

**ELEMENTS OF SACRED
PROPHECY**

An Introduction
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General Observations Regarding The Study of Bible Prophecy

1. Is the study of Bible Prophecy practical?

- a) one third of the whole Bible is devoted to Prophecy. It is a reflection of the gravest kind, on the wisdom of God, to assert that one third of His revealed word is to be neglected with impunity.
- b) Amos 3:7
- c) I Peter 1:11 What manner of time. . . .
- d) II Peter 1:19 Prophecy declared to be superior to the account of an eye-witness:
 - i) The eye-witness may be lying
 - ii) “ “ “ may be mistaken
 - iii) “ “ “ may be self-deceived
 - iv) “ “ “ will die and not be available to give expert testimony.

The superiority of Bible Prophecy lies in the fact that it is verifiable over a very long period of time and is open for all men to examine for themselves.

- e) Daniel 9:2 Daniel, himself a prophet, understood former prophecies.
- f) A special blessing attached to those who study the book of Revelation. (Rev. 1:3)
- g) Daniel 12:10- the assurance of understanding to those who diligently seek it.
- h) Rev. 19:10- The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of Prophecy.

2. The Premises for the Validity of any Prophecy

- a) The Prophecy must have been written long before the fulfillment of the event it foretells.
- b) The fulfillment itself must be so specific that its correspondence with the original prophecy is unquestionable.
- c) The Prophecy must not be of such a general nature that it might conceivably have been the result of foresight on the part of an individual who was very wise and well acquainted with the course of history in the past.
- d) The fulfillment of the prophecy must not be the result of actions deliberately undertaken to guarantee it.
- e) The prophecies must have a 100% performance record of accurate fulfillment. Not one single case of a false or spurious prophecy can occur.

6. The Prophecy Connection

There is a definite linkage between the understanding of Bible Prophecy and the life-pattern of the believer.

Knowledge of Bible Prophecy = an engine within you generating Faith .

Your faith is based upon the comparison of Divine Prediction with Historical Evidence.

The more you know about Bible Prophecy, the harder the engine works.

The harder the engine works, the greater your faith, Assurance, Mental Health, Effectiveness with others and moral behavior.

“This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our Faith. I John 5: 4

7. Objections Answered

- a) Matt. 24: 36 – “But of that day and hour knoweth no man”
- b) Acts 1: 7 “It is not for you to know the times or the seasons. . . .”
- c) I Thess. 5:2 “the day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night”

Repeated failures of prognostications of the second coming.

Divine Method of Revelation: There are at least three possible methods:

- a) The non-specific, general statement method.
- b) The precise year, day, hour and minute method.
- c) The intentionally veiled method. Revealing yet concealing progressive revelation.

Hence the revelation often given in symbol = beasts, horsemen, etc. and the time periods are given cryptically.

The Divine Revelation comes by two methods:

- A. SIGNS
- i) Nature Gen. 1:14 Romans 1:20
 - ii) His Word
 - iii) His Son, The Lord Jesus Christ
 - iv) e.g. Distress of nations Luke 21:25
 - v) The Sign of the Prophet Jonah
 - vi) The sign of the coming of the Son of Man
 - vii) See I Peter 1: 11

- B. TIMES Time is a measurement of a sequence of events
- i) Day ii) Month iii) Year iv) Week

THE SEPTIFORM CHARACTER OF DIVINE MEASUREMENTS

1. Week of days		Gen. 2: 3	7 days
2. Week of weeks	Pentecost	Lev. 23: 15	7x7 = 49 days
3. Week of months		Lev. 23:24	7x1 month = 7 months
4. Week of years		Lev. 25: 4	7x1 year = 7 years
5. Week of weeks of years, Jubilee		Lev. 25: 8	7x7x1 year = 49 years
6. Week of years of years		Lev. 26: 24	7x360 = 2520 years
7. Week of Decades		Dan. 9: 3	7x10 = 70 years
8. Week of weeks of decades		Dan. 9: 24	7x7x10 = 490 years
9. Week of weeks of weeks of decades		Dan. 9: 24	7x7x7x10 = 3430 years
10. Week of millenniums		II Pet. 3: 8	7x1000 = 7000 years

Years of different lengths.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Seconds</u>	<u>Days</u>
Solar	365	5	48	45.51	365.24166
Lunar	354	8	48	34.00	354.36666

Calendar year = 360 days. Also called the Prophetic year. Average year between the two.

Note: In order for the two ‘years’ to be kept in balance intercalary days must be added to the lunar year in order to “catch up” with the solar year. Leap year day Feb. 29th is an intercalary day inserted in our calendar year every four years.

PROPHETIC MEASUREMENTS GIVEN BY “TIMES”

Lev 26: 24, 28; Daniel 4:25; Daniel 7:25; Daniel 12:7

Key is Daniel 4:25 Nebuchadnezzar’s insanity = 7 ‘times’ = 7 years. Confirmed by archeology and also the Chaldee word ‘iddan means a year. Strong #573

How many days in a year?

Grand period of times bisected. Daniel 12:7.
Time; times and one half on one side and the same period on the other.

The only scale that fits the time periods of Daniel with the following periods in Rev.:
Rev. 13: 5; Rev. 11:3; Rev. 12:6;
is one month = 30 days and therefore one year = 360 days

The day-for-a-year principle.

Used by the Divine Numerator in: Ezekiel 4:4-6 and Numbers 14:34
: also indicated by Jesus in Luke 13:32-33.

