

The end is not ^{*quite*} / yet.

.....The consummation of the age.

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Introduction

God's masterplan is clearly defined in the scriptures – it is just our understanding that has become more than a bit muddled.

The consummation of the age is a period of time when things are gathered together ready for the termination of this age and the release of the next step in the masterplan.

It is controversial – simply because there is so little depth of understanding and so much human agenda which conflicts with His plan for His Son and for the world.

This understanding may be new to you – please seek the Holy Spirit to lead you into all truth. Please check the biblical understanding as best you can.

Please don't dismiss it because it's new to you – you will see as you progress that actually the fundamental elements were taught by Jesus and by the early church.

We are not seeking to set dates. Rather we are taking the thinking of the early church fathers to its logical conclusion. When considering the timing of possible or even probable future events we have to bear in mind we do not know what we do not know – and therefore hold matters lightly and treat with caution.

Nevertheless. As the bride of Christ we are told that these things will not come upon us unawares, we are not in darkness.

1Thessalonians 5:4-6

We are also specifically told that the day or the hour of His return will not be known – no mention of the year. Matthew 25:13

Watch and pray! And pray some more!

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Chapter 1

'Chronos' and 'kairos' - times and seasons.

A little Greek!

Chronos a duration of time long or short. Quantity.

Kairos a season with certain characteristics. Qualities.

Sometimes the translation in the scripture doesn't make the difference clear.

Usage:

Chronos 'Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men determined from them what time the star appeared.'

Matthew 2:7

'A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time.'

Luke 20:9

In both examples time is *chronos* and the meaning is clear.

Kairos 'Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.' Colossians 4:5

Meaning - redeeming is to 'buy out.' Hence we are redeemed from slavery to sin by Jesus. Time here is *Kairos*. The context is the way we react with unbelievers, the phrase has the meaning of 'making the best of (every opportunity in) this season.'

There are a couple of other words relevant to the consideration before us:

Hora a literal hour. Can also refer to a short specific season or time.

Jesus said to Mary, *'My hour has not yet come.'* John 2:4

Meaning - the moment for the fulfilment of My purpose on earth has not yet come.

Jesus said to the disciples, *'Could you not watch with Me one hour.'* Matthew 26:40

Meaning an hour.

Aion age or era.

'The mystery has been hidden from the ages and from generations has now been revealed to His saints.' Colossians 1:26

The mystery, (Christ in you the hope of glory) was not revealed in previous ages – such as the age of Israel for example.

The measurement of time:

We measure time in seconds, minutes and hours then in days, weeks, months and years.

When we get to weeks, months and years in particular, there have been, and are some different methods. In the French revolution there was, amongst others, a proposal for a fixed 30 day month. That gave only 360 days where a solar year is 365.25 days - so the proposal was that at the end of the 12 months there would be a 5 day break then the cycle would start again.

The Jewish way of measuring is to have 6 months each of 30 days and 29 days giving a 354 day 'lunar' year. In order to synchronise

with the solar year an extra month was added in every two or three years.

We run our calendar according to the solar year, having only to add in 1 extra day every four years to keep largely in line with the sun.

As we are not producing a scholarly work on time measurement we will move on from these simple examples.

The understanding of seasons.

When we consider seasons we think not so much of the duration, but rather of the quality. So we look forward to Spring for the beautiful flowers emerging after winter, and to summer for the warm weather. (Of course the seasons are more defined in some parts of the world than others.)

And so we can see seasons in our own lives. Some short, some long. There was a season at school – broken down into junior and then higher school. There was a season for me and my wife rearing children – that season had its joys and its own restrictions.

Seasons is about the qualities of life in that particular period of time.

Now let's let's take a look at 'age' or 'era.'

An 'age' or 'era' tends to be a longer period of time when certain qualities were prevalent. For example we speak of the Victorian age or era; in this example the prevalent feature was

the ruling monarch Queen Victoria and the particular things that symbolised her reign. (Like the industrial revolution and the dominance of the British Empire.)

