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We now continue our studies on:

The Millennial "Week" of Time

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The “clock” that tells
us **when** Jesus is
about to come!

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Lesson Three

Prophetic Symbols of the Millennial Clock

Revised



As we have been studying, the Bible is filled with numeric types based on the number “seven.”

The allusion to the Great Millennial Week of Time is no exception. We now want to evaluate this deeper, showing that Biblical evidence exceeds the doubt of critics.

If the inerrancy of the Bible is dismissed, our hope of some “culmination” to evil vanishes. Christianity must then be merely relegated to one of many philosophies. Prophecy becomes nothing more than an imaginative flight into the future.



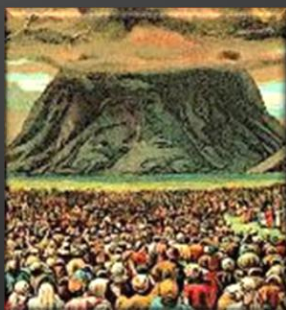
If, however, we can pin our hopes on objective evidence found in the prophetic areas, we can move forward in the great arena of faith.

God's Great Week of Time or Millennial Week of Time is part of His strategy to inform the student that redemptive history plays out within a predetermined period of time! *Thus, for those living at the end of this 6000-year period, a **sense of urgency** is to be a **convicting emotion**.*

Let's look at inspirational clues for a 6000-year-old earth within Biblical typology. You will discover that this can give us courage and insight!

**The “Sacred Year”
of Seven Months –
a Millennial Type**





In the grandeur and fearful glory of heaven on Mount Sinai, God presented to His people two tables of stone, outlining His unerring thoughts called the Decalogue. Then, shortly thereafter, detailed statutes were given to Moses, recorded in what would be called the “Book of Moses” (II Chron. 25:4) or “Law of Moses” (I Cor. 9:9).

Moses recorded statutes or regulations that governed life, even to the very minutia of that “emerging church” and society.

The Mosaic Feast Statutes were an important part of their worship celebration.

The Passover, which the Israelites had literally just experienced in leaving Egypt, was to become the first of seven sacred feasts to be honored within a sacred time period of seven months.

Those 7 months and 7 feasts symbolized the whole plan of redemption.

7 months – 7 millenniums to bring an end to sin!

7 feasts – 7 waymark events during that period!

Interestingly, the Israelites had been keeping an Egyptian solar calendar year, reckoned from fall (the month of Tishri) to fall. For centuries that became a timing point that kings would use for their accession Year – and then regnal years.



God, through these Mosaic statutes, added a new calendar that would be a “set-aside” time, just like the seventh day was a set-aside sacred time. **Abib**, in the spring (our March and April), would begin each new seven-month “**sacred**” year.

On the 14th day of Abib, Passover would be celebrated.



This was a time between the two main periods of rain in Palestine. The early or winter rains prepared the first crops, such as barley. After Passover, the latter rains would fall, which would bring on the final grain harvest, such as wheat.

Later, God identified these as unique symbols. The firstfruits of “barley” were the 144,000, the “wheat,” the great multitude. The “rains” became a metaphor for the Holy Spirit.

That Jewish calendar began in the month that the Israelites left Egypt. That was approximately 1450 B.C. Jesus actually told them to call that month Abib. (Ex. 12:2, 13:4)

This not only started that “new year” but began a seven-month period, designated as a “sacred year.”

On the 14th day of Abib, the Israelites celebrated Passover. That month originally began with the first full moon after the spring equinox.

Months

Abib
Iyar
Sivan
Tammuz
Av
Elul
Tishri
Heshvan
Kislev
Tevet
Shevat
Adar
Adar II

Let's now review how those
sacred feasts were
given to Moses for the
people to formally celebrate
when they came into the
land of Canaan.

These statutes became part of a “**typological play**” that God designed for them, portraying and choreographing the wonders of redemption!

Spring Feasts

Passover – symbolic of the blood of the Lamb,
deliverance from sin, justification possible

Unleavened Bread – the cleansing from sin,
when sanctification begins

First Fruits – is the first part of the “harvest,”
seen in the 144,000 (Rev. 14:1-4)

Summer Feast

Pentecost – symbolic of the work of the Latter
Rain by the 144,000. The “Great
Multitude” harvest was seen, then, in the
wheat harvest.

Fall Feasts

Trumpets – represent the final call, loud cry

Atonement – all records of sin in the
sanctuary (God's church and our hearts)
have been removed and placed on Satan

Tabernacles – is when Jesus comes – we
will eternally “tabernacle” with Him

Isn't this beautiful? The whole plan of
redemption is summarized
within these feasts.