The day-for-a-year principle demonstrated and confirmed by the famous 70 weeks prophecy.

1. The prophecy covers a period of 70 weeks. $70 \times 7 = 490$ days. On the day-for-the-year principle, the period covers 490 years.
2. The period is broken down into 4 parts: 7 weeks; 62 weeks; $\frac{1}{2}$ week;
 $\frac{1}{2}$ week = 70 weeks.

7	weeks	62	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	= 70	
49	years	434	$31\frac{1}{2}$	$31\frac{1}{2}$	= 490	

3. The commencement is stated to be: "From the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem"

There were four possible decrees: (1) Cyrus 536 B.C. Ezra 1:1-4
(2) Darius 514 B.C. Ezra 6:1-12
(3) Artaxerxes 457 B.C. Ezra 7: 11, 9:9
(4) Artaxerxes 444 B.C. Nehemiah 2

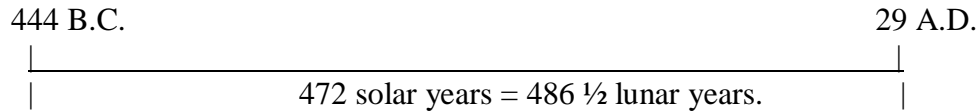
4. The period: "Unto Messiah the prince" to be 69 weeks, (7 weeks plus 62 weeks)
5. Messiah to be cut off in the midst of the final week, that is in the middle of the 70th week.

The termination of the 70th week was to witness:

- a) To finish the transgression.
- b) To make an end of sins.
- c) To make reconciliation for iniquity.
- d) To bring in everlasting righteousness.
- e) To seal up the vision and prophecy.
- f) To anoint the most holy.
- g) Confirm the covenant with many for one (final) week.
- h) Cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease.

The mathematics

1. The lapse of time from the commencement of the Prophecy until the cutting off of Messiah would be: 7 weeks plus 62 weeks plus ½ week: = 69 ½ weeks or 486 ½ days, which, on the day- for-a year principle would amount to 486 ½ years.
2. Reckoning from the 4th decree i.e. Artaxerxes' in 444 B.C. down to 29 A.D. (Which is generally regarded as the year of the crucifixion) we have a lapse of time of 472 years. (When adding B.C. dates to A.D. dates, one year must be subtracted.)
3. But the Jews used the lunar scale in reckoning time. The 472 years (above) is computed on the solar scale. Therefore the 472 years must be converted to lunar years.
4. Conversion: $\frac{365.25}{354.3} \times 472 = 486 \frac{1}{2}$ years.



Note: The difference between 2520 solar years and 2520 lunar years is exactly 75 years.

Is it a coincidence that this figure, 75 years, is the exact amount of the difference between the terminal figures named in Daniel 12- 1335 minus 1260 equals 75 years?

GOD HAS A PLAN

Isaiah 45:18 “For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens, God himself that formed the earth, and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord and there is none else.

Habakkuk 2:4 “For the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

Isaiah 2:3 “For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”

GOD HAS A PURPOSE

This purpose reaches right down to individual men.

ACTS 15:14

It was God’s original concern to take out from among the nations a people to bear his Name.

(Moffatt)

YAHWEH ELOHIM

The everlasting title of God Almighty is a condensed declaration of His eternal purpose with mankind. It means:

He Who Shall Be Manifested In Mighty Ones

i.e. Upon certain prescribed Divine conditions, God is mercifully and graciously prepared to bestow His immortality and might upon mortal humans.

This Grand Plan is really a Divine Program of the World’s History.

The PLAN is to be accomplished over a 7000 year period

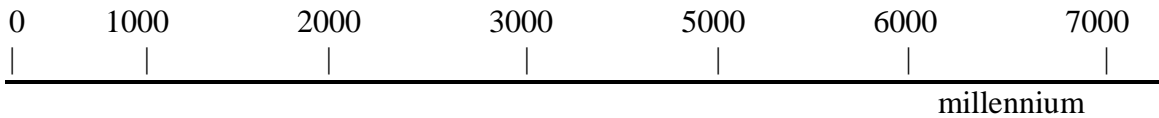
The Model for the Plan is the Creation Week of seven days.

Exodus 20:11 “For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.”

The actual program was worked out on a scale of one day = 1000 years.

II Peter 3:8 “But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Hebrews 4: 9 “There remaineth therefore a rest (keeping of a sabbath: margin) to the people of God.”



Millennium = (latin) mille = thousand; annus = year

This is the Kingdom of God; Daniel 2:44 “The God of Heaven shall set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed.”

Note: For the purposes of this study, we accept the Received Text as a remarkably close approximation of the original manuscripts. We believe that these were both inspired by God and preserved by God. Consequently they are true and infallible. A mathematical computation of the number of the years from the Creation of Adam to the birth of Christ, is found to be exceedingly close to 4000 years. We believe these divinely-given figures and statistics are to be received as true in preference to the speculations of archeologists, theologians, and scientists.

