by judges. When they were disobedient to God they fell under the rulership of foreign kings.

The next page shows a table of one such period.

Table showing the years of rule.

Exodus to the Temple.

	<i>Years Counted:</i>	<i>Foreign King – years not counted:</i>	<i>Reference</i>
Ruler:			
Exodus to start of Judges	47		
Joshua and others	20		Josh 14:6-10
Mesopotamia		8	Judges 3:8
Othniel	40		Judges 3:11
Moab		18	Judges 3:14
Ehud and Shangar	80		Judges 3:30
Canaanites		20	Judges 4:3
Deborah and Barak	40		Judges 5:31
Midian		7	Judges 6:1
Gideon	40		Judges 8:28
Abimelech	3		Judges 9:22
Tolah	23		Judges 10:2
Jair	22		Judges 10:3
Philistines and Ammonites		18	Judges 10:8
Jephthah	6		Judges 12:7
Ibzan	7		Judges 12:9
Elon	10		Judges 12:11
Abdon	8		Judges 12:14
Philistines		40	Judges 13:1 and 15:20
Eli	40		1Sam 4:18
Philistines		20	1 Sam 7:2-3 and Acts 13:19-20
Samuel (part)	10		Sam 7:11-13
Saul	40		Acts 13:21
David	40		1 Kings 2:11
Solomon to the dedication Of the temple	14		
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Total years	490	131 not counted	
Add jubilee years	10		

Kingdom years	500		

The years when Israel is ruled by foreigners are not reckoned in the Chronology of Kingdoms as they represent periods of judgement. Our table accounts for 500 years, in the appendix we list other periods which will account for other 500 year periods. In total 2,000 years of Jewish history is accounted for in this way.

Chapter 6

How long is a bible year?

The question sounds simple, but it has given rise to different opinions.

A basic bible year is a lunar year of 354 days. This is achieved by having the length of a month alternate between 29 days and 30 days. (6 months of each of 29 and 30 days)

The earliest biblical mention of dates is found in Genesis:

'In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.'

Genesis 7:11

'And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, that the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and indeed the surface of the ground was dry.

And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dried.

Then God spoke to Noah, saying,

"Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you.

Genesis 8:13-16

From these two scriptures we can see that Noah was in the ark for 1 year and 11 days.

Here is a link between the biblical lunar calendar of 354 days and the solar calendar of 365 days. i.e. Noah was in the ark 1 solar year – that is 1 bible year plus 11 days.

Feasts based on agriculture are introduced.

However, after the Exodus, Israel are commanded to keep feasts based on agriculture. Therefore it becomes essential that the calendar is lined up with the seasons. (A calendar based on a 354 day year has its dates

getting earlier and earlier in the seasons until after 16 years they are at the exact opposite position)

For this period - that is from the Exodus until Jesus, a bible year is 365 days.

The law is fulfilled in Jesus

The law finds its fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Israel is 'cut off' (albeit temporarily), the bible year reverts to 354 days.

Footnote.

Some commentators have given the length of a bible year as 360 days. They base this opinion on the fact that Nebuchadnezzar had to spend 2520 days eating grass. That is 7 'times' of 360 days each. However, we are demonstrating that a bible year is 354 days in length, except in the period from the Exodus to Jesus. In later pages we will see that 2520 is particularly relevant to gentile nations. Nowhere in scripture is 360 days called a year – it is only referred to as a 'time' and it has a very Babylonian flavor.

(In a similar sort of typology as saying 'a day is as a thousand years' we could say 1 day is as 360 years in the Babylonian scheme of things. In that case 1 hour could be thought to represent 15 years. We will meet this later on when the Lord used one hour to represent 15 years when speaking to a group of bible students and teachers in England.)

Chapter 7

Signposts to the re-establishment of Israel

Dr Grattan Guinness, an eminent astronomer and writer, proposed, in his work in the 19th century, 4 dates which would point to the re-establishment of Israel, based on the account of Nebuchadnezzar's dreams found in the book of Daniel.

The first dream

Found in the second chapter of Daniel, is the account of the dream of the 'great statue,' and its interpretation. For our purposes here all we need to know is that this statue represents gentile nations which will rise in the earth as explained in verses 24 – 45.