Leviticus 23 is the only place in the Bible where they are listed together and in order. There, they are called “*feasts unto the Lord.*”
(vs 4)

They were appointed times to meet with the Lord and celebrate the plan of redemption. These seven months, as did all months, began with a “new moon” – the dark phase.

The phases of the moon were “signals” to the timing of the feast celebrations and became symbols, also, of great prophetic fulfillments.

**This is illustrated in the
book of Ezekiel, describing
God's last-day people
and church.**



“Thus saith the Lord GOD; The gate of the inner court [where God’s people reside] that looketh toward the east [in anticipation of Christ’s coming – and direction of deliverance] shall be shut the six working days [symbolic of six millenniums]; but on the sabbath [the seventh] it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.”

(Eze. 46:1-2)

There is no “new moon” related to the weekly Sabbath. The beginning of a month on a Sabbath day is symbolic of the Feast of Trumpets – the first feast of the seventh month of Tishri! This anticipates the Atonement – the second feast of that month – an end!

What does it mean – “the gate?” This is the time when God’s people are fully unified corporately and the deliverance of God’s people is pending, as they momentarily anticipate the coming of Christ.

Probation has just closed! All His people are now of one accord, looking eastward!

Continuing: “*And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate without [Jesus will come by the way of the east], and shall stand by the post of the gate [symbolic of the entry point to earth], and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings [God’s leaders/ people will sacrifice all earthly things, making peace with God], and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate [the east will also be the gate to heaven]: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening [when Jesus leaves planet earth, redemptive history closes forever – evening will have come].*”

(Eze. 46:1-2)

Thus, a deep knowledge of those feasts and how they represent elevated understanding of God and His salvic plan are most valuable!

We don't keep those feasts today, but their antitypical meaning, sequence and timing within that framework of "seven," embellish all of prophecy, not only as to events but as to time.

“The slaying of the Passover lamb was a shadow of the death of Christ.... These types were fulfilled, not only as to the event, but as to the time.... In like manner the types which relate to the second advent must be fulfilled at the time pointed out in the symbolic service [relating to the fall feasts].” (GC 399-400)

The Passover lamb pointed forward to when Christ became “the Passover” for us. (1 Cor. 5:7) He died on Passover, Abib 14, exactly as the ancient feasts began.



Emerging from that day were numerous symbols that remain as perpetual metaphors for us – such as the “Cross,”

“paid it all,” “suffered for me” and the “blood of the Lamb.”



Another remarkable insight came from the first Passover, then through the communion statute: **When the Passover lamb was eaten, His people were to be ready to leave for the promised land!**

“And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD’S Passover.” (Ex. 12:11)

Thus today, as we imbibe the “essence” of Jesus Christ in communion, we are to be spiritually prepared for the heavenly Canaan!

The Passover month with the “blood of the Lamb” begins a redemptive story, just like the first millennium began earth’s first move toward the redemptive plan!

1st millennium – redemptive plan began

1st Passover – the “blood of the Lamb”
was institutionalized

1st month of the last 3½ years of earth’s
history will begin on a Passover!