The Plan was put on an everlasting, immutable and established basis by means of:

1. A COVENANT (contract, promise) being made between God and Abraham-the progenitor of the Nation of Israel:

Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 13: 14-17; Genesis 22:15-19; Genesis 28:14

2. The COVENANT was to be binding upon:

- a) Abraham (implicit = his own resurrection) Acts 7:5

- b) Abraham’s seed (singular) which is Christ Gal. 3:16

- c) Abraham’s seed (plural) i. The natural seed = nation of Israel

- ii. The Spiritual seed = The Household of Christ (Galatians 3: 29)

- d) The ultimate result was that all nations would be blessed. Gen. 12:3

- e) The covenant was to be of everlasting duration. Psalm 105:10 (Hence it was called ‘The Everlasting Covenant’)

3. The COVENANT was confirmed to David with the following conditions:

- a) The Throne of David (The Kingdom of Israel) was to be established forever. II Samuel 7:12-16; Psalm 89:34-36
- b) The seed of David, Jesus Christ, was to be everlasting King. Luke 1:31-33; Psalm 132:11
- c) David himself was to be the subject of a resurrection. II Samuel 7:16

THIS PLAN AND COVENANT WAS TO FIND ITS FULFILLMENT IN THIS:

THE ATONEMENT AND REDEMPTIVE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST,
OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR. See Romans 15:8

QUESTION: What is the link between the everlasting covenant and the Kingdom of God?

The PLAN was in actual fact worked out through one nation, namely,

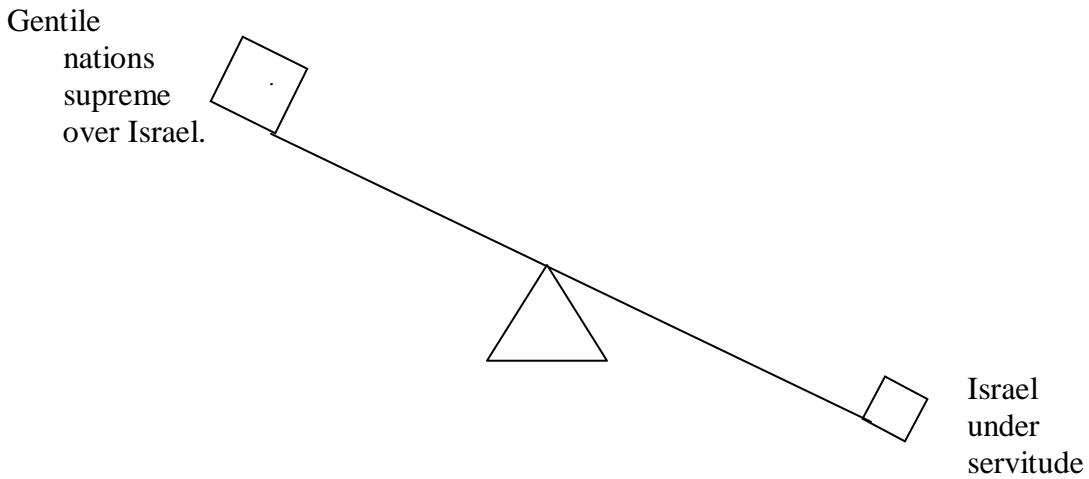
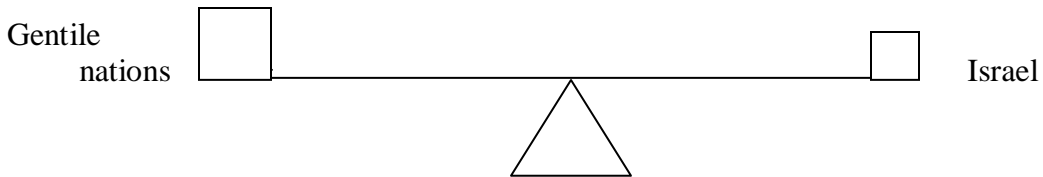
THE NATION OF ISRAEL

This fact is so important that strong biblical support must be cited:

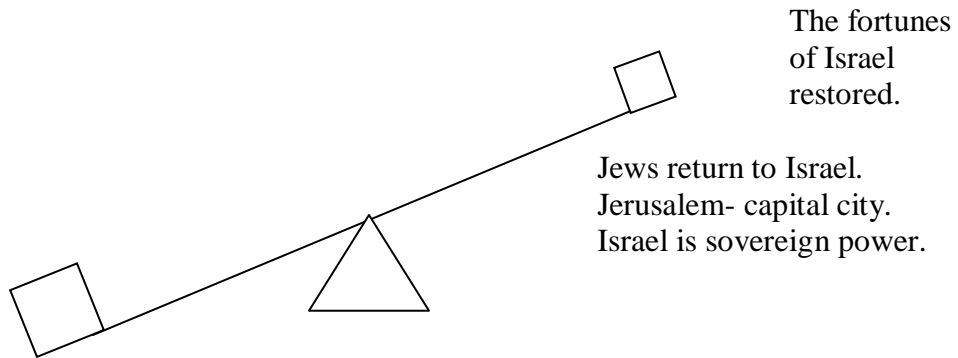
1. Exodus 19:5-6 “If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine. And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation.”
2. Deut. 7:6 “For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: The Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are on the face of the earth.”
3. Deut 14:2 “Thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all nations that are upon the earth.”
4. Deut. 26:18-19 “And the Lord hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldst keep all his commandments; and to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the Lord thy God, as he hath spoken.”
5. Amos 3:2 “You only have I known of all families of the earth, therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.”

Question: When God works with man in the development of His plan, does He usually work through one nation or does He usually work in some other way with mankind?