The first and greatest of these nations is Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar.

The second dream

Found in Daniel chapter 4, this dream is of a great tree cut down, with the stump left in the ground. The interpretation is clearly given – Nebuchadnezzar is the tree. 7 times must pass over him before he is restored. (Bearing in mind that this dream refers to gentiles we see that the remaining stump is bound in bronze representing Greece and iron representing Rome.)

It was Nebuchadnezzar who took Israel into captivity in Babylon. This process was accomplished in 4 main stages over a 19 year period.

Dr Grattan Guinness proposed that, just as there were four stages in the captivity, there would be four signposts to Israel's re-establishment. He further proposed that these stages would take place 2520 (360 x 7) years later.

So his proposal was:

607/6BC

Jerusalem was captured and the nobles sons taken to Babylon.

Relates to 1914

1st world war. Britain decides that the Jews should have their own land.

604BC

Daniel 2 declares the times of Gentile dominion over the earth

Relates to 1917

The Balfour declaration*. Jerusalem captured from the Turks.

598BC

The 'Jehoiachin' revolt. Jerusalem taken again. Ezekiel taken to Babylon

Relates to 1923

The 'Palestinian Mandate' given to Britain by the 'League of Nations.'

588BC

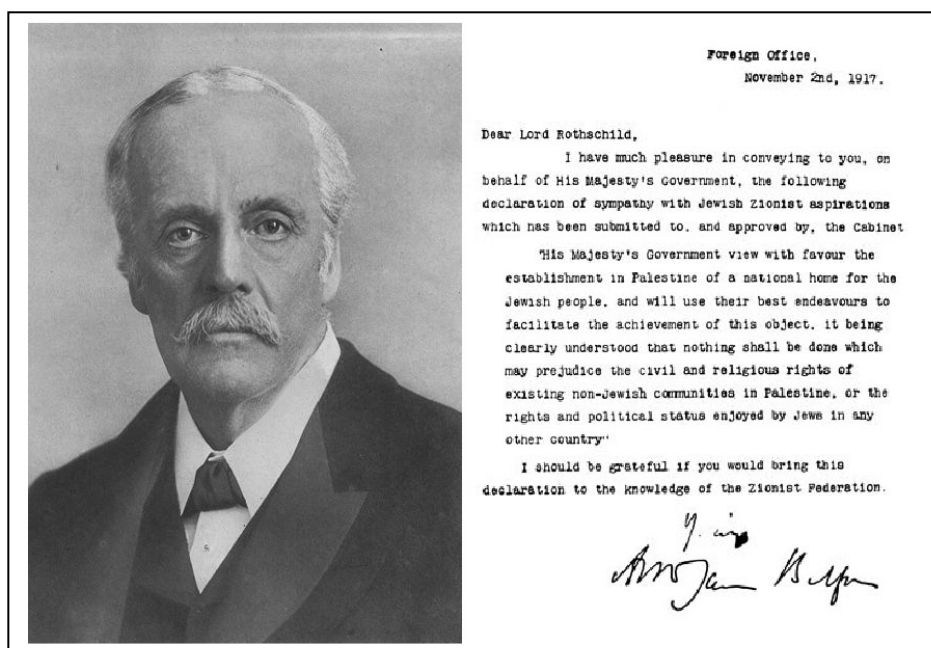
Zedekiah revolt. Nebuchadnezzar besieges Jerusalem which falls in

587BC

Relates to 1933

Gentile nations cut off from the fatness of the Olive Tree as per the warning in Romans 11.

* The 'Balfour declaration' was a statement of British Government policy contained in a letter from Balfour, the Foreign Secretary, to Lord Rothschild. This statement gave British Government approval to the Jews being re-established in their historic land.



Chapter 8

What about the Gentile Nations

We know from many Old Testament scriptures that it is the calling of Israel to be the chief nation on the earth (which will be fulfilled in the Millennium) We also know of their disobedience and their rejection of the Messiah when He came to them and was crucified in AD33)

However, the New Testament tells us that their 'fall' is not irrevocable. If we read through Romans 11 we find Paul telling us:

God has not cast away His people who He foreknew.