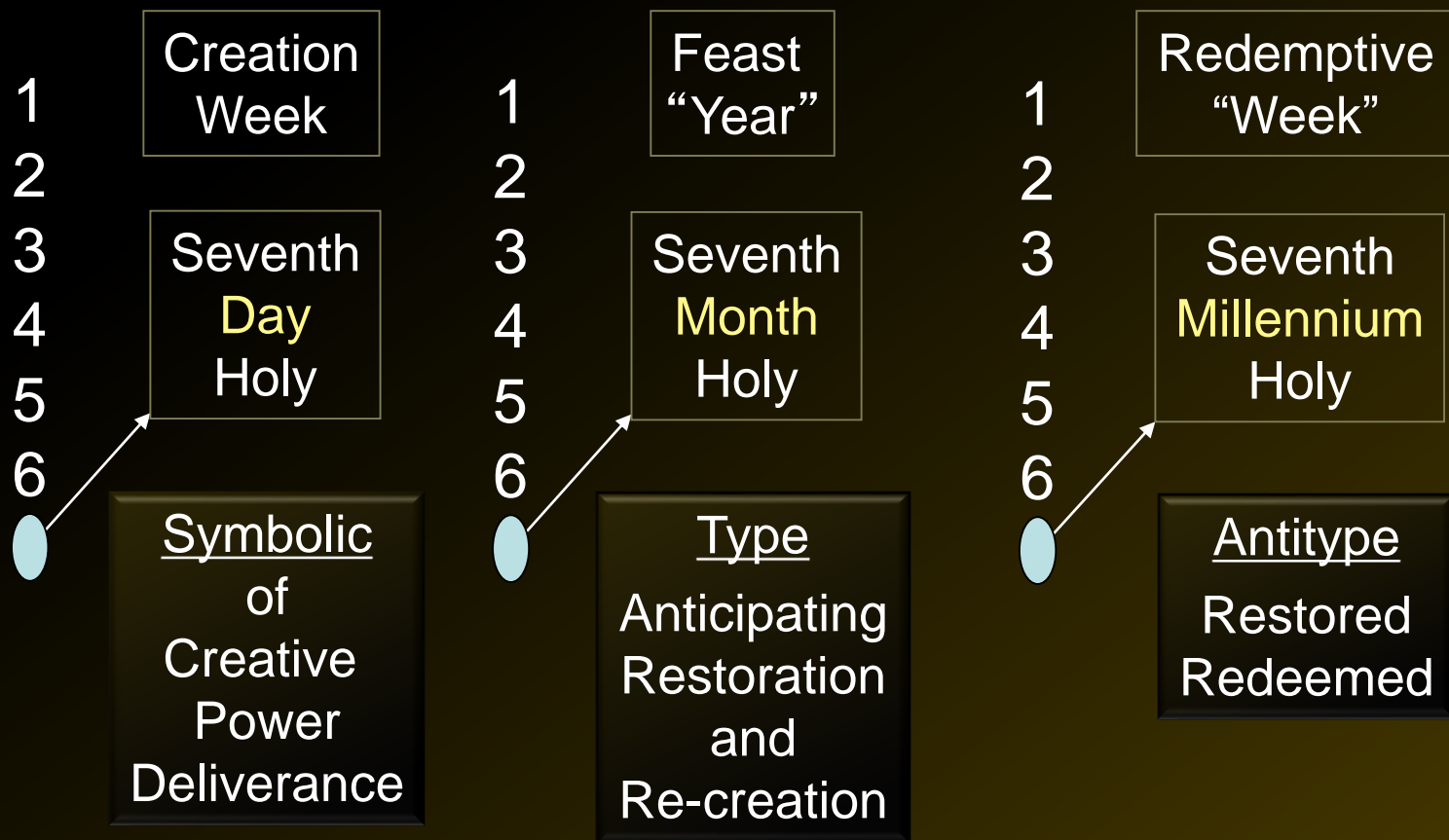
In that final Passover:

The “blood of the Lamb” will have heightened significance as the 144,000 give the final message, nestled in the framework of Christ’s Righteousness.

The Abomination of Desolation will also commence at that point – Satan’s “poster child” of deception!

Thus – earth’s final conflict will begin!

At the seventh month – the end is anticipated. It is symbolically “acted out” in “final warnings” (Feast of Trumpets), removal of sin (Atonement Day) and Christ’s coming (Feast of Tabernacles)!



Choosing the Lamb as a Millennial Type



There is another amazing statute related to the time of Passover!

*“Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the **tenth day** of this month [Abib] they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, **a lamb for an house.**”* (Ex. 12:3)

The lamb was to be chosen **four days** before Passover. That would give the household time to enjoy it as a pet and become attached to it. **Then** – it had to be killed.

This recalls a message in the
Book of Revelation:

There, we are told that “*the Lamb
was slain from the foundation of the
world.*” (Rev. 13:8)



The lamb was chosen four days
before Passover.

The Lamb was chosen four millenniums
before the “true” Passover.

Though the decision was made for Jesus to be the Lamb long before, the record says He waited until the *“fullness of time!”*

(Mark 1:15)

What “time” had to be completed? The millennial clock began to “tick” when sin entered. He was to be slain right after the “fourth.”

In the scheme of “sevens,” therefore, we have to account for an additional three millenniums. Where are they in prophetic history?

First, let’s look at the Passion Week – four days before Passover:

“It was on the first day of the week [Sunday – Abib 9] that Christ made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Multitudes who had flocked to see Him at Bethany now accompanied Him, eager to witness His reception. Many people were on their way to the city to keep the Passover, and these joined the multitude attending Jesus.” (DA 569)



Now comes very
fascinating
timing insight!

“When the fast westering sun should pass from sight in the heavens [Sunday evening at sunset, which began the *next day* by Jewish reckoning], Jerusalem’s day of grace would be ended [Monday, the 10th Day of Abib, four days before Passover when the Lamb should have been chosen]. While the procession was halting on the brow of Olivet, it was not yet too late for Jerusalem to repent. The angel of mercy was then folding her wings to step down from the golden throne to give place to justice and swift-coming judgment.” (DA 577-578)

They did not choose the Lamb!

“Christ was standing at the point of transition between two economies and their two great festivals. He, the spotless Lamb of God, was about to present Himself as a sin offering, that He would thus bring to an end the system of types and ceremonies that for four thousand years had pointed to His death.” (DA 652)

That all happened two thousand years ago. Is there any prophecy that would refer to a two-thousand-year period beyond the Cross?

