

Understanding
Times and Seasons

Part 3

The Bible Timeline

Declaring the End from the Beginning

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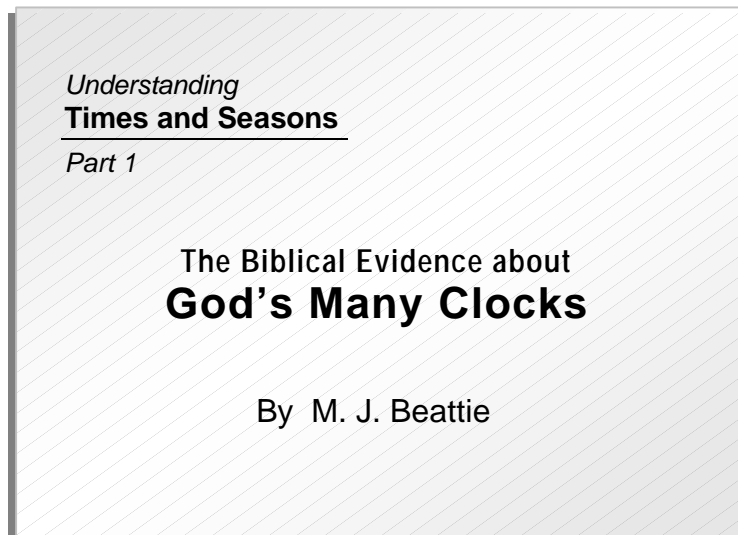
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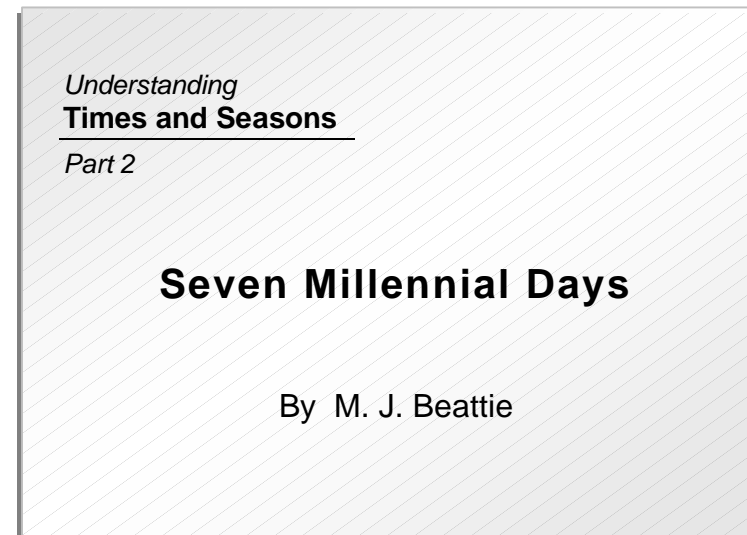
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Background information used in the construction of this timeline may be found in the following publications available free of charge at cgsf.org:



Discusses the units of time in Scripture.



Explores the prophetic implications of each day of creation week.

Preface

The Jewish calendar defines the autumn of 3760 BC as the time of the creation of Adam. This is based on a timeline created by Rabbi Yose ben Halafta in the second century AD. His dates basically follow the Biblical genealogies and other Scriptures in the Hebrew Masoretic Text in about the same way as the present work. But his numbers shrink the period of the Persian Empire down to just over 50 years, putting the fall of Babylon in around 374 BC instead of 539.

Rabbi Yose's dates are based on an interpretation of Daniel 9 that looked to Simon bar Kokhba (who died in the Jewish revolt in 135 AD) as a messiah, in fulfillment of the seventy weeks prophecy — squeezing the time between the destructions of the first and second temples into a 490-year period. With this interpretation, the Rabbis (Pharisees) conveniently and deliberately denied that Jesus was the Messiah. Yet Rabbi Yose's dates for events in the pre-Christian era are clearly in conflict with the records of history.

In the present work, the mainstream view of extra-biblical history is regarded as being generally accurate — in agreement with the Scriptures. And the gap between the Testaments is bridged with an understanding of the seventy weeks prophecy that accepts Jesus as the Messiah.

The Scriptural basis used in arriving at each date on this timeline is carefully

documented. However it should be understood that many of these dates, even many computed exclusively from the Bible, are approximate. In gleaning numbers from the genealogies in Genesis, we cannot assume that all of the individuals mentioned were born on the same day of the year. The number of months more or less than the given number of years is seldom stated.

However, having said that, it should be noted that the numbers given in the Bible add up in some very interesting ways — especially when viewed against a backdrop of the various symbolic lengths of a “day” or of a “time” in Scripture.

The Old Testament Scriptures give all of the information necessary to determine the number of years between the creation of Adam and the completion of the temple by Solomon — which brings us to the end of the third millennium of human history.

For the fourth millennium (the time of Solomon through Jesus), historians have used the Biblical numbers regarding the reigns of the various kings (of Judah, Israel, Babylon, etc.) along with archeological evidence to establish the BC dates. Although there has been resistance among atheistic historians to give much weight to the Scriptural record, the more evidence that has been unearthed, the more obvious it has become that the numbers found in Scripture

are in harmony with the witness of secular history, some of which is literally written in stone, clearly establishing the timing of the most significant fourth millennium events. But, as with the genealogies, the exact date (month and day as well as year) of events in the fourth millennium are not always given. In such cases there is a small margin of error possible. Human error in understanding could also throw things off a bit, but the general timeframe is well established. And the story of the millennial days gives the key necessary to verify that the approximate dating of the kings of Israel and Judah (as computed by those who accept both the archeological evidence and the Biblical record) is generally accurate.

Where to Begin

The first order of business in making any timeline is to decide what number to start with. Many timelines inadvertently start with year zero as the first year of Adam's life, so that he would be one year old in year 1, two in year 2, and 930 years old when he died in year 930. But here the year 1 AC is used as the first year After Creation and as the first year of Adam's life, such that he was one year old during year two and died during year 931. With this approach, if sabbatical years were counted from creation, then years evenly

divisible by seven (years 7, 14, 21, etc.) would have been sabbatical years.

The Jews traditionally associate Adam's creation with the beginning of the Biblical civil year. Here, the Sabbath of creation week is viewed as a jubilant memorial feast — a day celebrating the completion of creation, a feast of blowing of wedding trumpets for the newly created Adam and Eve, and the day of the new moon commencing the civil year (Rosh Hashanah, the Biblical Day of Trumpets). God set aside that day, the seventh day of the week, for mankind — resting from His labor to spend the time with His children. And He saw that all He had created and made was *very good!*

Setting Dates?

It is not humanly possible for all of the dates presented on this timeline to be correct. One can only offer the evidence of Biblical and extra-biblical history to the best of one's ability up to the point of publication. Many numbers seem to fit perfectly (or nearly so),

such as those that allow for a 2520-year gap, or some other relevant length of time, between two significant dates. Alignment of sabbatical and jubilee years, like those observed in the fulfillment of the seventy weeks prophecy, also helps to verify dating. And when the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, is seen standing where it ought not, then some remaining details will fall into place.