In biblical 'ages' we see the 'age of Israel,' a period of time when Israel enjoyed the favour of God. History tells us that Israel was sometimes obedient to God and often not. Paul explained that Israel's disobedience had led to them being cut off from the root of blessing and Gentiles grafted in. (Romans 11)

Chapter 2

The consummation of the age - definition.

What do we mean by 'consummation of the age?'

Consummation means the bringing together of the 'loose ends' or 'outstanding matters' that need to be concluded before we can move on from one age to next.

Here is a passage which shows what this means.

'Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end (suntelia – consummation) of the age?' And Jesus answered and said to them, "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, "I am the Christ," and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumours of war. See that you are not troubled; for these things must come to pass, but the end (telios - termination) is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.... And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to the nations, and then the end (telios – termination) will come.' Matthew 24:3-14

So we see two different words both translated 'end.' They have different meanings:

Suntelia - consummation. This has the meaning of bringing together all the 'loose ends' in a period which will then conclude with the termination. *Telos* – means termination.

As we read the passage we can see the meaning unfolding. The termination has to wait for certain characteristics to manifest first. The disciples were asking what these characteristics would be, and Jesus answers their question and warns of coming tribulation before the termination comes.

(We understand that Matthew wrote with some particular emphasis for Israel – so, for example, we find chapter 24 verse 20 has a specifically Jewish application. '*Pray that your flight [from great tribulation] is not on the Sabbath,*' has no meaning for the church, and is not found in the other gospels.)

So next chapter we will take a look at what the early church thought about ages.

Chapter 3

Ages - What to expect

Some of the early church fathers had very specific views of what to expect –

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 testifieth 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 more and 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 certainly looks as if Peter was not alone in his thinking in the early days of the church.

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.

But first what does the consummation of the age look like?

Chapter 4

The consummation of the age for Israel and for the church.

We have already seen a 'hint' that the consummation of the current age will be different for Israel and for the church so now we need to look more closely.

First, we must define 'church.' We do not mean church in any denominational or organisational sense. We mean those who have placed their personal trust in Jesus for salvation and thus become 'born again.' (As explained by Jesus in John chapter 3)

In the next chapter we will look at just how the ages are defined – how we arrived at this particular time. For the moment we are just going to look at the question of what 'loose ends' or 'outstanding matters' have yet to be completed before this age terminates and we move on to the next.

For the church.

There has long been the expectation that the church will rise to meet with Jesus in the air as expressly stated by Paul to the Thessalonians in his first letter to them. *'Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them (the dead in Christ) in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.'* 4:17

Not every born again believer would accept the doctrine of the rapture – for a detailed study please see the booklet 'Will the church be caught away?'

There doesn't seem to be anything else that must be complete except Paul's comment in Romans 11 verse 25 where he says the restoration of Israel awaits until the fullness of the Gentiles has

come in. From this we deduce that the rapture is waiting for the fullness of the Gentiles before the consummation for Israel can be complete.

For Israel

There are outstanding unconditional promises to Israel yet to be fulfilled. They certainly will be fulfilled because God is a covenant keeping God, who cannot lie, who cannot fail, who must bring to pass that which is foretold in the scripture.

So here are the things which must come to pass before the Lord God ushers in the personal rule of Jesus Christ on this earth for the period we call the Millennium.

- i) Matthew 24 gives some description of this period of time – wars, rumours of war, famines, pestilences earthquakes – concluding with Tribulation.
- ii) Sometime Russia and allies will attack Israel and be defeated as described in Ezekiel 38
- iii) The fullness of the Gentiles has to come in. Romans 11:25 This refers to the fullness of Gentiles who believe in Jesus as Saviour and become His bride. Then.....
- iv) All Israel is to be saved. The Lord made unconditional promises to Israel. Romans 11:26 states *'All Israel will be saved.'* We are witnessing the process of re-establishment of Israel today – leading up to the time when this prophecy will be fulfilled.