Israel has stumbled but not irrevocably fallen.

Israel has been cut off from the root of fatness of the 'Olive Tree.'

Salvation came to the Gentiles to provoke Israel to jealousy.

Gentiles were grafted into the fatness of the root of the 'Olive Tree.'

(Favour)

Israel is beloved of God and His gift and calling (to them) are irrevocable.

And.....

Gentiles are warned to stay in God's goodness or be cut off.

We have already seen that Gentile Nations were given dominion in the earth – starting with Babylon. We have also seen that it was proposed that the dominion would be transferred to a restored Israel.

Meaning of 'Olive Tree.'

Paul uses the symbol of the Olive Tree. The symbol is that of the flow of the blessing and favour of God – that which makes fat. It is right to think that Israel's natural position is in this cultivated Olive Tree – for God chose Israel for His purposes and blessing. The Gentile Nations, wild though they are, have been grafted as branches into the olive tree and made co-participators of that flow of God's fundamental goodness and favour.

(Some commentators treat Israel as being the Olive Tree – this is an overstatement not supported by the text and causes many misunderstandings of end time theology, and of the relative position of Israel and the church. Israel are branches, not the whole tree, and the text explicitly describes the root as 'fatness.')

At this point we are going to recap a little and add in some more information.

Chronology of God's administration of Kingdoms

- We are studying the chronology God uses for His master plan relating to the Kingdoms of the earth.
- We saw that the early church Fathers expected there to be 7,000 years of time for mankind – based on treating the 7 days of the creation account as a type with each day representing 1,000 years.
- We have seen that the chronology of God's administration of Kingdoms has some unique features:
 1. It adds extra 'jubilee' years although they run concurrently with other years.
 2. It does not count at all some 'unreckoned' periods.
 3. It takes the length of a year as 354 days except between the Exodus and Jesus, when it takes 365¼ days.
- We can see from Revelation 20 that the scripture talks of a period of time lasting one thousand years – when Christ reigns on earth. (verses 2,3,4,5,6 and 7)
- Putting all of this together, gives rise to the expectation that the history of the earth will, in some way, reveal 6,000 years before that reign of Christ.

Now for the miracle of time

It has now been discovered that 6,000 years, of Kingdom chronology, end on exactly the same day as 6,000 years of another biblical chronology - the chronology of man, which uses the solar calendar.

For 6,000 solar years of 365¼ days each to conclude on exactly the same day as 6,000 years of the chronology of God's administration of Kingdoms, with its unique method of accounting, is astonishing.

In the next chapter we will see how this comes together.....

Chapter 9

The climax of the ‘Times of the Gentiles’

A group of bible students in England noticed certain events:

The Balfour Declaration signaled to them the coming restoration of Israel

The end of the First World War at 11 am on 11th day of the 11th Month of 1918 raised the question, ‘Lord is this circumstance or are you speaking something in this?’

In response they believed the Lord was saying that it was the end of the 11th hour – i.e. in some way there was just one more ‘hour’ to go. Later they received specific warning from God 200 days and again 40 days before the event. Public meetings were held after widespread publicity in the Daily Press.

The two warnings pointed exactly to 12th June 1933. That was the opening date of the World Economic Conference held in London with virtually every nation in existence at that time represented. The object of the conference, attended by 66 nations and 600 delegates and dubbed ‘The Second Tower of Babel,’ was to address the worldwide economic depression.

(Interestingly the ‘1 hour’ warning given by God lasted 15 years -we saw this concept earlier)

Their interpretation of what was about to happen did not manifest in the way they expected. It appeared to them that the warning was the end of Christendom – however they later understood it to be the cutting off of the Gentile Nations (Kingdoms) from the Olive Tree of favour.

With every nation represented, it was a unique opportunity for the nations to call upon the Lord to help them and to deliver them from the economic woes that had befallen them. King George V of England opened the conference at 3pm. We understand that he wanted to open in prayer, asking the Lord for help for the nations, but was over-ruled by the politicians.