Although there was an expectation before beginning construction of this timeline that the events of the various millenniums should correspond directly to the events of creation week, every effort was made to be sure that there was no fudging of dates to force the numbers to fit. If Genesis One was to fit the timeline, the timeline had to be true. The timeline was *not* put together expressly to fit Genesis One; Genesis One just happens to fit the timeline. The way that it fits turns out to be somewhat different than expected, but it does fit amazingly well. And the events of creation week do appear to

have been meant to be prophetic, to illustrate in a parable how God would work with mankind throughout the ages.

The production of this timeline was *not* begun to find out when Jesus Christ will return. The goal was to prove the veracity of the idea that all of the events of creation week foreshadowed things to come in a 7000-year plan for humans on earth. If the timing of the return of Jesus Christ is hidden in the story of Genesis One, then that is God's doing. And, as the details of the story unfold, it behooves us to give glory to the Great Designer of such an intricately detailed and wonderfully laid out plan.

One thing is certain: If the millennial days on this timeline are even close to being appropriately aligned, then the end of the age is upon us *now*. And, “the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God” stands at the door knocking (Revelation 3:14,20)*. Can we hear His voice?

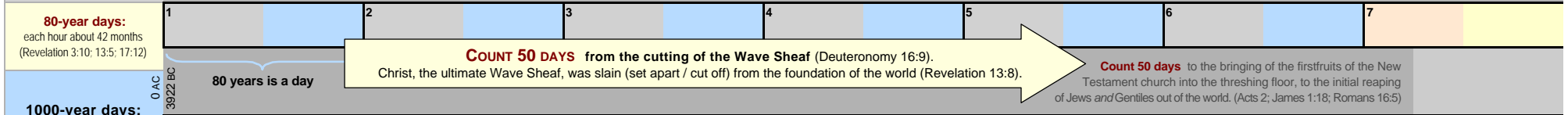
“Remember the former things of old, For I *am* God, and *there is* no other;
I *am* God, and *there is* none like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times *things* that are not *yet* done,
Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure’ ...”

— Isaiah 46:9-10

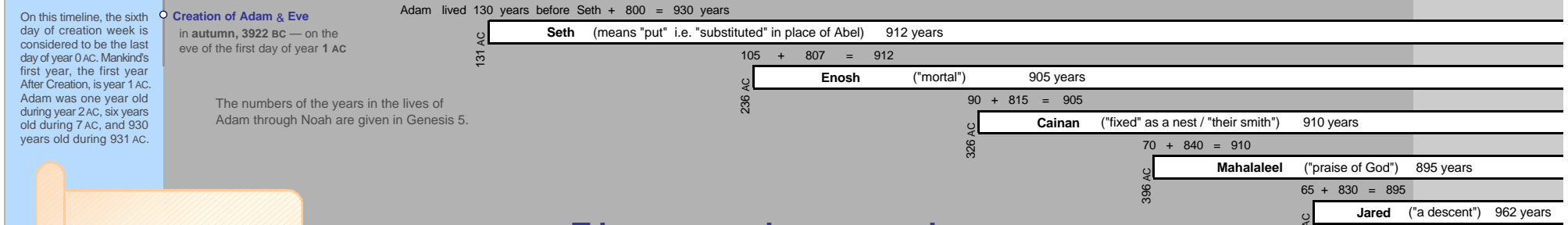
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1000-year night watches: **A thousand years is as a watch in the night.** (Psalm 90:4) The serpent's deception brought spiritual darkness upon mankind. So an acceptable way for repentant sinners to access it was provided by the sacrifice of Christ. (Isaiah 59:1-2; 53:4-5; John 14:6; 6:47-58; 3:16) **Evening Watch** in a nearly 4000-year night (3922 – 2934 BC / 6 to 9 p.m.)



1000-year days: (Psalm 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8) **Adam** (the name means "ruddy," as flushed with blood) lived 930 years



"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
(Genesis 1:1, RSV)

Thousand-year days

With the Lord a thousand years are as one day (2 Peter 3:8).

Adam was told, "In the day that you eat of it [of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil] you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:17). And so he did — he ate, and he died within the first millennial day.

"Sundown"
Darkness descended upon mankind when Adam and Eve turned away from the light of God's words to walk in the shadows of the serpent's deception.
1 AC / autumn, 3922 BC

"The earth was [became] without form [lacking backbone, character, and family stability — swayed by the serpent's guile] and void [of the true knowledge and spirit of God], and [mental and spiritual] darkness was upon the face of the deep [clouding the vision of the human 'waters']..." (Genesis 1:2)

"Sunrise" time
500 years into the 1st millennial day, the world remained spiritually dark — densely clouded over with the gloom of deceit.

one long dark night
over half a millennium without any widely-influential prophet of God

Count 50 days (each "day" lasting forty years) to the time of the initial calling of Abram and Sarai, to separate them from their roots in Ur of the Chaldees, as the firstfruits brought into the Old Testament church.

40-year days: (Hebrews 3:7-9) **one day**

Years After Creation:	1 AC	11 AC	21 AC	31 AC	41 AC	51 AC	61 AC	71 AC	81 AC	91 AC	101 AC	111 AC	121 AC	131 AC	141 AC	151 AC	161 AC	171 AC	181 AC	191 AC	201 AC	211 AC	221 AC	231 AC	241 AC	251 AC	261 AC	271 AC	281 AC	291 AC	301 AC	311 AC	321 AC	331 AC	341 AC	351 AC	361 AC	371 AC	381 AC	391 AC	401 AC	411 AC	421 AC	431 AC	441 AC	451 AC	461 AC	471 AC	481 AC	491 AC	501 AC	511 AC	521 AC	531 AC	541 AC	551 AC
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1st millennium's night

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Evening Watch in a nearly 4000-year night (3922 – 2934 BC / 6 to 9 p.m.)

While the earth waited for the Messiah's Light, the night watchmen (Enoch, Noah, Moses, the prophets...) were lights, called upon to expose the works of the devil. (Isaiah 21:6; Jeremiah 6:17; Ezekiel 3:17-21; 33:7-9)

9 p.m.
changing of guard in 4000-year night

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"Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*... All things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatsoever makes manifest is light" (Ephesians 5:11,13).

Adam															
Seth															
Enosh															
Cainan															

Mahalaleel ("praise of God") 895 years

$65 + 830 = 895$

Jared ("a descent") 962 years

$162 + 800 = 962$

Enoch ("initiated" to do a special work — hot and on fire with the Light of God) lived 365 years

$65 + 300 = 365$

Methuselah ("man of a dart" pointing toward flood) 969 years

$187 + 782 = 969$

Lamech 777 years

$876 AC$

Spiritual Daylight
came to Enoch as God worked with him. And that light was shared with the world as Enoch boldly and openly lived and taught God's right and holy way. Yet, Enoch was hated because he prophesied of God's eventual judgment against the ungodly behavior of the men of his day — men who loved the darkness of having their own way, rather than the light. (Genesis 5:21-24; Jude 14-15; Hebrews 11:5)

"All the days of Enoch were 365 years" (Genesis 5:23).
This matches the number of days in a solar year and points to the fact that the spiritual light in Enoch came directly from God, from the "Sun of Righteousness" (Malachi 4:2), the daytime "Light of the world" (John 9:5) with whom Enoch walked.

Enoch prophesied, "Behold the Lord comes... to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him" (Jude 14-15).