The sign. The parable of the fig tree – *'Look at the fig tree (represents Israel), and all the trees. When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is near.'*

So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. Assuredly I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place.' Luke 21:29-32 Matthew 24:32-35

In this generation we have seen the re-establishment of Israel as a nation – the fig tree budding. In this generation we have seen many other 'trees budding' as many countries have come into existence – well over 100 since 1933.

1933 - we will see its importance in the next chapter.

How long is the consummation likely to be?

Very probably 100 years. (10 x 10 = 100 representing numerical completion) 100 years from 1933 would take us to 2033 – that would give 2,000 years from Jesus death for all things to be completed before the coming Millennium. Seems likely but whilst perhaps not 'written in stone,' consider how it fits perfectly into chronological expectations.

Future dates have to held lightly as we don't know what we don't know - keep watch! All will be revealed in time.

Israel was re-established in 1948 (14th May). Writing now we have celebrated the 70th anniversary on Monday 14th May 2018.

We know from scripture that 10 kings must be given one hour to rule (chronologically 15 years). The ten kings are not further defined, so we will have to wait and see how this manifests.

1948 plus 70 years plus 15 years brings us to 2033. Jesus died in AD 33 – assuming a 2,000 solar era for the gentiles, before Israel comes to be chief nation after the tribulation, that also brings us to 2033.

Chapter 5

How did we get here?

We have come to this point in broad leaps – so now is a good moment to look at the evidence supporting the truths being explained.

We have already seen the expectations of the early church fathers - the expectation that the earth would have 6,000 years before moving on the 7th 'day' of rest.

How are we to understand 6,000 years? Do we mean literal years? If so what type of year – solar, lunar, Babylonian, other?

Revelation has come in steps:

- 1 First the early church fathers as above.
- 2 Then the fact that a bible year is 354 days in length – this is seen in action in Genesis 7 and 8 where the great flood lasted 1 year and 11 days – that is one bible year of 354 days and 11 days to make the whole period 1 solar year.
- 3 In the early 1800's Sir Edward Denny sought the Lord over the meaning of Matthew 18:21-2 - Peter asked the Lord how many times should he forgive his brother. *'Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.'* That is 490 times when we take the saying literally. Sir Edward realised that seventy times seven is 10 jubilee

periods* and a major breakthrough in understanding was received.

* The jubilee was called half way through the 49th year and ended half way through the first year of the next cycle. God called this year the 50th year – but in human experience we actually live 49 years per cycle whilst God counts 50.

Jubilee is a period of great favour - slaves are set free, lands restored, debts forgiven – all to the glory of God.

- 4 It was then realised that the 6 'days' of 1,000 years each could be split into units of 500 years – 10 jubilees. 4 such units of 500 making a major cycle – an age or era of 2,000 years.
- 5 The next step was to realise that we are looking at the favour of God. There were times when God's favour was not flowing, these were times of disobedience and judgement, not favour – so those times are excluded from the count. One such period was when Abraham took Hagar and produced Ishmael – that was not God's plan at all. Another such example is when Israel was in captivity in Babylon or when Israel was ruled by foreign rulers – quite a number of times!
- 6 Grattan Guinness received understanding of the times of the Gentiles. He saw Israel taken into captivity in Babylon in four stages and predicted (correctly with slight adjustment to one date) four specific years when there would be essential stepping stones to end of the times of the Gentiles.

The full details of the periods referred to here in 5 above and of the whole picture is attached as an appendix or is available in 'Ostrich Christianity' or in 'Last Orders.'

There we will find that 6,000 years of favour end on 12th June 1933 – exactly to the day.

The big warning

Once we begin to accept the concept that the early church fathers accepted we can see that 6,000 years is completed already. The Lord does nothing without warning His prophets.