This unique and wonderful opportunity to call upon the grace of God was completely missed. Whilst the conference passed off on earth with no particular conclusion except,

'It is not beyond the wit of man to solve this crisis,' in heaven the events were carefully noted and the Gentile Nations slipped out of the goodness of God and were 'cut off' from the Olive Tree of blessing.

So now we have:

- The Times of the Gentiles, as established by Dr Gattan Guinness, ending in 1933
- 6,000 solar years ending on 12th June 1933
- 6,000 years of the chronology of God's administration of Kingdoms ending on 12th June 1933
- God giving 200 days and then 40 days warning of the position.
- The World Economic Conference opening on the very day.

Result The Gentile Nations are cut off from the Olive Tree root of favour and fatness as warned by Paul in Romans 11: 22. God's emphasis on Kingdoms, has for the Gentile nations, ended and Israel will now swing back into view.

Further confirmation

If it were needed further confirmation came a little later.

We calculated in bible years to arrive at the end of the chronology of Kingdoms on 12th June – and that is correct – for the chronology counts in round years.

If we were to do the same calculation in astronomical years we would have to make an adjustment. A bible year is 354 days long. An exactly accurate astronomical lunar year is 354.367055555555 days long. We need to add an extra 6,198 times .36705555555 to get to an astronomical calculation.

The answer to our arithmetic is to add 2275 days to 12th June 1933. When we do this we arrive at

3rd September 1939.

A day cemented in history as the start of the Second World War. As the First World War was a warning to the gentile nations that the 11th hour had passed, the second world war was a sign that midnight had passed – exactly to the day.

There is no way of being absolutely certain that the meaning of 12th June 1933 is being correctly interpreted. However in addition to the remarkable sign of the 2nd World War:

- There is nothing else noted and expected to climax at that time.
- This is the understanding of those involved in the revelation aspects of events.
- The warning to gentile nations from Paul in Romans 11.
- Chronology confirms the working out of the dates exactly.
- Prophetic scripture sees the end of the Gentile rule:
 - 1 In the collapse of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's dream.
 - 2 In the destruction of the harlot in Revelation 17
 - 3 In the destruction of Babylon in Revelation 18.
- Spirituality in the most christianised nations has reduced enormously.
- Ethical and moral standards have dropped alarmingly
- Ungodly practices have become the norm and are increasing rapidly
- Paul confirms in Romans 11 that God is able to graft Israel in again.
- The re-emergence of Israel is exactly what one would expect after the cutting off of Gentile Nations.
- The signs of world politics today point to a coming peace deal with Israel and upon failure of that, the nations coming together against Israel.
- There is a very long standing prophecy said to be given by Malachy, the primate of all Ireland in the 1100's. This prophecy gave a description of all the Popes still to come (112 at that time) Whilst there are many who do not recognize the work it is interesting that it stated that the last Pope (Benedict 16th) would resign. (The first to do so in nearly 600 years.) According to this prophecy the existing Pope is the last one. We will see!

Chapter 10

What comes next?

For the moment let us accept the proposal that 6000 years of man's history ended and that the Gentile Nations were 'cut off' on 12th June 1933 and ask, 'What would we expect to happen next from our bible knowledge?'

Many commentators and 'prophets' had been expecting Israel to re-emerge as a nation. This is because there are many promises, made by God to Israel, yet to be fulfilled. Some see the church as replacing Israel in God's purposes – but reference to Romans 11 shows us that is not the case as Israel is to be grafted in again. (See the booklet 'Israel and the church not in competition' at www.freebiblebooklets.com.)

Israel re-emerges

So it was no surprise, to those who were taking the bible as the inspired word of God, and who rightly divide between God's purposes for Israel, and His purposes for the church, to see Israel re-emerge in 1948. (15 years or one chronological 'hour' later.)

Jesus reigns on earth

We have already touched upon the fact that Israel re-emerges for judgement and refining and then to be Chief of the Nations in the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ.

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However what happens from 1948 on.....

Here we have to speculate a little.

Clearly the church is still around, witnessing, evangelising, being salt and light in the community and fulfilling its commission.

Equally clearly Israel has been re-established as a nation – even though there has been tremendous opposition.

Time seems to just march merrily on as if there is no end.