"... and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light" [of the knowledge of God, showing the right way to live]; and there was light [emanating from God through Enoch as Enoch walked with God]. And God saw that the light [in Enoch] was good; and God separated the light from the darkness [by taking Enoch away from those who sought to kill him]. God called the light Day [meaning "Hot", on fire with the Truth], and the darkness he called Night ["Twisted" away from the light]. And there was evening and there was morning, one [millennium-long] day" (Genesis 1:2-5).

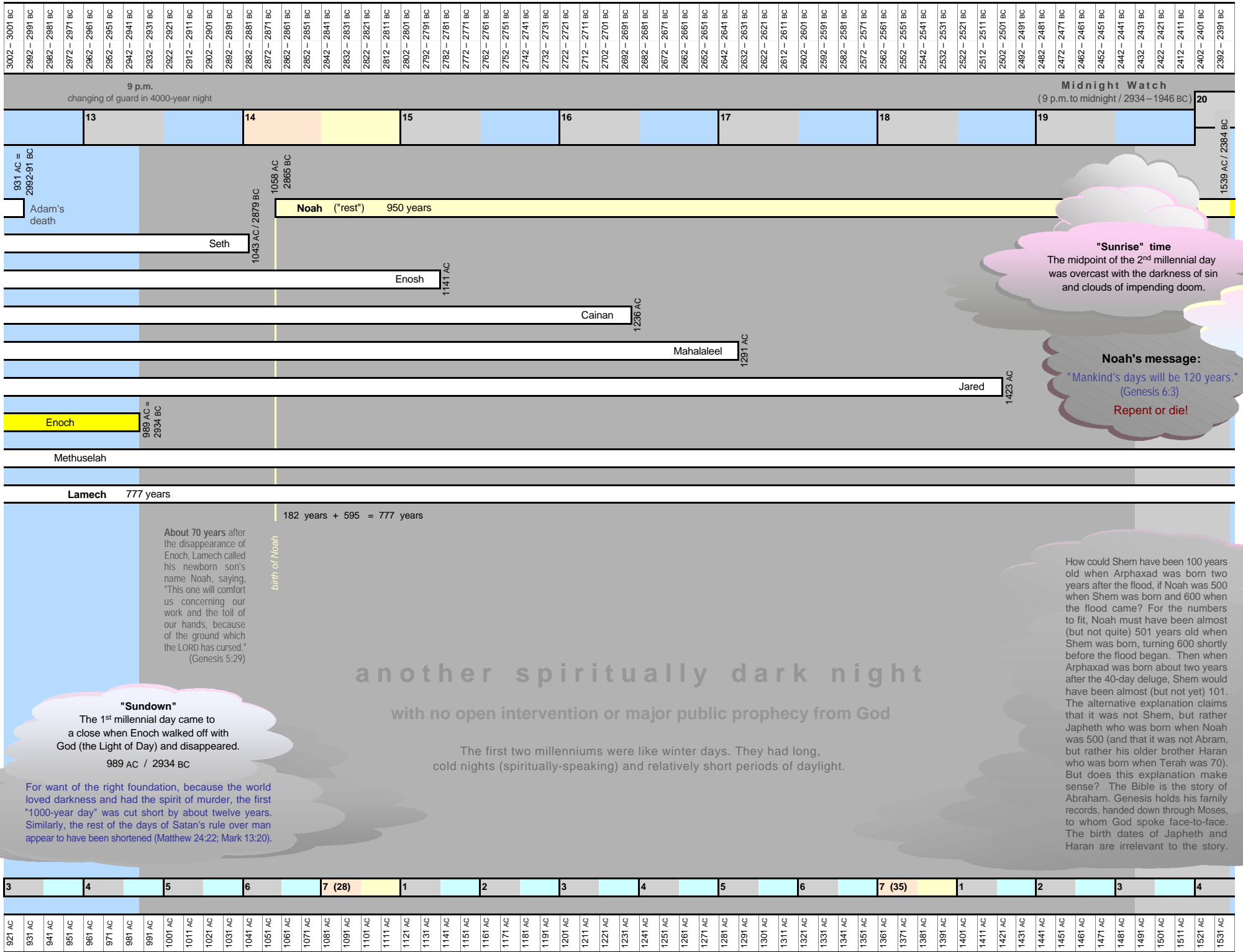
"Sunset"
The 1st millennial day came to a close when Enoch walked off with God (the Light of Day) and disappeared.
989 AC / 2934 BC

About 70 years after the disappearance of Enoch, Lamech called his newborn son's name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed." (Genesis 5:29)

For want of the right foundation, because the world loved darkness and had the spirit of murder, the first "1000-year day" was cut short by about twelve years. Similarly, the rest of the days of Satan's rule over man appear to have been shortened (Matthew 24:22; Mark 13:20).

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About 70 years after the disappearance of Enosh, Lamech called his newborn son's name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed." (Genesis 5:29)

birth of Noah

182 years + 595 = 777 years

another spiritually dark night
with no open intervention or major public prophecy from God

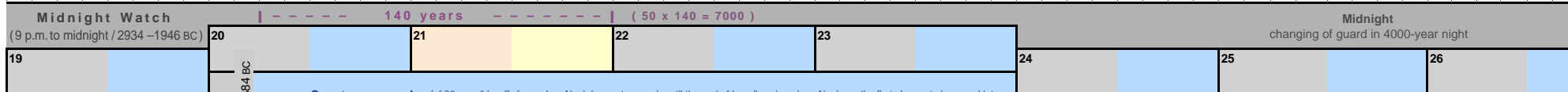
The first two millennia were like winter days. They had long, cold nights (spiritually-speaking) and relatively short periods of daylight.

"Sundown"
The 1st millennial day came to a close when Enosh walked off with God (the Light of Day) and disappeared.
989 AC / 2934 BC

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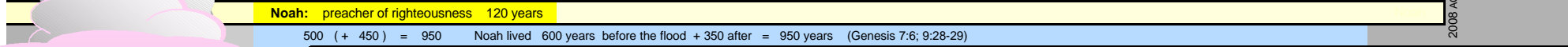
How could Shem have been 100 years old when Arphaxad was born two years after the flood, if Noah was 500 when Shem was born and 600 when the flood came? For the numbers to fit, Noah must have been almost (but not quite) 501 years old when Shem was born, turning 600 shortly before the flood began. Then when Arphaxad was born about two years after the 40-day deluge, Shem would have been almost (but not yet) 101. The alternative explanation claims that it was not Shem, but rather Japheth who was born when Noah was 500 (and that it was not Abram, but rather his older brother Haran who was born when Terah was 70). But does this explanation make sense? The Bible is the story of Abraham. Genesis holds his family records, handed down through Moses, to whom God spoke face-to-face. The birth dates of Japheth and Haran are irrelevant to the story.

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Count seven weeks (of 20-year "days") from when Noah began to preach until the end of Israel's sojourning. Noah, as the first chosen to be saved into the post-flood world, foreshadowed Christ's having been set apart from the foundation of the world to become "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Then, Israel in the wilderness, as "holiness to the Lord, the firstfruits of His increase" (Jeremiah 2:2-3), prefigured those in the NT era who have been separated from the world as the "firstfruits of His creatures" (James 1:18).

The story of Noah's ark is in Genesis 5:28-9:29. The numbers of the years in the lives of Shem through Terah are in Genesis 11:10-26,32.