THE TEETER – TOTTER PATTERN OR MODEL OF THE FORTUNES OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL



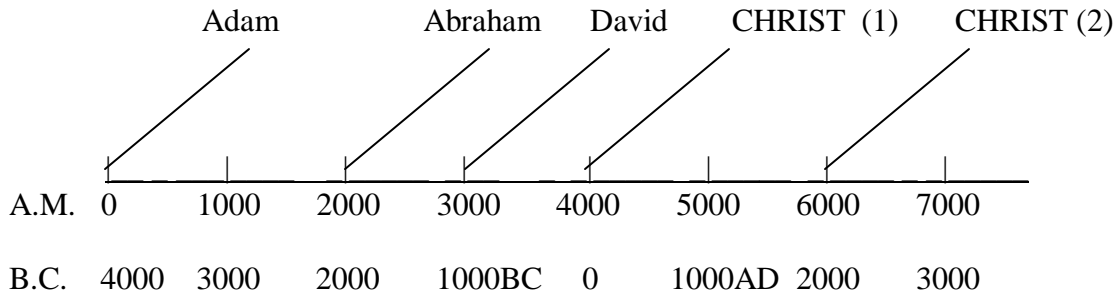
The fortunes of Israel decline.
Israel dispersed.



Jews return to Israel.
Jerusalem- capital city.
Israel is sovereign power.

Gentile nations face
unsolvable problems.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PLAN



THE KINGDOM OF GOD- once existed in incipient, introductory form. It reached its zenith under the reign of King Solomon.

I Kings 4:24-25 “For Solomon had dominion over all the region on this side of the river; and he had peace on all sides round about him. And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.”

I Kings 5:4 “But the Lord my God hath given me (Solomon) rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent.”

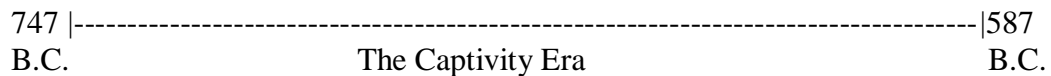
Question: What caused the Kingdom to terminate?

Answer: Ezekiel 21: 25-27

“And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: Exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.”

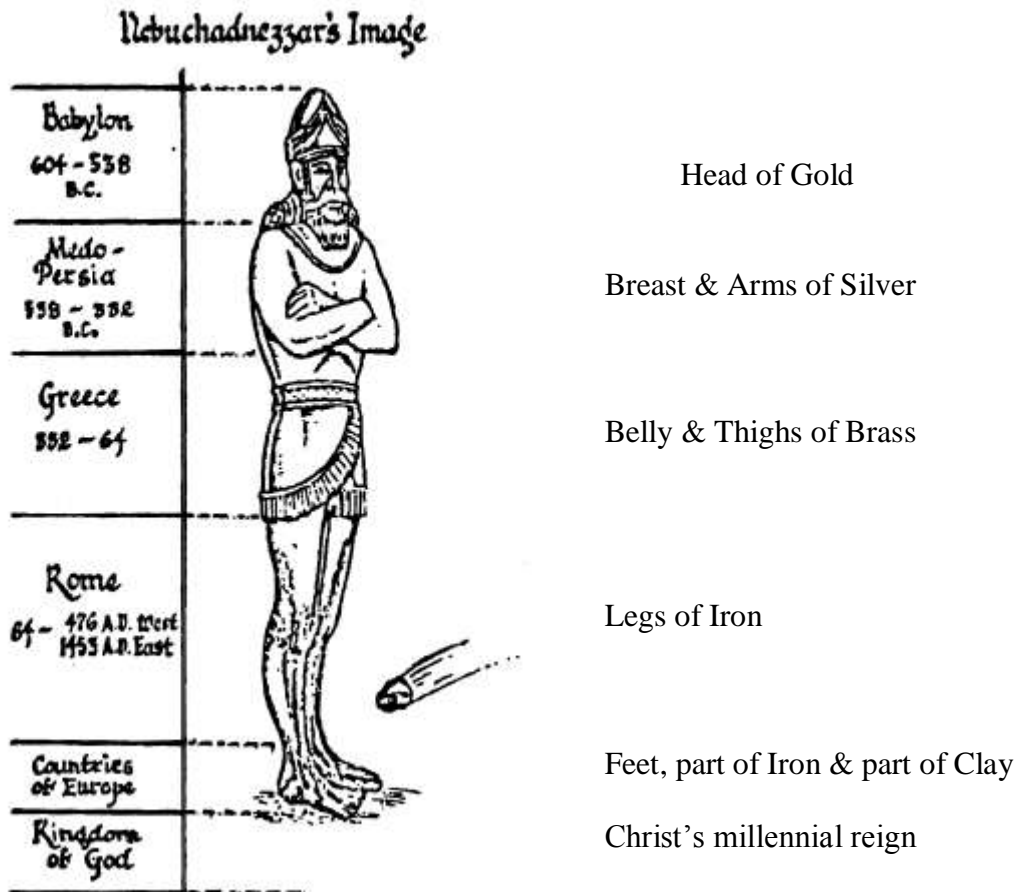
The overthrow of the Jewish Nation was progressive. The first antagonist was Assyria. Since the northern kingdom of Israel was adjacent to Assyria, it was attacked first and was overthrown before the southern kingdom of Judah. Judah was attacked second and was finally overthrown by the Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar.

The total Captivity period lasted for 160 years.



Nebuchadnezzar was the King-General who completed the overthrow and deposed the last King of Judah- Zedekiah.