Notice the “two” and then the “one” or “third:”

“Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

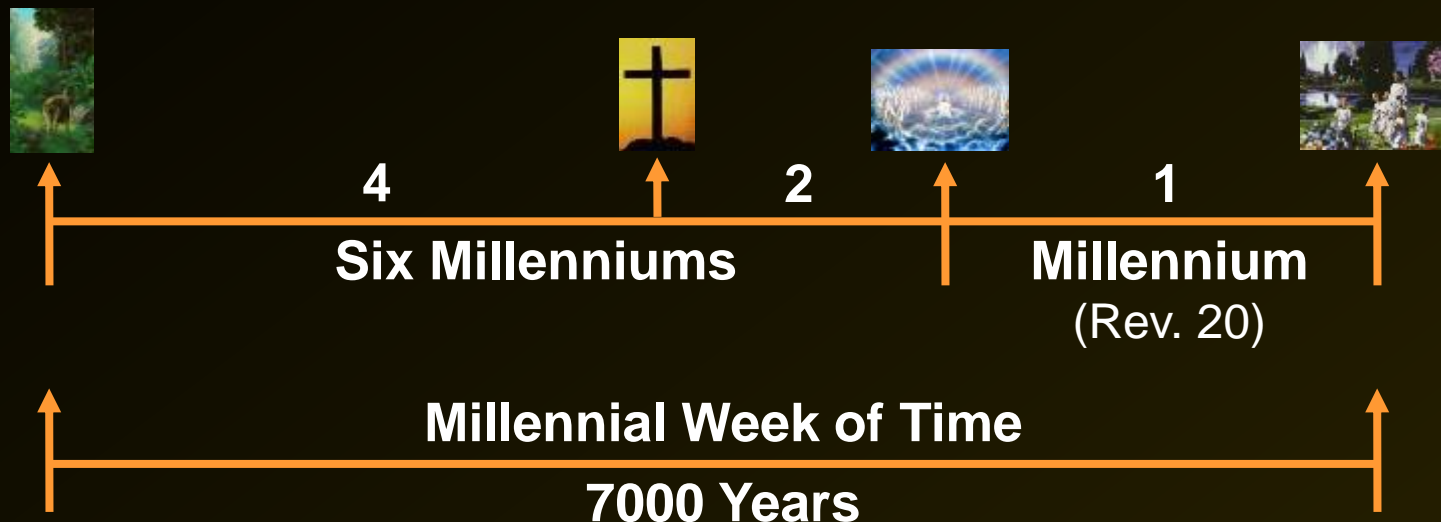
*“After two days will **he** revive us: in the third day **he** will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.”* (Hos. 6:1-2)

This is a dual prophecy:

1. It is the only Old Testament message that shows Christ will rise up the third day.
2. Also, after two millenniums, Jesus will come; in the “third.” We will then live forever with Him in the new heavens and earth!

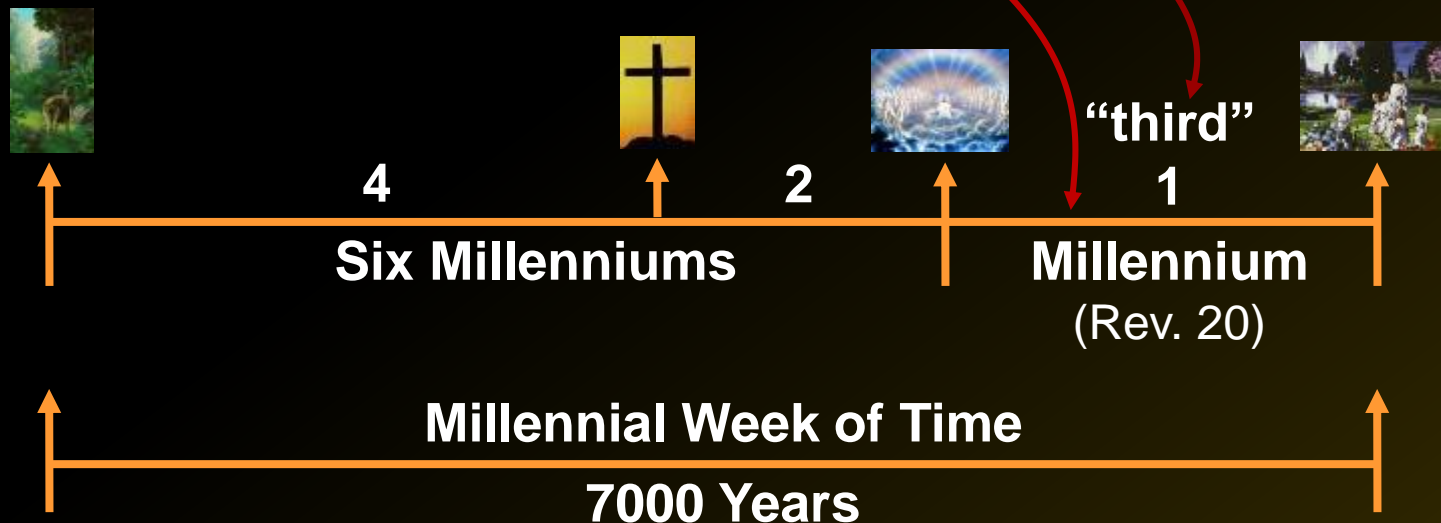
“And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people.” (Ex. 19:11)