500 (+ 450) = 950 Noah lived 600 years before the flood + 350 after = 950 years (Genesis 7:6; 9:28-29)

Shem ("name" as in honor, authority, character) 600 years

100 + 500 (= 600) (Genesis 11:10-11)

Arphaxad ("stronghold of Chaldees") 438 years

1660 AC 35 + 403 (= 438) "Cainan" (Luke 3:36) means "their smith". Salah may have been son of Arphaxad, the smith.

Salah ("dart" / "growth shoot" / "branch") 433 years

1695 AC 30 + 403 (= 433)

Eber ("a region across" / "on the opposite side") 464 years

1725 AC 34 + 430 (= 464)

Peleg ("earthquake" or "division") 239 years

1759 AC 30 + 209 (= 239)

Reu ("friend") 239 years

1789 AC 32 + 207 (= 239)

Serug ("tendrill" / "intertwined") 230 years

1821 AC 30 + 200 (= 230)

Nahor ("snorer" / "snorting") 148 years

1851 AC 29 + 119 (= 148)

Terah ("station") 205 years

1880 AC 70 (+ 135) = 205

Haran 1950 AC / 1972 BC

Abram ("high father") — **Abraham** ("father of many") 1972 BC

Sarai ("ruler") — **Sarah** ("princess") 127

Lot 1969 AC / 1963 BC

Ishmael 2028 AC / 2036 AC / 1886 BC

Isaac 2050 AC / 1872 BC

Methuselah ("man of a dart") died 1658 AC

Lamech lived 777 years died 1653 AC

40-day Deluge autumn, 2264 BC Heshvan 17– Kislev 26, 1659 AC (early in a sabbatical year)

Cush, son of Ham

Nimrod ("the rebel")

? Tammuz (the "sun"-god / Baal)

Noah's 7th century pictured the millennial rest

Tower of Babel confusion of languages 2164–2163 BC 1759 AC

The earth was divided, dispersed from Babel, in the days of Peleg's gestation. So the building of the city ceased (Genesis 10:25; 11:8-9). And the people of Babel, with their corrupt ideas about religious worship and about how to treat one another, were scattered abroad to flow out over the face of all the earth. Thus they, and those who followed in their wicked ways, became the "waters below" or "seas" of the post-flood world — as referred to in Revelation 17:15.

Terah, with Abram, Lot and Sarai moved from Ur of the Chaldeans to Haran (Genesis 11:31) (date not given)

However, Terah was indeed dead spiritually (Joshua 24:2), which is why Abram was told to leave him. Stephen, a man full of faith, was in error in a number of the details that Acts 7 faithfully records that he said. His example serves to instruct us that God's NT servants are not infallible. We must prove all things.

Abram moved to Canaan at age 75 — 365 years after Noah left the ark 2025 AC 1897 BC (Genesis 12:4)

Birth of Isaac Spring, 2050 AC 1872 BC (Genesis 17: 21-5)

Circumcision Covenant & Fall of Sodom Spring, 2049 AC 1873 BC

birth betrothal and marriage of Sarai the free woman picturing **Jerusalem above** (Galatians 4:22-31)

Jubilee 1961 AC 1971 AC 1981 AC 1991 AC 2001 AC 2011 AC 2021 AC 2031 AC 2041 AC 2051 AC

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2nd millennium's daytime

1441 AC **1451 AC** **1461 AC** **1471 AC** **1481 AC** **1491 AC** **1501 AC** **1511 AC** **1521 AC** **1531 AC** **1541 AC** **1551 AC** **1561 AC** **1571 AC** **1581 AC** **1591 AC** **1601 AC** **1611 AC** **1621 AC** **1631 AC** **1641 AC** **1651 AC** **1661 AC** **1671 AC** **1681 AC** **1691 AC** **1701 AC** **1711 AC** **1721 AC** **1731 AC** **1741 AC** **1751 AC** **1761 AC** **1771 AC** **1781 AC** **1791 AC** **1801 AC** **1811 AC** **1821 AC** **1831 AC** **1841 AC** **1851 AC** **1861 AC** **1871 AC** **1881 AC** **1891 AC** **1901 AC** **1911 AC** **1921 AC** **1931 AC** **1941 AC** **1951 AC** **1961 AC** **1971 AC** **1981 AC** **1991 AC** **2001 AC** **2011 AC** **2021 AC** **2031 AC** **2041 AC** **2051 AC**

Midnight Watch (9 p.m. to midnight / 2934 – 1946 BC)

Midnight changing of guard in 4000-year night

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Noah's message:
"Mankind's days will be 120 years." (Genesis 6:3)
Repent or die!

How could Shem have been 100 years old when Arphaxad was born two years after the flood, if Noah was 500 when Shem was born and 600 when the flood came? For the numbers to fit, Noah must have been almost (but not quite) 501 years old when Shem was born, turning 600 shortly before the flood began. Then when Arphaxad was born about two years after the 40-day deluge, Shem would have been almost (but not yet) 101. The alternative explanation claims that it was not Shem, but rather Japheth who was born when Noah was 500 (and that it was not Abram, but rather his older brother Haran who was born when Terah was 70). But does this explanation make sense? The Bible is the story of Abraham.

The deaths of Lamech and Methuselah were signs of the imminence of the **END OF THE WORLD** that then existed (2 Peter 3:6).
"The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come" (Isaiah 57:1 KJV).

"And God said, 'Let there be a firmament [a space of air as in Noah's ark] in the midst of the waters [of flood and rain], and let it separate the waters from the waters. 'And God made the firmament [sealing Noah into the ark]

and separated the waters [people] which were under the firmament [under the ark in the flood] from the waters [people] which were above the firmament [floating up above in the air within the ark]. And it was so.

And God called the firmament Heaven [meaning "lofty; aloft"]. And there was evening [as the light of what Enoch had taught faded] and there was morning [as Noah's preaching gave light to the world] a second day" (Genesis 1:6-8).

Spiritual daylight came when God spoke to Noah, revealed His plans to him, and made him a preacher of righteousness. (Compare Ezekiel 33:9)

God gave Methuselah the honor of the longest human lifespan (969 years).