But, if we take note of current events we can see that there is increasing pressure on Israel from the rest of the world to give up its God given land to the Palestinians. It does not need much imagination to see that eventually the Nations of the world will fulfil biblical prophecy, and try to enforce their will against Israel, and specifically against Jerusalem.

So we see...

The world heading towards the very things scripture foretells. How long before God's wrath is poured out in 'Tribulation?'

The process of taking Israel into captivity in Babylon took four stages over a 19 year period and lasted for 70 years. It is possible that this period of time, 70 years, might be relevant in the restoration of Israel.....

1967 (19 years after 1948) saw Israel back in the Old City of Jerusalem. So perhaps this indicates that the whole period of restoration does take 70 years. The Lord restoring to Israel 70 years back in the land, before the final end time events take place.

If this period of time, that is the regathering of Israel - for its coming judgement and refinement, lasts 70 years then

So restoration of Israel could take us to 2018

That is simply 1948 plus the 70 years already referred to above.

Tribulation

We have already mentioned tribulation and I am aware that there are different views and understandings of what is to come. So I will add to the discussion my understanding –

Revelation 17 tells of 10 kings who come to power for one hour (can't be literal here – so I am going to take one chronological 'hour' of 15 years.) It tells us that these 10 kings hand their rulership to antichrist who emerges amongst them. (verses 13 and 17).

This period of 15 years then includes the period known as 'The Tribulation' which in turn is known to be 7 years in length. We also

know that Jesus returns to put an end to the rule of antichrist and to establish His personal rule on the earth – the 1,000 year millennium. So simple arithmetic – 2018 sees the 70 years of God’s focus on Israel complete, then the only other known period of time to consider is the 15 year rule of the 10 kings and antichrist - - 2018 + 15 = 2033 for Jesus to return and set up His kingdom. It is no coincidence that this is exactly 2000 years from the date of His death and resurrection. Scripture tells us we will not know the day or the hour – because the Tribulation is cut short to allow some ‘flesh’ to survive this awful outpouring of God’s wrath. (Matthew 24:22)

‘He has made everything suited to its time; also, He has given human beings an awareness of eternity; but in such a way that they can’t fully comprehend, from beginning to end, the things God does.’
Ecclesiastes 3:11 (Complete Jewish Bible –D Stern)

Nevertheless, even though we will not be able to understand everything, we are expected to aware of the times as Jesus directed in Matthew 16. And we should expect increasing understanding as the times grow near.

Meanwhile we expect things to get more troubled as God shakes the Nations and prepares for His final judgement and the satanic realm falls into its own self destructive battles as antichrist destroys Babylon.

For the believer this a wonderful time of expectation – for we know that our deliverance is coming soon:

*‘For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, **looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,***
Titus 2:11-13

This is the time for the church to shine with the knowledge and the glory of the Lord like never before. As the world gets darker the light shines more brightly – there are still many to be saved, ‘snatched from the fire’ as it were. (Jude 23)

Chapter 11

The masterplan

We have been able to see the plan of time through the ages, up to the present day and on into the coming millennial rule of Jesus Christ. So let's put this into the context of a masterplan.

Created in darkness??

At the very start of scripture (Genesis 1:2) we find the earth without form, void and darkness covering the waters that covered the earth. Yet Isaiah 45:18 says that God did not create the earth 'in vain' or literally 'without form.' It goes on to say that God 'formed' or fashioned the earth to be inhabited.

Job (38:4-7) tells us that the angels shouted for joy when God laid the foundations of the earth.

So it appears that something happened between the period when the foundations of the earth were laid, when the earth did have form – causing unbridled joy in the angelic host, and the state in which we find it in Genesis 1:2.

When one puts the whole scriptural record together, it seems very likely that the earth was originally formed as a mineral garden and given to Lucifer as his domain. Lucifer (here called the king of Tyre) was the chief of the angelic host (the anointed cherub) and is found in Ezekiel 28 'walking too and fro in the midst of the fiery stones.'

We know from other scripture that Lucifer rebelled against God – Isaiah 14 records the five 'I will' statements Lucifer made in his innermost being. Lucifer fell from grace, had his light switched off (Lucifer means 'light bearer') and was thereafter called satan.