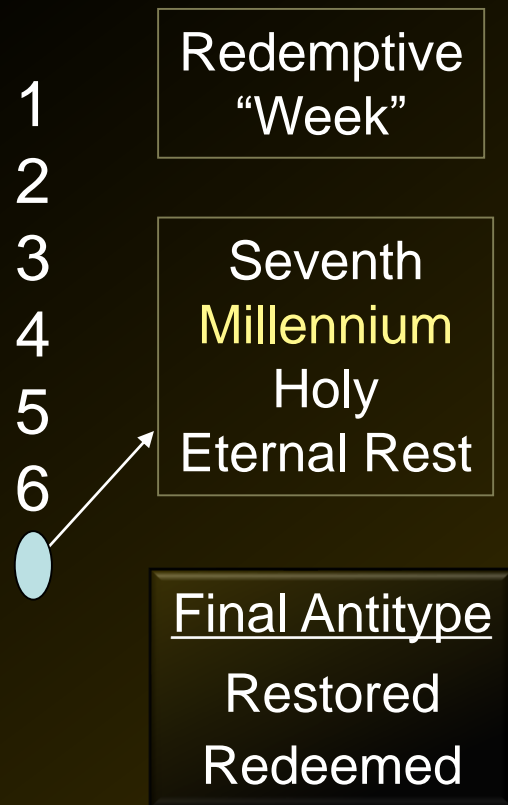
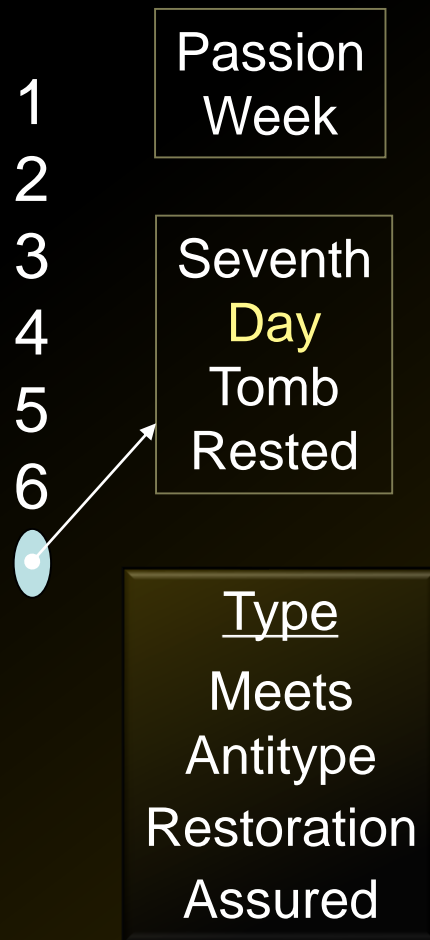
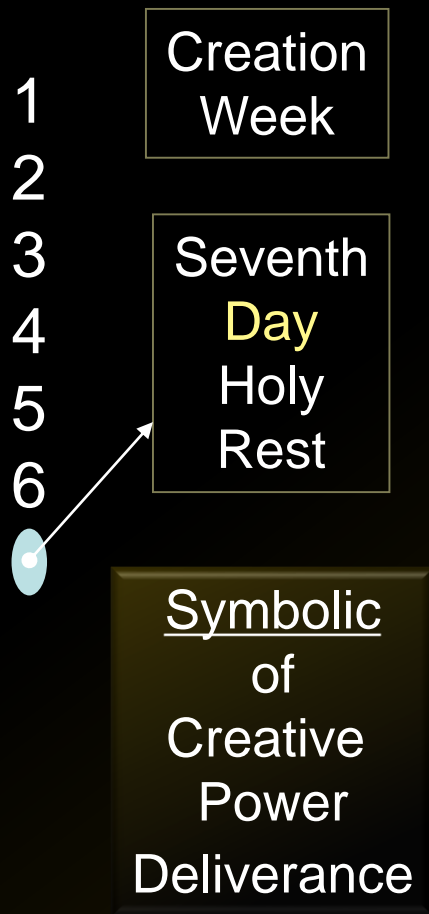
In the prophetic “third” there is renewal and rest – when God and His people come together. When He arose on the “third,” a new way to the throne of heaven was also opened!