Note: This was the image of a MAN. It outlined Man’s dominion in the Divine program of the world’s history, culminating in the setting up of the Kingdom of God.

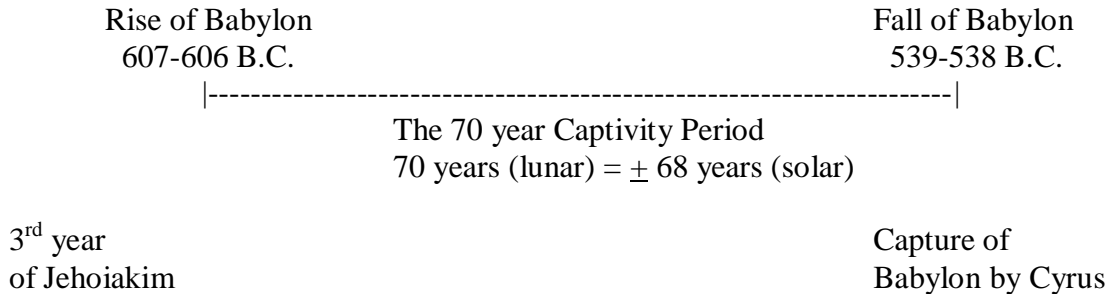


NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S IMAGE IS THE VERTEBRATE COLUMN OF BIBLE PROPHECY.

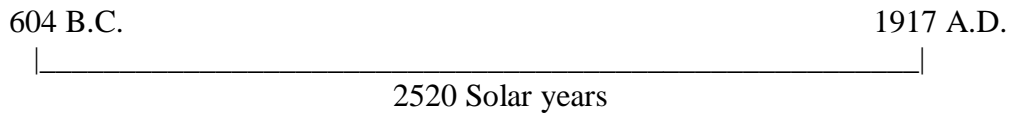
The image is really a Time Diagram, or a chronology of Man's History. It marked the beginning of Gentile domination over Israel by Babylon the Great. (For the purposes of this study, it is accepted that the year of the vision of the Great Image was 604 B.C. This year marked the beginning of the grand period of Gentile Times – a period of “seven times” reckoned to be $7 \times 360 = 2520$ years and terminating in 1917 A.D.)

Time periods pertaining to Babylon-The Head of Gold

The 70 years captivity of the nation of Israel by Babylon.
Daniel 9:2; from Jeremiah 25: 11-12; Jeremiah 29:10.



The grand period of Seven Times = 604 B.C. Measuring from the RISE of Babylon Nebuchadnezzar ascends to the throne of Babylon as sole ruler. Beginning of the seven times of Israel's downtreading (7 x 360 = 2520 years) Lev 26:18.
The year of the Vision of the Great Image.



The year 1917 witnessed an explosion of Bible Prophecy.

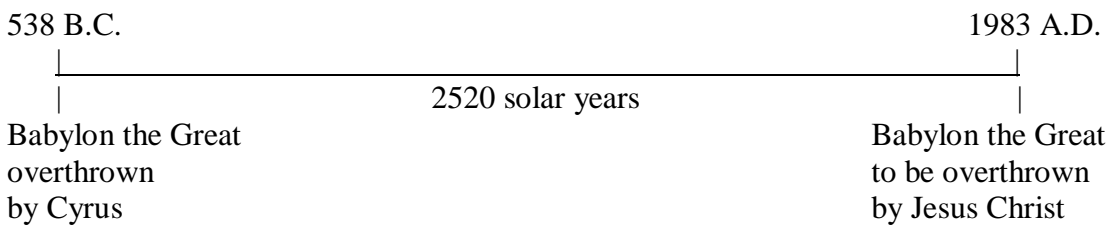
- A) Jerusalem liberated from the rule of The Desolator (The Ottoman Empire) under the generalship of Lord Allenby, Commander in Chief of the Allied armies of the Middle East.
- B) His Majesty's (British) Government issues the famous Balfour Declaration Nov. 2, 1917.
- C) 1335 lunar years from the Hegira of Mohammed in 622 A.D. terminates.
- D) The Russian Revolution; Nov. 1917.

Time periods pertaining to Medo-Persia – The breasts and arms of silver.

1. The grand period of Seven Times, measuring from the FALL of Babylon (538 B.C.).

Cyrus - Monarch of Persia was the conqueror of Babylon. He is a Scripturally unique man.

- a) 538 B.C. – The first year of Cyrus. The date of the first decree to “restore and build Jerusalem (see Ezra 1:1-4).
- b) Cyrus was the only man (other than Jesus Christ Himself) to be called “Messiah” by God.
- c) The Lord’s Anointed is the Hebrew word MESHIAH= Messiah (see Isaiah 44: 28 & Isaiah 53:10)
- d) Cyrus is a type of Christ:
 - i) Both are called, MESSIAH
 - ii) God says of Both: “He is my shepherd” Isaiah 44:28 & John 10:14
 - iii) God says of both: “He shall perform all my pleasure” Isaiah 44:28 & Isaiah 53:10
 - iv) Both “subdue nations”
 - v) Both build the temple of the Lord Ezra 1:2 Zechariah 6:12
 - vi) God gave to both, “All kingdoms of the Earth”
 - vii) Both were surnamed before their birth. Isaiah 45:4 Luke 1:31



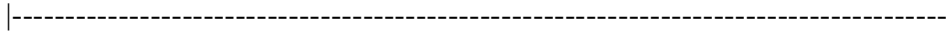
2. The famous prophecy of the 70 weeks pertains to the period of the Breast and Arms of Silver. An explanation of this prophecy was given on page 5.