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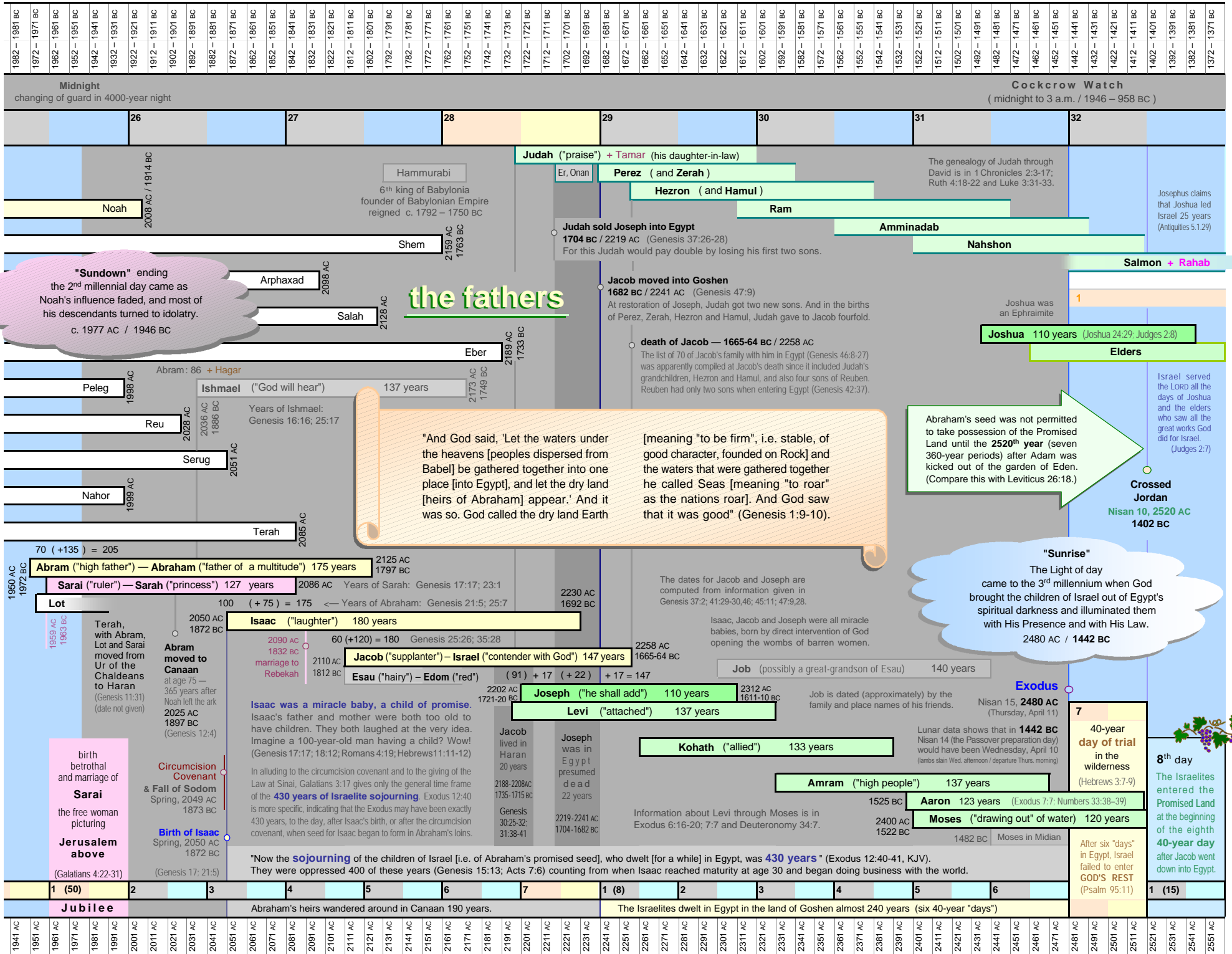
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"Sundown" ending the 2nd millennial day came as Noah's influence faded, and most of his descendants turned to idolatry. c. 1977 AC / 1946 BC

the fathers

"And God said, 'Let the waters under the heavens [peoples dispersed from Babel] be gathered together into one place [into Egypt], and let the dry land [heirs of Abraham] appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth [meaning "to be firm", i.e. stable, of good character, founded on Rock] and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas [meaning "to roar" as the nations roar]. And God saw that it was good" (Genesis 1:9-10).

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Cockcrow Watch
(midnight to 3 a.m. / 1946 – 958 BC)

31 The genealogy of Judah through David is in 1 Chronicles 2:3-17; Ruth 4:18-22 and Luke 3:31-33.

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Glory departed Israel when ark of God was taken (1 Samuel 4:21-22) in autumn, c. 2846 AC / 1077 BC

29.5 years? David's sole reign in Jerusalem

3 a.m. in 4000-year night

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Judah (Jeremiah 11:16) and King David (Psalm 52:8) were green olive trees.

Abijah, 3 yrs 913-911

Amminadab

Nahshon

Salmon + Rahab

Josephus claims that Joshua led Israel 25 years (Antiquities 5.1.29)

During the period of the judges God was Israel's king And in His Light, in the Light of His Word, The Israelites were commanded to walk. (Compare 1 Samuel 8:6-7; Isaiah 44:6; Psalm 95:3-5.)

Boaz + Ruth

Obed

Apparently Salmon "begot" Boaz as a distant ancestor. Obed, also, may have preceded Jesse by several generations. (Ruth 4:21-22; Matthew 1:5)

Jesse

Restoration of ark of God to Israel in 1076 BC = 490 years before Solomon's temple was destroyed.

365 years of glory after God came in the pillar of cloud by day, fire by night.

c. 1077 BC departure is 120 years before God's glory filled the temple.

7.5 years in Hebron

David ("beloved") 40-yr reign c. 2915-2955 AC c. 1007-967 BC 33 years in Jerusalem

7.5 years in Hebron

Solomon ("peaceful") 40 yrs. 971 (967) - 931

temple

7 A time of millennial-like REST

Judah

Benjamin

Levi

The foundation of God's temple was laid in the 480th year after the Israelites came out of Egypt (1 Kings 6:1,37) — after six 80-year "days"

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Eli, priest at Shiloh in Ephraim — judged 40 years — lived 98.

Josephus says Saul reigned 18 years before & 2 years after Samuel's death. (Antiq. 6.14.9)

Saul 20-yr. reign 1027-1007

united monarchy

Temple foundation was laid in the springtime of 2959 AC / c. 963 BC

Temple was finished and dedicated 6½ years later at the beginning of 2966 AC in autumn, c. 957 BC (1 Kings 6:1,37-38; 2 Chronicles 3:2)

Nadab, 2 yrs 910-909

Jeroboam 22, 931-910

Baasha

Ephraim

Simeon

Dan

Issachar

Naphtali

Zebulun

Asher

Reuben

Manasseh

Gad

931 BC / 2991 AC division of monarchy (1 Kings 12; 2 Chronicles 10)

Joshua 110 years (Joshua 24:29; Judges 2:8)

Elders

Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua and the elders who saw all the great works God did for Israel. (Judges 2:7)

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Crossed Jordan Nisan 10, 2520 AC 1402 BC

The events of **Judges 17-21** occurred shortly after Joshua and the elders died, while Dan was still acquiring land, and Phinehas, grandson of Aaron, was chief priest.

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Exodus Nisan 15, 2480 AC (Thursday, April 11)

Lunar data shows that in 1442 BC Nisan 14 (the Passover preparation day) would have been Wednesday, April 10 (lamps slain Wed. afternoon / departure Thurs. morning)

Amram 137 years

Aaron 123 years (Exodus 7:7; Numbers 33:38-39)

Moses ("drawing out" of water) 120 years 1482 BC Moses in Midian

7 40-year day of trial in the wilderness (Hebrews 3:7-9)

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"And God said, 'Let the earth [the Promised Land] put forth vegetation [people and families firmly rooted in the land], plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed [descendants], each according to its kind [within its own family], upon the earth.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a third day" (Genesis 1:11-13).

Through intermarriage, the people of the land became thorns in the Israelites' sides. They seduced the Israelites into worshipping other gods and doing every abominable work. (Numbers 33:55; Joshua 23:11-13; Judges 2:1-3)

"You have brought a vine out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations, and planted it. You prepared room for it, and caused it to take deep root, and it filled the land. The hills were covered with its shadow, and the mighty cedars with its boughs. She sent out her boughs to the Sea, and her branches to the River" (Psalm 80:8-11).