A group of bible teachers were meeting together during the first world war. When it ended at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month – November, they asked the Lord - is it co-incidence or does it mean anything? The Lord told them it meant they were now entering the last hour.

In the later part of 1932 they received the warning - it is now 200 days to the end. (The end of what not being specified.) Meetings were called, full page adverts taken in the National press, warning of the coming end.

Finally 40 days before the 12th of June 1933 another warning came from the Lord – 40 days to go.

The group then focussed their study and prayer on understanding what that meant. They received much revelation into the chronology we are considering.

So what happened when the hour ended?

The world was in severe depression and a meeting was called in London - all the nations of the world in attendance. It was called the 'Wold Economic Conference.' Instead of calling on the Lord, as King George wanted to, the meeting concluded with, 'It is not beyond the wit of man to solve this crisis.' A bit like the Tower of Babel – we can go it alone and ignore the Lord God.

The Gentile nations had ignored Paul's warning given in Romans 11. This chapter tells us of how Israel was cut off from the Olive Tree root of favour when they rejected the Messiah, and how the Gentile nations, though 'wild' were grafted in. Verse 22 warned the Gentiles to remain in the goodness of God or be cut off. They were 'cut off' from the root of blessing and favour - this is the 'end' that the Lord had warned of.

So this is how we arrived at the consummation of the age.

The first age of 2,000 years of favour saw a period of general favour to mankind.

The second age of 2,000 years of favour was favour for Israel.

The third age of 2,000 years of favour was for the Gentiles.

All of these ended in failure – that is man's failure to receive and accept the Lord's favour. (Many individuals in each period will have done so – but not at the national level.)

It could be tempting to dismiss the whole thing. But when studied fully and with an open mind, it is clear that the 'chronology of favour' is exactly accurate to the day. (Even though it uses bible years of 354 days, jubilee periods and unreckoned periods, nevertheless it comes out to the very day – which is then marked with the World Economic Conference in London.) God gave the warning beforehand!

Chapter 6

Consummation moves on to termination.

As consummation moves on to termination these are the final things:

- 1) Ten kings take up authority on earth for one hour. The exact form of these kings is not clear. However, it is most likely to represent a revival of the Roman Empire, being the ten toes of the statue in Nebuchadnezzar's vision. (Daniel 2 and Revelation 17) In this period Babylon (unrighteous trade) is destroyed. (Revelation 17 and 18)
- 2) The believers are removed at 'the rapture of the church,' part way through this 'hour.' This leaves only unbelievers on earth. This is an essential step as God's judgement is to come. (1 Corinthians 15:50-54)
- 3) Antichrist (the man of sin) must be revealed (which cannot happen until 2 above has taken place). (2 Thessalonians 2:8-12.)
- 4) A seven year period of increasing judgement comes upon the earth. The temple in Jerusalem is built (either in the first half of this period or before). Antichrist sets himself up as 'God in the temple' (The abomination of desolation – described in Matthew 24:15)
- 5) The great tribulation, as this period is known, intensifies and intensifies.
- 6) The nations rise up against God at the Battle of Armageddon. (Revelation 16:16 and 19:19)
- 7) The period is cut short by God so that some may survive (Matthew 24:22) - this will be those who come to believe

during this tribulation period and survive. (Many will be martyred.)

The period known as the Great Tribulation is the subject of Jesus warning in Matthew 24:21 *'For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been seen since the beginning of the world, until this time, no, nor ever will be.'*

It is tempting to dismiss it or to say it has already happened. But when we read the Book of Revelation we realise that this period has not yet occurred on earth. When we continue in Matthew 24 verse 29 tells us that immediately after the tribulation of those days the Son of Man will come - clearly that has not happened yet.

The only sound and biblical conclusion is that this period is yet to come.

Chapter 7

How does it conclude

Termination then the personal rule of Jesus begins

Jesus returns to put an end to the battle of Armageddon and to establish His rule. Scripture tells us His personal rule on this earth will last 1,000 years. (Revelation 20 where 'thousand years' is mentioned 6 times – emphasis enough!)) This Millennial age will be the most blessed as Jesus rules personally. Satan is bound and totally ineffective in this period until a final release at the end.