So it is not much of a surprise to find satan's domain covered in water (judgement) and darkness – no light!

The plan of redemption – stage 1

So God has a plan to redeem the earth – He re-furbished the earth and puts man there with the instruction to take dominion over every living creature.

[It does not matter whether one agrees with all the scenario outlined here, but one thing is undeniable – God said to Adam, ‘*have dominion over all the earth.*’ (Genesis 1:26)]

Sin raises its ugly head.

Regretfully, Adam and Eve fell to the wiles of satan appearing to them in the form of a serpent. It certainly appears that he did not want to lose control of the earth to man.

In fact we find satan ‘boasting’ that the earth is his in the first chapter of Job. Here satan tells God ‘I have been going to and fro on the earth and walking back and forth on it’ – that’s an idiom for ownership.

The plan of redemption – stage 2

Now that man has fallen into sin the plan of redemption must first redeem man and will finally redeem the land. We have seen the outline of the plan:

- a) An age of conscience – let man ‘as it were,’ find his way through lasted for 2000 years. Sin increased and increased which led to

The plan of redemption - stage 3

- b) An age of national witness – Israel, the Kingdom, chosen by God as His witness on earth, looking for a coming redeemer, the Messiah. For 2000 years Israel, as a nation, are not an effective witness leading to

The plan of redemption - stage 4

(The Passover lamb was set aside on the 10th day of the month and sacrificed on the 14th – i.e. it was set aside for 4 days. Jesus as our Passover lamb was set aside from creation for four days of 1,000 years each leading up to His crucifixion – we have just outlined the 4,000 years. When Jesus was called to raise Lazarus, who is a type of the nation of Israel, He waits 2 days -this represents the 2,000 years of the church age before the period of time when the nation of Israel is restored. These two confirmed periods give weight to our proposition that ‘one day is as a thousand years.’)

- c) The coming of the Messiah to deal with sin, His rejection by Israel.
Jesus died to deal with sin and its penalty for every single human being who places his or her trust in the sacrifice of His

life in exchange for theirs. His rejection by Israel led to.....

- d) The age of favour for gentile nations (Kingdoms) (2000 years)
The gentile nations fail to stay in God's favour which led to...

The plan of redemption – stage 5

- e) An undisclosed period time (70 years?) whilst Israel is re-gathered as a nation.
- f) Judgement on a sinful world and on the 10 kings and antichrist (The Great Tribulation)
Which leads to
- g) Jesus victory over satan as He returns to earth to set up His personal rule (Kingdom) for 1,000 years - the millennium
Sin in humans born during this time still has to be dealt with. A rebellion is unleashed as satan is allowed one more time to deceive the nations. Unbelievers are destroyed by fire. The earth has experienced a prolonged period of perfect rulership under Jesus so now all that can be redeemed has been redeemed and

The completion of the redemption of the earth.

- h) Eternity beckons – the old heaven and earth pass away and a new heaven and earth appear. Now God dwells with mankind – no sin, no tears, nothing which defiles – perfect redemption.

God's masterplan is complete:

All those who placed their trust in Jesus the Messiah – whether before He came to earth in person, whilst He was (and will be again in the future) on earth in person, or during the current age when we look for His glorious appearing – have had the penalty of sin removed, and have been granted eternal life. Redemption is available for all who will receive it by recognizing the need for a personal redeemer and the efficacy of the sacrifice of Jesus' life.

The land, the earth is fully redeemed during the millennial reign of Jesus – Isaiah 11 has some of the description – the wolf will lie with the lamb, the nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, they shall not hurt or destroy on My holy mountain for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God - - - perfection. Redemption is complete – eternity can come.

We have demonstrated that the early church knew a thing or two! One day did and does represent 1,000 years.

Amazingly we saw the calendars come together in 1933 even though they have spectacularly different methods of calculation. So now we see a 100 year period known as the consummation of the age or the period of endings. We saw it consists of 15 years waiting for the restoration of Israel as a nation, 70 years back in the land and 15 years rule of the 10 kings and antichrist.