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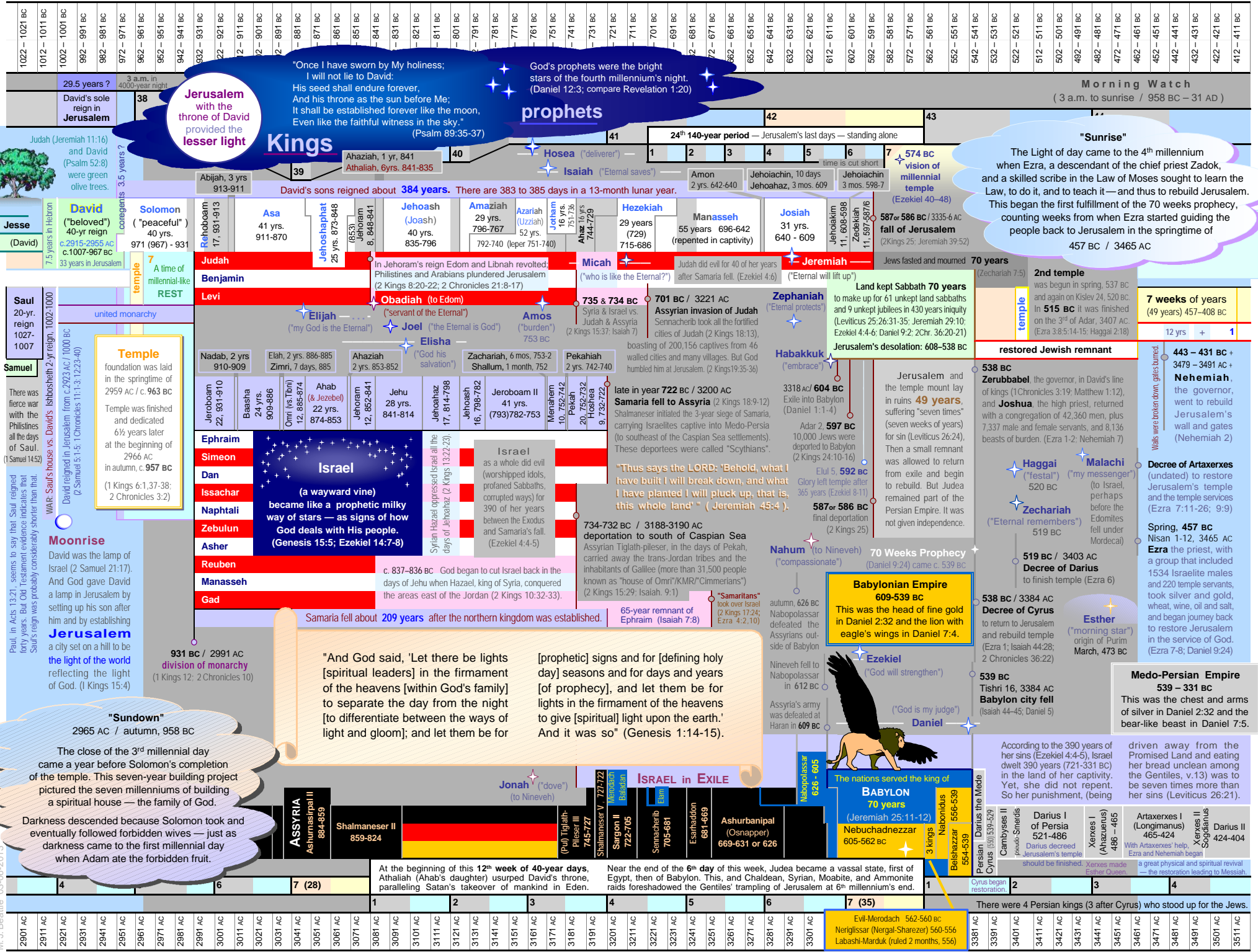
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Sundown 2965 AC / autumn, 958 BC

The close of the 3rd millennial day came a year before Solomon's completion of the temple. This seven-year building project pictured the seven millenniums of building a spiritual house — the family of God.

Darkness descended because Solomon took and eventually followed forbidden wives — just as darkness came to the first millennial day when Adam ate the forbidden fruit.

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Morning Watch
(3 a.m. to sunrise / 958 BC – 31 AD)

"Sunrise"

The Light of day came to the 4th millennium when Ezra, a descendant of the chief priest Zadok, and a skilled scribe in the Law of Moses sought to learn the Law, to do it, and to teach it—and thus to rebuild Jerusalem. This began the first fulfillment of the 70 weeks prophecy, counting weeks from when Ezra started guiding the people back to Jerusalem in the springtime of 457 BC / 3465 AC

"Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David: His seed shall endure forever, And his throne as the sun before Me; It shall be established forever like the moon, Even like the faithful witness in the sky." (Psalm 89:35-37)

God's prophets were the bright stars of the fourth millennium's night. (Daniel 12:3; compare Revelation 1:20)

David's sons reigned about 384 years. There are 383 to 385 days in a 13-month lunar year.

24th 140-year period — Jerusalem's last days — standing alone

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time is set short

574 BC vision of millennial temple (Ezekiel 40-48)

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There were 4 Persian kings (3 after Cyrus) who stood up for the Jews.

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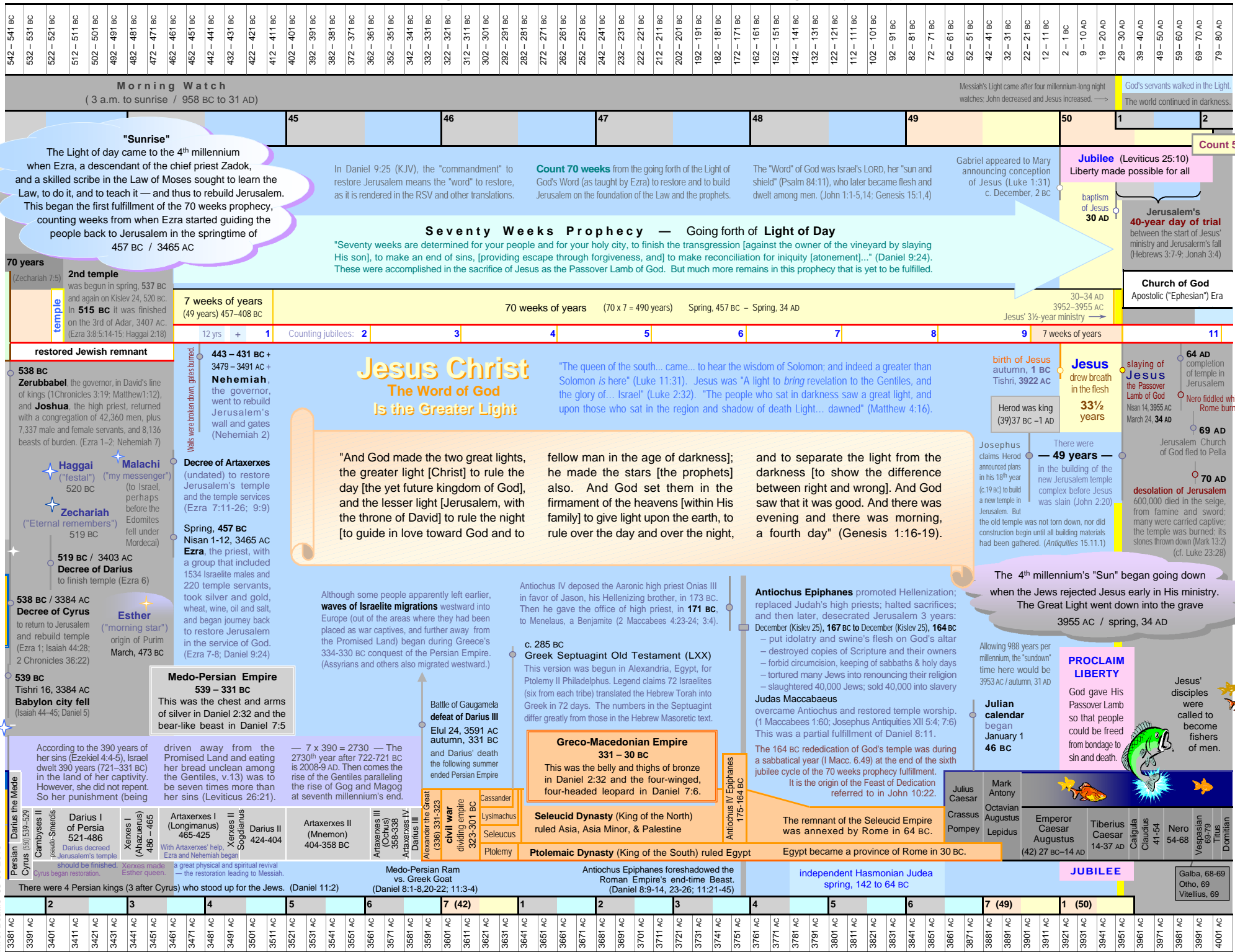
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Morning Watch