We may not like the concept of the Great Tribulation coming upon the earth in the relatively near future, but what we like or do not like has to be constrained by what the 'God breathed' scripture teaches.

That there will be great tribulation is undeniable as Jesus taught it plainly. That it is primarily related to Israel is also clearly taught by Him at the same time.

By relying on the word of God in the scripture we can avoid being misled by such doctrines as 'Dominion Now,' 'Latter Rain,' 'The emerging church' and other doctrines which propose a wonderful time of blessing in which the church dominates, sets the world to right, and then Jesus returns.

We can also avoid seeing Israel through 'rose coloured spectacles.' It is true that Israel is very special to the Lord. It is true that Israel will be the chief nation on earth. It is true that Israel will be a blessing to the whole world. All those things are true for the Millennium, after the great tribulation, and are not fulfilled before.

Now we can and should recognise that the Lord God still loves Israel, still has good future plans for them as a nation, and has outlined in His word what is yet to come. If and when opportunities arise we can bless Israel in prayer and in what we say and do. We could even visit.

Chapter 8

Another way - Jesus rules

Finally God's favour for mankind is truly established in the personal rule of Jesus His Son.

God's intention from the beginning was, and is, to favour mankind. Nothing surprises Him, so He knew that the first three ages or eras would all end in man's failure one way or another. This is why His masterplan needed the sacrifice of His Son – to clear out of the way the judgement due for man's sin and to bring in the wonderful gift of righteousness.

The ultimate favour must be that gift of righteousness, the indwelling Holy Spirit. God, Himself in us. So we become one with Him, we become the precious bride of Christ. We will rule and reign with Him for eternity – favour is complete.

Now the outstanding promises to Israel will be fulfilled. A King will again be on David's throne. Israel will take her place as chief nation on earth and be a blessing to the world.

2033 could see the return of Jesus to set up His millennial rule. As stated before future dates have to be held lightly as we don't know what we don't know. We should watch, wait and see what comes to pass.

Appendix

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		1 Sam 7:11-13
Saul	40		Acts 13:21
David	40		1 Kings 2:11
Solomon to the dedication Of the temple	14		
Sub total	490	131	

Brought forward	490	131 not counted
Add jubilee years	10	

Years **500** in the chronology of favour

* Caleb was 85 (Joshua 14:10)_ less 38 years wandering in the wilderness to arrive at 47.

The years when Israel is ruled by foreigners are not reckoned in the Chronology of favour as they represent periods of judgement.

Our table accounts for 500 years, below 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.

Above we see the period from the Exodus to the dedication of Solomon’s Temple as an example. 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 was 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

	Elapsed:	
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 – Noah is 600	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 12:4
Deduct an unreckoned period from the death of Abel to the birth of Seth	-48	

	1960	
Add 40 jubilee years	40	

Years in the chronology of favour	2000	

Here we have the first 'grand cycle' of 2,000 years in the chronology of the administration of favour. 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	

Favour chronology years	500	

* This is 430 years from Abram leaving Haran.

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 (Azariah)	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		

Favour chronology years	500		

* Scripture allocates 8 years but 4 were joint with Jehosophat.

** 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 Favour 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.

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

We have seen Adam to Abraham 2000 years

The age of Israel 2000 years

Here we see 4,000 years in the Chronology of Favour 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.***

Jesus was 'set aside' for 4 'days' like the Passover lamb.

Dr Grattan Guinness proposed that, just as there were four stages of Israel being taken into captivity in Babylon, there would be four signposts to the end of the times of the Gentiles leading on to Israel's re-establishment. He further proposed that these stages would take place 2520 years later. (360 days being a Babylonian year and taking one day to represent one year x 7)

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.'

588-7BC

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.

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