Bro. James Carter in his book: ‘Times and Seasons’ indicates that this prophecy has also a larger fulfillment by reckoning the “70 weeks” as 70 Jubilee periods. A jubilee period is 49 years. Seventy jubilees is there fore $70 \times 49 = 3430$ years.

If this time period is calculated from the first year of the first Jubilee (Lev. 25:8) and if this year is 2569 A.M. (1435 B.C.) then the terminus is 1996 A.D.

2569 A.M. = 1435 B.C.

1996 A.D.



3430 solar years = 70 Jubilee periods of 49 years each.

- 3. Daniel 5th chapter. The handwriting on the wall. This occurred on the last night of the Kingdom of Great Babylon. The very next day, Cyrus was in possession of Babylon.

In Hebrew coinage and weights: the gerah was the smallest coin similar to our cent.

20 gerahs = 1 shekel

50 shekels = one mina

MENE	is a transliteration of MINA	=	1000 gerahs
MENE	“ “ “	=	1000 gerahs
TEKEL	“ “ SHEKEL	=	20 gerahs
UPHARSIN-	U means “and” PHARSON (PERES) means ½	=	500gerahs i.e. ½MINA
			2520

THE SIX-DAY WAR BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARAB NATIONS- JUNE 1967 A.D.

RESULT: The annexation of the Old City of Jerusalem, including the site of the temple, into the Nation of Israel.

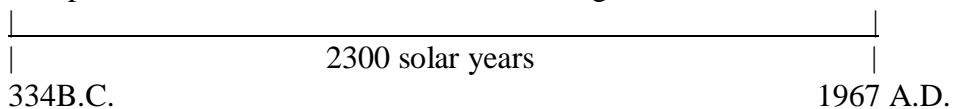
PROPHECY: Daniel 8:13-14 “How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation . . .? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the holy place be restored to its rightful state.” (see various translations and exegeses on this latter phrase.)

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R. Milligan in his treatise, Reason and Revelation, in his explanation of this prophecy said:

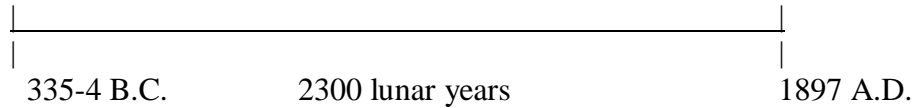
“It seems most probable that this period is to be reckoned, from the time when the Ram was first attacked by the He-Goat. If this assumption is warranted by the context, it fixes the beginning of this period to the spring of the year 334 B.C. and, consequently, it will terminate in the spring or about the middle of A.D. 1967.”

Daniel 8:20-21 The Ram= the Medo-Persian Empire. The He-Goat is the Grecian Empire with Alexander the Great, the 1st king.



Lunar scale:

Grattan Guinness also pointed out in his work, "History unveiling Prophecy" that this prophecy was also fulfilled in a remarkable manner on the Lunar scale:



The beginning of the restoration of Jerusalem "to its rightful state" took place in 1897 A.D. with the first Zionist Congress. Subsequent key dates were 1917 A.D.; 1947-8 A.D. and finally the taking of the City in 1967 A.D.

JERUSALEM

1. The City of Jerusalem is now the KEY to world politics including the energy crisis.
2. In the time of the end, Jerusalem shall be a "burdensome stone" to all nations.
Zech. 8:3
3. Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled. Luke 21:24
4. The Mosque of Omar still occupies the site of the Temple.

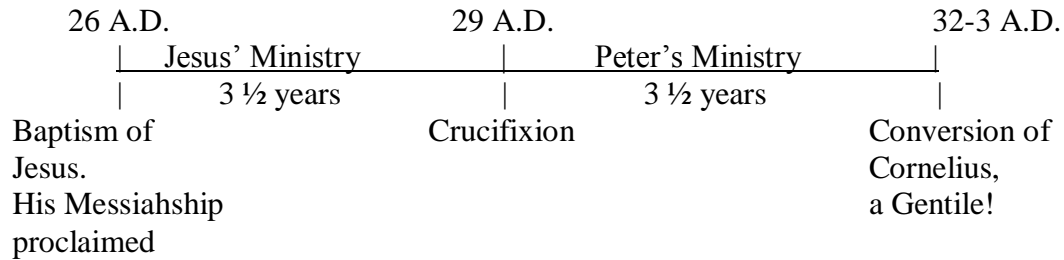
Time periods pertaining to the Legs of Iron = The Roman Empire

The prophecy of the 70 weeks of Daniel 9 terminates in this Roman Period.

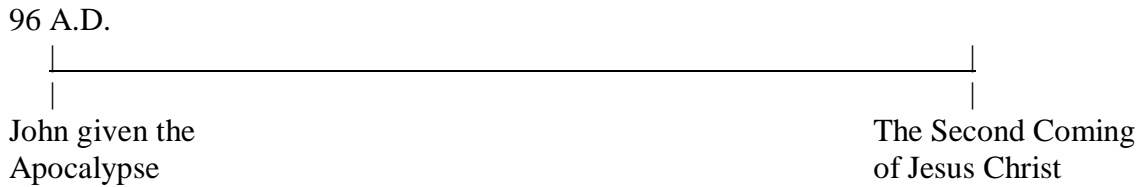
What about the 3 1/2 year period that is "left over" after Messiah was "cut off" in the middle of the last week?