(3 a.m. to sunrise / 958 BC to 31 AD)

"Sunrise"

The Light of day came to the 4th millennium when Ezra, a descendant of the chief priest Zadok, and a skilled scribe in the Law of Moses sought to learn the Law, to do it, and to teach it — and thus to rebuild Jerusalem. This began the first fulfillment of the 70 weeks prophecy, counting weeks from when Ezra started guiding the people back to Jerusalem in the springtime of 457 BC / 3465 AC

In Daniel 9:25 (KJV), the "commandment" to restore Jerusalem means the "word" to restore, as it is rendered in the RSV and other translations.

Count 70 weeks from the going forth of the Light of God's Word (as taught by Ezra) to restore and to build Jerusalem on the foundation of the Law and the prophets.

The "Word" of God was Israel's LORD, her "sun and shield" (Psalm 84:11), who later became flesh and dwelt among men. (John 1:1-5,14; Genesis 15:1,4)

Messiah's Light came after four millennium-long night watches: John decreased and Jesus increased. →

God's servants walked in the Light. The world continued in darkness.

Count 50 days

Jubilee (Leviticus 25:10)
Liberty made possible for all

Jerusalem's **40-year day of trial** between the start of Jesus' ministry and Jerusalem's fall (Hebrews 3:7-9; Jonah 3:4)

Church of God
Apostolic ("Ephesian") Era

Seventy Weeks Prophecy — Going forth of Light of Day

"Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression [against the owner of the vineyard by slaying His son], to make an end of sins, [providing escape through forgiveness, and] to make reconciliation for iniquity [atonement]..." (Daniel 9:24). These were accomplished in the sacrifice of Jesus as the Passover Lamb of God. But much more remains in this prophecy that is yet to be fulfilled.

70 years
(Zechariah 7:5)

2nd temple
was begun in spring, 537 BC and again on Kislev 24, 520 BC. In **515 BC** it was finished on the 3rd of Adar, 3407 AC. (Ezra 3:8;5:14-15; Hagai 2:18)

7 weeks of years
(49 years) 457-408 BC

12 yrs + 1

Counting jubilees: **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **7** **8** **9** **7 weeks of years** **11**

restored Jewish remnant

538 BC
Zerubbabel, the governor, in David's line of kings (1Chronicles 3:19; Matthew 1:12), and **Joshua**, the high priest, returned with a congregation of 42,360 men, plus 7,337 male and female servants, and 8,136 beasts of burden. (Ezra 1-2; Nehemiah 7)

Haggai ("festival") 520 BC

Malachi ("my messenger") (to Israel, perhaps before the Edomites fell under Mordecai)

Zechariah ("Eternal remembers") 519 BC

519 BC / 3403 AC
Decree of Darius
to finish temple (Ezra 6)

538 BC / 3384 AC
Decree of Cyrus
to return to Jerusalem and rebuild temple; origin of Purim (Ezra 1; Isaiah 44:28; 2 Chronicles 36:22)

539 BC
Tishri 16, 3384 AC
Babylon city fell (Isaiah 44-45; Daniel 5)

Esther ("morning star") March, 473 BC

443 - 431 BC + 3479 - 3491 AC + Nehemiah, the governor, went to rebuild Jerusalem's wall and gates (Nehemiah 2)

Decree of Artaxerxes (undated) to restore Jerusalem's temple and the temple services (Ezra 7:11-26; 9:9)

Spring, 457 BC
Nisan 1-12, 3465 AC
Ezra, the priest, with a group that included 1534 Israelite males and 220 temple servants, took silver and gold, wheat, wine, oil and salt, and began journey back to restore Jerusalem in the service of God. (Ezra 7-8; Daniel 9:24)

Jesus Christ
The Word of God
Is the Greater Light

"The queen of the south... came... to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here" (Luke 11:31). Jesus was "A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of... Israel" (Luke 2:32). "The people who sat in darkness saw a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light... dawned" (Matthew 4:16).

"And God made the two great lights, the greater light [Christ] to rule the day [the yet future kingdom of God], and the lesser light [Jerusalem, with the throne of David] to rule the night [to guide in love toward God and to fellow man in the age of darkness]; he made the stars [the prophets] also. And God set them in the firmament of the heavens [within His family] to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness [to show the difference between right and wrong]. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day" (Genesis 1:16-19).

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birth of Jesus autumn, 1 BC Tishri, 3922 AC

Herod was king (39)37 BC - 1 AD

Jesus drew breath in the flesh **33 1/2 years**

Josephus claims Herod announced plans in his 18th year (c.19 ac) to build a new temple in Jerusalem. But the old temple was not torn down, nor did construction begin until all building materials had been gathered. (Antiquities 15.11.1)

There were **— 49 years —** in the building of the new Jerusalem temple complex before Jesus was slain (John 2:20)

64 AD completion of temple in Jerusalem

Jesus the Passover Lamb of God Nisan 14, 3955 AC March 24, 34 AD

69 AD Jerusalem Church of God fled to Pella

70 AD **desolation of Jerusalem** 600,000 died in the siege, from famine and sword; many were carried captive; the temple was burned; its stones thrown down (Mark 13:2) (cf. Luke 23:28)

Nero fiddled while Rome burned

The 4th millennium's "Sun" began going down when the Jews rejected Jesus early in His ministry. The Great Light went down to the grave 3955 AC / spring, 34 AD

Although some people apparently left earlier, **waves of Israelite migrations** westward into Europe (out of the areas where they had been placed as war captives, and further away from the Promised Land) began during Greece's 334-330 BC conquest of the Persian Empire. (Assyrians and others also migrated westward.)