Several places in the Old Testament the “third” is tied to the “seventh.” They are symbolic times of holiness or sanctification. One example:

“He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.” (Num. 19:12)





Man's Cycle:

Work – days 1–6, Rest – day 7

Earth Cycle:

Work – years 1–6, Rest – year 7

Redemption Cycle:

Work Preparation – millenniums 1–6

Salvation Rest – millennium 7

**An Expositor
Looks at the
Millennial Week of Time**



Many Bible expositors have reviewed the significance of a 6000-year-old earth. This is a unique area of study for creationists in their drive to show the theory of evolution to be incorrect.

One prolific writer from the 19th and early 20th centuries, named E. G. White, put many of the issues into a healthy perspective. Her statements weren't simply a *carte blanche* that planet earth was 6000 years old. They were actually placed in a very interesting framework of understanding. Notice the setting of her statements:



“About six thousand years” (1Sp 87 – 1870)

“More than six thousand years” (HS 133 –1886)

“For nearly six thousand years” (GC 518 –1888)

“For six thousand years” (GC 659 – 1911)

At first glance, it appears that there is a lack of precision. Is it “about,” “more,” “nearly” or exactly “For” six thousand years?

As with all writings, the author is due a careful study of how a statement is made in context. That includes the Bible! Let’s sequentially look at these various timing expressions and see how they actually are very consistent!

The word “about” only conveys an “approximation.” It would mean nothing more than a simple statement that the earth is **around** 6000 years old. **Example:**

“Infidel geologists claim that the world is very much older than the Bible record makes it....[But] many who profess to believe the Bible record are at a loss to account for wonderful things which are found in the earth, with the view that creation week was only seven literal days, and that the world is now only **about six thousand years old.**” (1SP 87)

That word “about” is not “clock”-specific and is nothing more than a **generalization**. But – it does take a position that the derived age of the earth cannot be measured in vast periods of time.

What is additionally important? That **approximation is consistent with the Biblical record**. From the ages of the patriarchs to very specific “clocks” within prophecy, there are a myriad of timing clues that tell us we are on a young earth, approximately 6000 years old.

E. G. White's use of the word “for” is also a general expression of earth's age. Here are two examples:

1. “The mysteries of the visible universe – the wondrous works of him who is perfect in knowledge,—afforded them an exhaustless source of instruction and delight. The laws and operations of nature, which have engaged men's study for six thousand years, were opened to their minds by the infinite Framers and Upholders of all.” (SD 7)

2. “For six thousand years the great controversy has been in progress; the Son of God and His heavenly messengers have been in conflict with the power of the evil one, to warn, enlighten, and save the children of men. Now all have made their decisions; the wicked have fully united with Satan in his warfare against God. The time has come for God to vindicate the authority of His downtrodden law.” (GC 656)

What are the implications for the “general” allusion to a 6000-year period?

That is when the ministry of redemption will be completed. Will it occur exactly at the 6000-year point?



It will occur exactly at that point. As the model for the creation week was a “type” of all “sevens,” so 6000 is the time of preparation for a final seventh 1000 in heaven.

That time is almost up. But – what is the beginning point? Since the 6000-year period is to bring the sin issue to an end, it begins with the first sin in the Garden of Eden.



This is brought into focus with the “less than” allusions from expositor White:

“Never has the world’s need for teaching and healing been greater than it is today. The world is full of those who need to be ministered unto – the weak, the helpless, the ignorant, the degraded. The continual transgression of man for nearly six thousand years has brought sickness, pain, and death as its fruit. Multitudes are perishing for lack of knowledge.” (CT 467)

