

Biblical Chronology Introduction

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The earliest Christians taught that Jesus would return to earth to establish His Kingdom in the 6000th year from creation. The New Testament books of Hebrews and 2 Peter confirm that this was later apostolic teaching. All that is necessary to know the year of Christ's return is to know what year we are currently in on the biblical calendar.

The erroneous dates in the Greek Septuagint greatly skewed the biblical chronologies of the earliest Christians. The correct chronological data is found in the Hebrew text. However, more recent biblical chronologists who used the Hebrew text (such as Isaac Newton, James Ussher, Floyd Jones, etc.) have supplemented the biblical data with secular data to force the Bible to fit the secular timeline of Ptolemy's canon, rather than establishing a chronology from the Bible alone. This was thought to be necessary because of an alleged gap in the biblical chronological data for the Persian period. The information presented here will show that there is no gap. The Bible contains all of the necessary data to construct a complete chronology from creation to the second coming of Christ.

God has also provided two witnesses for the total number of years from creation to the second coming.

1. The Millennial-Week Calendar divides human history into a "week" of seven millennia (7,000 years). The first 6 "days" (6,000 years) man lives under the curse. The 7th millennium is the "Seventh Day" and "Sabbath Rest" (Heb. 4:4-9) which is Christ's reign over the nations from Jerusalem.
2. The Jubilee Calendar divides God's struggle with the human race into 120 fifty-year cycles (these are luni-solar years, beginning in September). This also equals 6,000 years.

The Bible contains everything necessary to establish a complete chronology from creation until the second coming. Not only can we know when Jesus will return, end-time pastors are commanded by Jesus to discover the time and prepare the flock under their care. My book, **The TIME of the END**, contains over 350 pages of original research and over 500 footnotes. It presents this chronology in detail, with many charts and diagrams for a much more detailed study beyond what is presented here. The

chronology presented in The TIME of the END is consistent with Young Earth Creationism as defended by Creation ministries such as Creation Ministries International and Answers in Genesis.

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Dr. Leslie McFall, a biblical scholar (Cambridge, UK) who rejects the young-earth creation model, and whose career is characterized by trying to harmonize the Hebrew Scriptures with the much longer secular chronology of millions of years, has written a critique of The TIME of the END. His critique can be read below along with Tim Warner's rebuttals in 5 parts. The reader should be aware that Tim Warner has challenged Dr. McFall to publically debate the length of the Babylonian Exile and desolation of the Temple (Warner-70 years / McFall-50 years). Dr. McFall has declined the invitation.