Antiochus IV deposed the Aaronic high priest Onias III in favor of Jason, his Hellenizing brother, in 173 BC. Then he gave the office of high priest, in **171 BC**, to Menelaus, a Benjamite (2 Maccabees 4:23-24; 3:4).

Antiochus Epiphanes promoted Hellenization; replaced Judah's high priests; halted sacrifices; and then later, desecrated Jerusalem 3 years: December (Kislev 25), **167 BC** to December (Kislev 25), **164 BC** — put idolatry and swine's flesh on God's altar — destroyed copies of Scripture and their owners — forbade circumcision, keeping of sabbaths & holy days — tortured many Jews into renouncing their religion — slaughtered 40,000 Jews; sold 40,000 into slavery

Judas Maccabaeus overcame Antiochus and restored temple worship. (1 Maccabees 1:60; Josephus Antiquities XII 5:4; 7:6) This was a partial fulfillment of Daniel 8:11.

The 164 BC rededication of God's temple was during a sabbatical year (1 Macc. 6:49) at the end of the sixth jubilee cycle of the 70 weeks prophecy fulfillment. It is the origin of the Feast of Dedication referred to in John 10:22.

Allowing 988 years per millennium, the "sundown" time here would be 3953 AC / autumn, 31 AD

Julian calendar began January 1 46 BC

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God gave His Passover Lamb so that people could be freed from bondage to sin and death.

Jesus' disciples were called to become fishers of men.

Medo-Persian Empire 539 - 331 BC

This was the chest and arms of silver in Daniel 2:32 and the bear-like beast in Daniel 7:5

According to the 390 years of her sins (Ezekiel 4:4-5), Israel dwelt 390 years (721-331 BC) in the land of her captivity. However, she did not repent. So her punishment (being driven away from the Promised Land and eating her bread unclean among the Gentiles, v.13) was to be seven times more than her sins (Leviticus 26:21).

— 7 x 390 = 2730 — The 2730th year after 722-721 BC is 2008-9 AD. Then comes the rise of the Gentiles paralleling the rise of Gog and Magog at the seventh millennium's end.

Battle of Gaugamela defeat of Darius III Elul 24, 3591 AC autumn, 331 BC and Darius' death the following summer ended Persian Empire

c. 285 BC
Greek Septuagint Old Testament (LXX)
This version was begun in Alexandria, Egypt, for Ptolemy II Philadelphus. Legend claims 72 Israelites (six from each tribe) translated the Hebrew Torah into Greek in 72 days. The numbers in the Septuagint differ greatly from those in the Hebrew Masoretic text.

Greco-Macedonian Empire 331 - 30 BC

This was the belly and thighs of bronze in Daniel 2:32 and the four-winged, four-headed leopard in Daniel 7:6.

Persian: Darius the Mede
Cyrus (539-529)
Cambyses II
Darius I of Persia 521-486
Darius decreed Jerusalem's temple should be finished. Cyrus began restoration.

Darius I of Persia 521-486

Xerxes I (Ahazuerus) 486 - 465

Artaxerxes I (Longimanus) 465-425

Xerxes II Sogdianus

Darius II 424-404

Artaxerxes II (Mnemon) 404-358 BC

Artaxerxes III (Ochus) 358-338

Artaxerxes IV Darius III

Alexander the Great (336) 331-323

civil war dividing empire 323-301 BC

Cassander

Lysimachus

Seleucus

Ptolemy

Medo-Persian Ram vs. Greek Goat
(Daniel 8:1-8,20-22; 11:3-4)

Seleucid Dynasty (King of the North) ruled Asia, Asia Minor, & Palestine

Ptolemaic Dynasty (King of the South) ruled Egypt

Antiochus Epiphanes foreshadowed the Roman Empire's end-time Beast. (Daniel 8:9-14, 23-26; 11:21-45)

Antiochus IV Epiphanes 175-164 BC

The remnant of the Seleucid Empire was annexed by Rome in 64 BC.

Egypt became a province of Rome in 30 BC.

independent Hasmonian Judea spring, 142 to 64 BC

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Galba, 68-69
Otho, 69
Vitellius, 69

Julius Caesar

Mark Antony

Crassus Pompey

Octavian Augustus

Lepidus

Emperor Caesar Augustus (42) 27 BC-14 AD

Tiberius Caesar 14-37 AD

Caligula 37-41 AD

Claudius 41-54

Nero 54-68

Vespasian 69-79

Titus

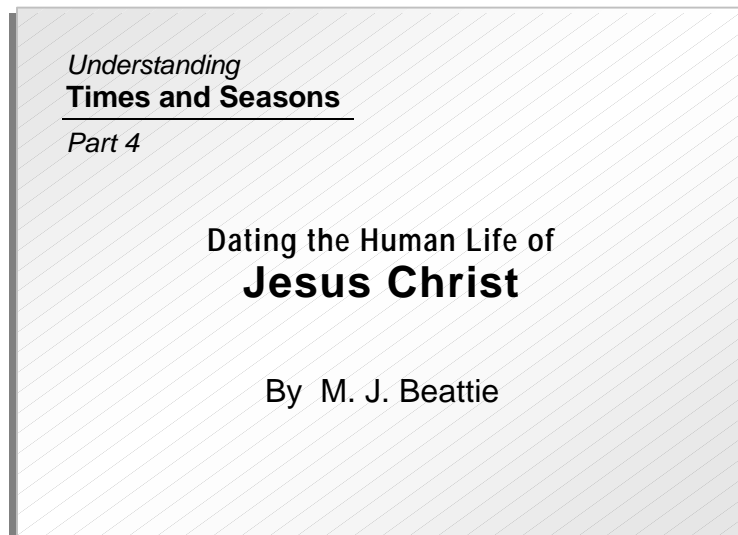
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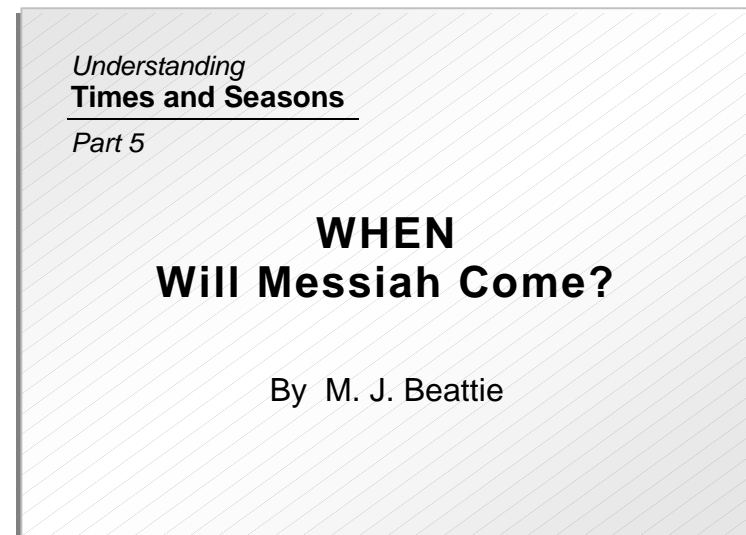
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