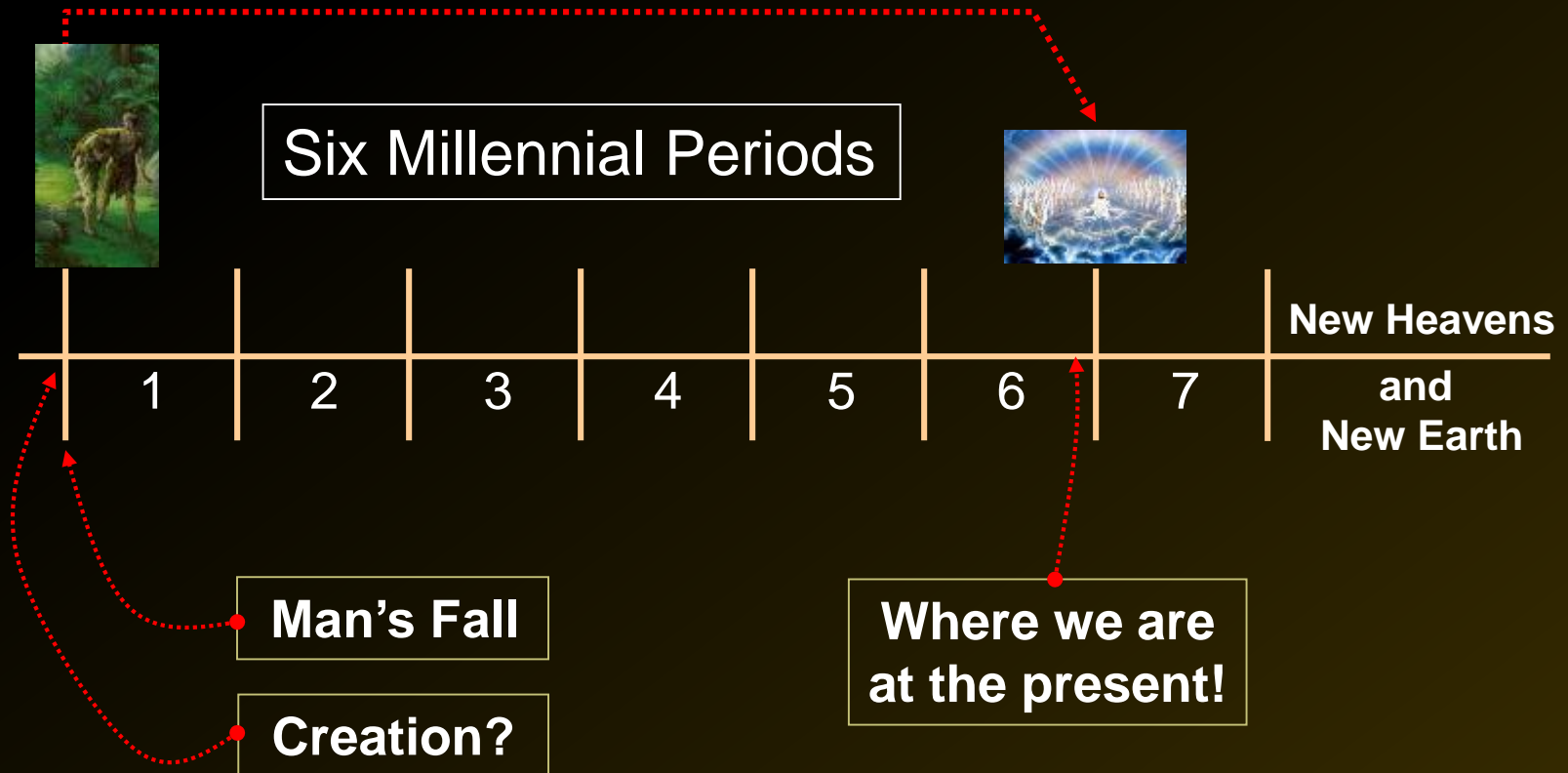
If man has been actively rebelling against God for “**nearly**” 6000 years of earth’s history, then this is the time that Satan has been successful in this world:

“The great controversy between Christ and Satan, that has been carried forward **for nearly** six thousand years, is soon to close.” (GC 618)

“He holds mortals in his snare at the present time. During his experience of **nearly** six thousand years he has lost none of his skill and shrewdness.” (2T 171)

What have we noted from our studies and from this expositor who is precise in her understanding?

Satan's Last Chance



If the limits of sin are bound within a six-millennium period, then creation would occur just before then. Did expositor White note this?

“To this earth angels have come, with the message of redemption, and its hills and valleys have echoed their songs of rejoicing. Its soil has been trodden by the feet of the Son of God. And for more than six thousand years, in its forms of beauty and gifts for sustenance, the earth has borne witness of the Creator’s love.” (*The Story of Jesus*, 183)

**Planet earth was created
before sin entered.**

**Once that occurred, that
redemptive timing of 6000
years was set in motion.**

To be consistent, expositor White would have to see that Satan's rebellion went back into time long before the 6000 years – into the eons of time in heaven:

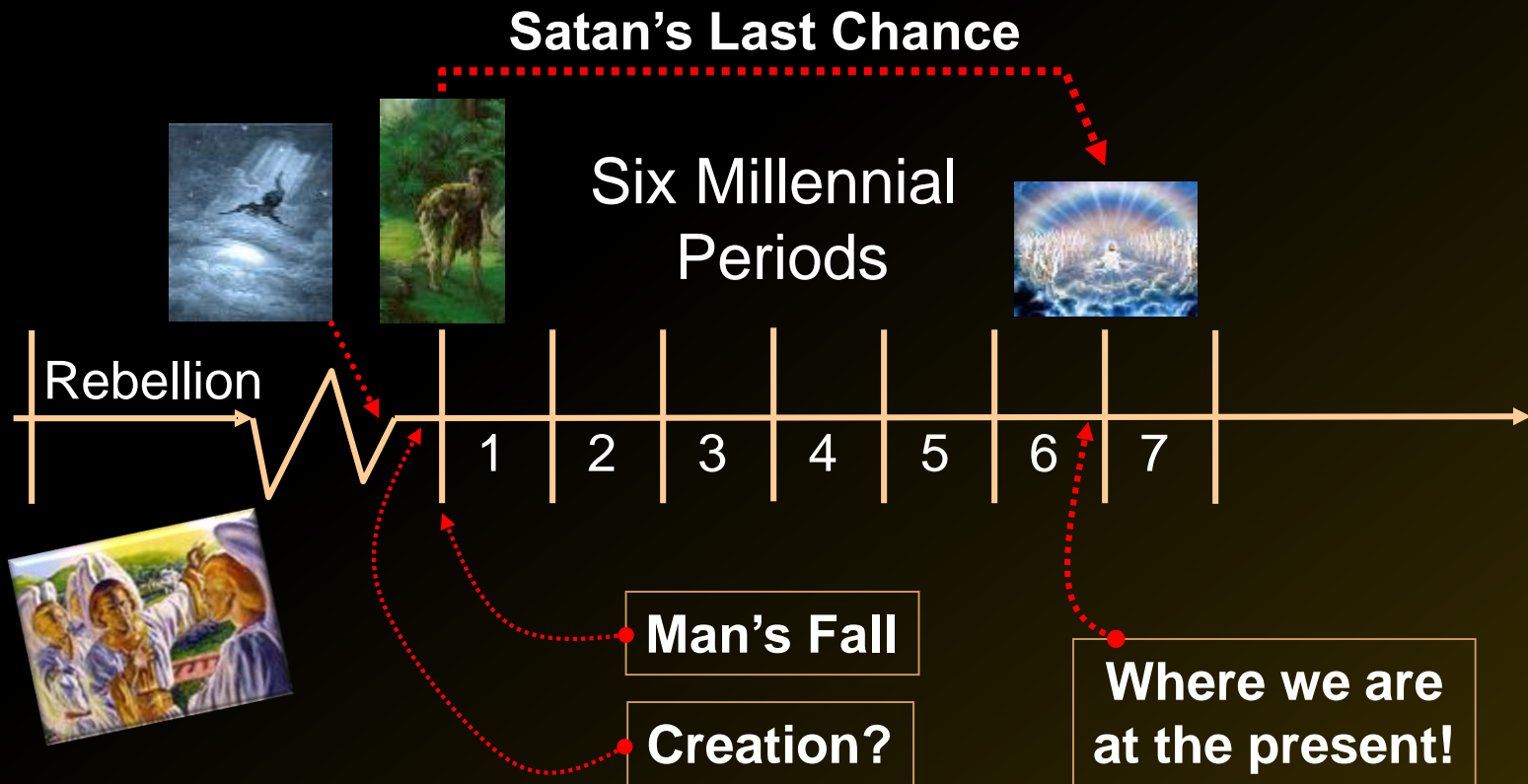
This would have to extend into the era when “there was war in heaven.” (Rev. 12:7) How long was Satan permitted to remain in heaven before he was evicted? We have zero information to know.

But she did say:

“More than six thousand years of continual practice has greatly increased his skill to deceive and allure....

The power of the human race to resist temptation is continually decreasing, Satan’s skill and power to tempt are continually increasing. This is one great reason why the temptations of the last days will be more severe than those of any other age.” (ST 09-29-1887)

How long were Adam and Eve in the Garden before the fall? There is no precise way to know. But, the weight of evidence suggests that it was only a brief period of time.



Will God bring a halt to Satan's work at the end of the 6000 years?

“The great controversy between Christ and Satan, that has been carried forward for nearly six thousand years, is soon to close; and the wicked one redoubles his efforts to defeat the work of Christ in man's behalf and to fasten souls in his snares.” (GC 518)

Everything related to man must be completed within a “six.” On the “seventh” is restoration.

Based on these wonderful numeric metaphors, we can derive something unique in the number of mankind, the 666 of Revelation 13. That is man's number. He doesn't go to the “sacred seven.” If man avoids the Sabbath, what then is man's number? It relates to Babylon, which was based on a numeric system of sixes. Babylon's great day of worship avoids the “seventh.” Thus, 666 relates to a false day of worship.

What if this were today? What if
the 6000-year period ended tomorrow?

Would this be a picture of you?

Not many “months” from now, this will
happen!



**Are you ready for
Jesus to come?**

The End



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