Speculation: That this 3 1/2 year period has been kept in "limbo" and we must wait for its fulfillment at the end of time. At the time of the end, Antichrist will appear and perform spectacular feats for 3 1/2 years or a period of 1260 days. The saints will be "raptured" in order to escape the tribulation that Antichrist will bring on the earth.

This theory was popularized by Sir Robert Anderson, 1881, in his book: The Coming Prince. In modern times, the Evangelical, Pentecostal, Protestant and Catholic churches proclaim this theory. Hal Lindsey in his book: The Late Great Planet Earth, expounds the same theory.



The Revelation of Jesus Christ signified unto His servant, John.



The Book of Revelation is a Divine Historical Parable.

It is the history in symbol of two cities: Rome and Jerusalem.

The struggle between Rome –Pagan & Papal- and the true bride of Christ.

JESUS' OLIVET PROPHECY Matt. 24 & Luke 21

**“Behold the fig tree and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So like wise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is now nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.”
(Luke 21:29-32)**

The use of TREES as a symbol of the nation of Israel: The Olive; the Vine;
The Fig (Joel 1:7)
New Testament usage by Jesus: Luke 13:6-9 – the parable of the fig tree
Matthew 21:19 – Jesus cursing the fig tree

“**Behold the fig tree**” is a command to “Observe the Nation of Israel”

“**And all the trees**”- The totality of the command is “Observe the Nation of Israel in their interaction with the other nations of the earth.

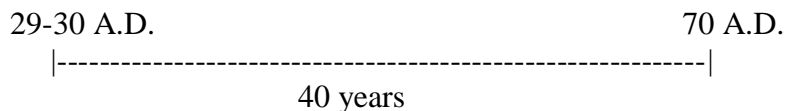
The time frame. The Prophecy seems to be divided into three periods.

Period #1- From Jesus’ ministry until the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70
Period #2- “The Times of the Gentiles”
Period #3- The time of the end prior to the second coming of Jesus Christ

“This generation shall not pass away . . .”

How long is this generation? see Psalm 95:10; Deut. 8:2 = 40 years

This first application of the expression; “This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.” Matt. 24:34



A.D. 70 The destruction of Jerusalem by Titus = the prince that shall come (Dan. 9:26)

-The longest time a “generation” can be is from the birth of a female child until that same child can no longer bear children. On the average the limit of female ability to bear is + or – forty years.

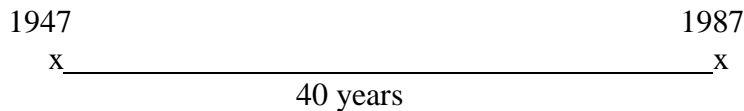
-If you divide the number of the years from David to Christ (Matt. 1:17) the yield is approximately 40 years.

The second application of the expression: “This generation shall not pass away . . .”

-The meaning of **Shoot forth.** = to put in the foreground; to put forth as a shield or defense.

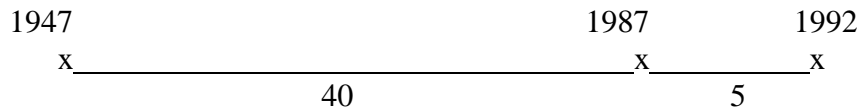
-What is **The Sign of the Son of Man in Heaven** (Matt. 24:30)

The establishment of the Nation of Israel in 1947, November, The UN partition resolution, The Declaration of the State in May 1948.



The additional 5 year term in which Joshua (greek= Jesus) subdued the Gentile nations

See Joshua 14: 7-10.



Time Periods pertaining to the Feet of Iron and Clay. – The “Christian” era.

The grand period of 7 Times is bisected – divided into two equal periods of 1260 years each.

This is indicated in Daniel 12: 7 where the ½ period is given as Time; Times and one Half. Mathematically this period is: Time= 360 years. Times= 2x360= 720
One half time = 180.

The Bisection Period of 1260 years.

1. Daniel 7:25 Time; Times; and the dividing of Time. 360 +720 +180 = 1260
2. Daniel 12: 7 Time; Times; and an half 360 +720 +180 = 1260
3. Rev. 11:2 “forty and two months” 42 x 30 = 1260
4. Rev. 11:3 One thousand, two hundred and threescore days = 1260
5. Rev 12:6 A thousand, two hundred and threescore days = 1260
6. Rev 13:5 to continue forty and two months 42 x 30 = 1260

On the day for- a- year principle, this period is 1260 years which is ½ of 2520 years.

The actual bisection year is 657 A.D. The reasons why this year is not significant but that the Bisection Era is notable.

The Great Apostacy of the West = The Roman Catholic System.

The gradual introduction of pagan and philosophical doctrines and practices into the ecclesias established by the apostles.

325 A.D. the Roman Emperor Constantine establishes “Christianity” as the State Religion.

-The similarities between Paganism and so-called Christianity.

State religions	Miracles	ornate temples
Priesthood	images	sacraments
mysteries	gods-saints	rituals
oracles	relic worship	vestments
		queen of heaven

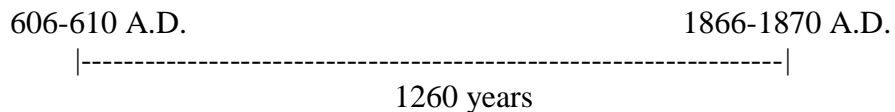
476 A.D. The Roman Emperor of the West deposed. The Pope fill the vacuum.