The final numbers –

So the beginning of the millennium looks like 2033. The 1,000 year reign of Christ will be calculated in luni-solar years – that is lunar years with intercalation of an extra month every two or three years, and is in effect the same as solar years. (This is because there will be agricultural based feasts during the millennium)

So the end of the millennium would then be 3033 completing 3,000 solar years from Jesus death and resurrection.

Conclusion

Writing towards the end of 2015 it now becomes likely that there is only a few years before the 10 kings take up position. As they set out to destroy the world systems as we know them we can expect a bumpy ride. As they hate Christians we can expect persecution and difficult times. A veritable storm!

We can, and should, look forward to Jesus return. For if our treatise is correct His return for His church is within sight.

It is time to know our Lord. It is time to be close to Him. It is time to hear His voice. It is time to be led by His Spirit. It is time to be strong and courageous. It is time to have a thorough understanding of the faith to which we subscribe.

It is time to expect the Lord to be with us and to expect works of power.

In this period it is also a time to hunger and thirst for righteousness, to be ready for Him and to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength - hence my favourite and frequent prayer 'Holy Spirit fill me with more and more love for Jesus' – after all He is coming as my Bridegroom – soon.

Appendix

The analysis of time to Jesus death can be shown in summary like this:

Period:	Years	Not Counted	Jubilees	Kingdom years
Creation to Abram	2008	-48	40	2000
Abram to Exodus	505	-15	10	500
Exodus to Solomon's Temple	621	-131	10	500
Temple to Artaxerxes	560	-70	10	500
Artaxerxes to death of Jesus.	490		10	500
				Total 4000

From our diagram we see 4,000 years in the Chronology of Kingdoms from creation to the death of Jesus. This is beautifully pictured in the Exodus story. The sacrificial lamb had to be set aside for 4 days before slaughter. Likewise the Lamb of God was set apart from the beginning of creation for 4,000 years – *one day is like a thousand years*.

We have already seen the detailed breakdown of the period from the Exodus to the dedication of Solomon's Temple in chapter 5.

Here are the other periods.....

The first period is from Adam to Abram.

There was no law at this time so we refer to it as 'The age of conscience.'
 (Law did not come in until Moses, but man had the capacity to know
 good and evil and is expected to deny sin. Genesis 4:7)

Event:	Years Elapsed:	Scripture Reference:
Age of Adam at birth of Seth	130	Gen 5:3
Enos born when Seth is 105	235	Gen 5:6
Cainan born when Enos is 90	325	Gen 5:9
Mahalaleel born when Cainan is 70	395	Gen 5:12
Jared born when Mahalaleel is 65	460	Gen 5:15
Enoch born when Jared is 162	622	Gen 5:18
Methuselah born when Enoch is 65	687	Gen 5:21
Lamech born, Methuselah is 187	874	Gen 5:25
Noah born when Lamech is 182	1056	Gen 5:28
Shem born when Noah is 502	1558	Gen 11:10
The flood	1656	Gen 7:11
Arphaxed born, Shem is 100	1658	Gen 11:10
Salah born when Arphaxad is 35	1693	Gen 11:12
Eber born when Salah is 30	1723	Gen 11:14
Peleg born when Eber is 34	1757	Gen 11:16
Reu born when Peleg is 30	1787	Gen 11:18
Serug born when Reu is 32	1819	Gen 11:20
Nahor born when Serug is 30	1849	Gen 11:22
Terah born when Nahor is 29	1878	Gen 11:24
Abraham born when terah is 130	2008	Gen 11:32 less Gen 12:
Deduct an unreckoned period from The death of Abel to the birth of Seth	-48	

	1960	
Add 40 jubilee years	40	
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	2000	

Here we have the first 'grand cycle' of 2,000 years in the chronology of the administration of Kingdoms. We have called this period the 'age of conscience,' as every man was a law unto himself.