533 A.D. The decree of Justinian



1793 A.D. The ravaging of the Papacy during the French Revolution.

606-610 A.D. The reign of the Roman Emperor Phocas. His pope-exalting decree.



1870 A.D. The fall of the temporal power of the Pope. The Doctrine of Papal Infallibility.

1980’s The emergence of the Pope as a world political- ecclesiastical Figure.

The Prophecies concerning the “Little Horn” of Daniel 7.

The Man of Sin prophesied by Paul in II Thess. chapter 2.

Times periods pertaining to the Feet of Iron and Clay. The “Christian” Era.

The Great Apostacy of the East – The Mohammedan System

Summary of Islam: There is One God, Allah, and Mohammed is his Prophet.

Gibbon: “His followers believe or affirm that trees went forth to meet him; that he was saluted by the stones; that water gushed from his fingers; that he fed the hungry, cured the sick, raised the dead. His dream of a nocturnal journey is seriously described as a real transaction. A mysterious animal, The Borak, conveyed him from the temple of Mecca to that of Jerusalem: with his companion Gabriel, he successively ascended the 7 heavens, and received and repaid the salutations of the patriarchs, the prophets and the angels, in their respective mansions. After this important conversation, he again descended to Jerusalem, re-mounted the Borak, returned to Mecca, and performed in the tenth part of a night the journey of many thousand years.”

622 A.D. The Hegira (Flight) of Mohammed. The fleeing of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina occurred Friday, July 16, 622 A.D. Moslems treat this date as the beginning date for the reckoning of time. Moslems use the lunar year. Thus 622A.D. = year 1.

637 A.D. Omar, the Islamic General captures Jerusalem.
Gibbon: “When Omar came in sight of Jerusalem, the Caliph cried with a loud voice, “ God is victorious: O Lord, give us an easy conquest.” and pitching his tent of coarse hair, calmly seated himself upon the ground. After signing the capitulation, he entered the city without fear or precaution, and courteously discoursed with the patriarch concerning its religious antiquities. Sophronius bowed himself before the new master and secretly muttered, in the words of Daniel, “The abomination of desolation is in the Holy Place.”

Islamic Time Periods .

1.	622 A.D. Hegira	1335 lunar years	1917 A.D. Jerusalem liberated
2.	637 A.D. Omar capture of Jerusalem.	1260 solar years	1897 A.D. First Zionist Congress
3.	691-693 A.D. Completion or “setting up” of the Mosque of Omar	1290 solar years	1981-1983 ?

THE TEST CASE OF BIBLE PROPHECY

The people of Israel, the Jewish Nation, is the witness – the evidence –the proof- of the Deityship of God and the veracity of His Word. “Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord and my servant whom I have chosen.” Isaiah 43:10. The reason that God has provided this Acid-Test for man is: “That ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am He.”

GOD’S TEST CASE HAS THESE ATTRIBUTES:

1. It is living, vital.
2. It has been available for testing in the past, present and will not fail in the future.
3. It is panoramic as to time; uninterrupted, persistent.
4. It is world-wide as to place.
5. The test requires no cost or specialized equipment.
6. It is immediately available to any plain man without special training or qualifications.
7. The facts of the test-case are undeniable; they are not in dispute.
8. No man can assert that the facts have escaped his attention or that they were hidden from him.

THE APPLICATION OF THE TEST

1. The scattering of the Jews throughout all nations of the earth. Deut. 28
2. The retention of identity despite frightful adversity throughout a period of 2500 years.
3. Their return to the land of Israel in our own lifetime; the establishment of the State of Israel 1947-48; the final possession of the City of Jerusalem 1967.

THE TEETER-TOTTER IN REVERSE

The divine Program of the restoration of the fortunes of Israel.

1. The Program is set down in Ezekiel 37.
2. The Program is progressive. Just as several decades were required to bring about the downfall of the Kingdoms of Israel & Judah, so it is taking several decades to bring about the final restoration of the Throne of David.

THE PROGRESSIVE RESTORATION

1860- The Universal Israel Alliance

1897- The First Zionist Congress

1917- The Liberation of the Land of Palestine & the City of Jerusalem.

1947- U.N. resolution for the partition of Palestine resulting in the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948.

1967- The Six-Day War. The annexation of the City of Jerusalem to the Nation of Israel.

**SOME EVENTS
WHICH MUST TAKE PLACE BETWEEN NOW AND
THE SETTING-UP OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD AS
A FULLY OPERATING ENTITY.**

1. The coming of Jesus Christ for the saints which involves:
 - (a) for the dead- a resurrection and judgment
I Thess. 4:13-16; II Cor. 5:10
 - (b) for the quick- a catching away to be with the Lord.
I Thess. 4:17
2. The coming of Christ with the saints to execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.
Psalm 149:5-9; Rev. 17:14
3. The subjugation of the Arab Nations.
Obadiah 18; Ezek. 35:5-8
4. The Invasion of Gog (Russia) into Israel and the destruction thereof.
Ezekiel 38-39
5. The development of the Euro-Beast in alliance with the Harlot and the judgments of Christ upon them.
Rev. 17-18-19.