From Abraham to the Exodus - 500 years

Event:	Years Elapsed:	Scripture Reference:
Abram born	2008	
Abram leaves Haran	2083	Gen 12:1-4
Abram 'marries' Hagar	2093	Gen 16:3
Ishmael born	2094	Gen 16:16
Isaac born	2108	Gen 21:5
Isaac weaned / Ishmael cast out	2113	Gen 21:8, 14
Sarah's death at 127	2145	Gen 23:1
Isaac marries at 40	2148	Gen 25:20
Birth of Esau and Jacob, Isaac 60	2168	Gen 25:26
Jacob (130) and sons enter Egypt	2298	Gen 47:9
Exodus	2513	Ex 12:41
Years elapsed		505
Deduct unreckoned period when Abraham goes into Hagar until Isaac is born		-15

Total years		490
Add jubilees		10

Kingdom chronology years		500

Solomon's temple to Artaxerxes - 500 years

Ruler:	Counted	Not Counted	
Solomon – rest of reign	26		1 Kings 11:42
Rehoboam	17		2 Chron 12:13
Abijah	3		2 Chron 13:2
Asa	41		2 Chron 16:13
Jehoshaphat	22**		2 Chron 20:31
Jehoram	4*		2 Kings 8:16-17
Ahaziah	1		2 Chron 22:2
Athaliah	6		2 Chron 22:12
Jehoash	40		2 Chron 24:1
Amaziah	29		2 Chron 25:1
Interregnum	14		2 Kings 14:17 - 15:1
Uzziah	52		2 Chron 26:3
Jotham	20		2 Kings 15:30-3
Ahaz	16		2 Chron 28:1
Hezekiah	29		Ezra 4:4-5
Manasseh	55		2 Chron 29:1
Amon	2		2 Chron 33:1
Josiah	31		2 Chron 33:21
Jehohoiakim	4	8	Jer 25:1 and 11
Zedekiah		11	2 Kings 24:18
Interval from fall of Jerusalem until the decree to end captivity		51	Ezra 1:1
Interval to the decree to Ezra to rebuild	78		Ezra 7:7
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Total years	490	70	
Add jubilee years	10		

Kingdom chronology years	500		

* 4 years joint rulership with Jehosophat hence 8 years in scripture.

** Jehoshaphat also reigned jointly with Asa for 3 years hence 25 years in scripture.

Artaxerxes to Death of Jesus Christ

This is the seventy weeks of Daniel 9:24.

That is	490 years
Add jubilees	10

Total Kingdom chronology years	500

Summary

Here are the four periods covering the time of Israel in summary:

a)	Abraham to the Exodus	500 years
b)	Exodus to Solomon's temple	500 years
c)	Solomon's temple to Artaxerxes	500 years
d)	Artaxerxes to Jesus	500 years

Total		2000 years

This period is known as the Age of Israel – the second ‘grand cycle’ of chronology.

To bring us up to date:

The death of Jesus occurred in AD 33.

2,000 years of Kingdom chronology equate to 1900 solar years.

[The calculation goes like this - deduct jubilees – we then have 1960 actual years.

1960 actual bible years of 354 days is 693,840 days. Divide by 365.25 days gives 1900 solar years.]

So 2,000 years of Kingdom Chronology end in 1933. i.e. AD 33 plus 1900 solar years.

This is the third 'grand cycle' of chronology.

During this period of time God's favour has rested on gentile nations (Kingdoms) – those that would receive it.

One day is as 1,000 years.

The proposition of the early church writers has now been proved – one day can be said to represent 1,000 years.

We have seen:

2000 years from Adam to Abram – the 'Age of conscience.'

2000 years the 'Age of Israel' as God's chosen Kingdom

2000 years the 'Age of Gentile Kingdoms

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6000

1000 years still to come as per Revelation 20.

7000 Grand Total

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That leaves the question - what are we living in right now. The answer is an unreckoned period referred to as 'The consummation of the age' when the bride and later Israel are prepared to meet Jesus. The Age of the Gentile is over, Israel is being re-gathered ready to come into its destiny and calling as chief nation. But the world has to pass through judgement and refinement.

The chronological facts we have revealed can be checked by reference to the position of the moon and calculating back in lunations. The revealed chronology synchronises with a number of known dates.

On to the millennium

So we have seen 6,000 solar years ending in 1933 and a period known as the consummation of the age of 100 years taking us to 2033, when we expect the millennium to commence,

