

## CHAPTER FOUR - PART ONE

### MAN'S DAY: 6,000 YEARS

In order to properly understand the timeline in which God set His plan of redemption for man, we must start where God started --- in the beginning, in the Book of **Genesis**. The creation of the heavens and earth was not a random event, but was always in the plans and purposes of God. All three Persons of the Trinity were present for the implementation of the creation. The heavens were created first as the base of rulership over the earth.

*“...your kingdom shall be assured to you, after you come to know that heaven rules.” (Daniel 4:26)*

*Thus says the Lord: “Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool.” (Isaiah 66:1)*

The heavens and the earth were created perfectly and not in vain, but to be inhabited.

*“For thus says the Lord, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited; I am the Lord and there is no other.” (Isaiah 45:18)*

Following the creation of the heavens and the earth, God created the angels, assigning His messianic angel, Lucifer, to be ruler over the earth. This messianic angel became Satan, who originated sin, leading a third of the created angels away from God. It was Satan who caused the earth to become void and in chaos.

*“You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.*

*By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned. Therefore I cast you as a profane thing out*

*of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, o covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones.” (Ezekiel 28:14)*

*The earth was without form, and void; and darkness (evilness; Satan) was on the face of the deep. (Genesis 1:2)*

It is at this point in time that the ruined creation was restored, beginning with the heavens then the earth. God created all things through Christ and for Christ; and from the beginning it was purposed that Christ and His co-heirs would have rulership one day.

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. (John 1:1)*

*For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.” (Colossians 1:16)*

God's work of restoration for the ruined creation resulted in six days of work followed by a seventh day of rest, and on the sixth day, this work of restoration included the creation of man.

*Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion...” Then God saw everything He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth and all the host of them were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. (Genesis 1:26-2:2)*

Then, immediately after the fall of man, God began a work of restoring ruined man. And in dealing with the restoration of ruined man, although the numeric pattern stays the same, the duration of days change. In God's like pattern, He would continue this restoration for six thousand years of work followed by a seventh one-thousand year of rest. Each of the six

days of work will be one thousand years in length, followed by a thousand years of rest (1000 year reign of Christ) and afterwards, the Eternal Ages.

In comparing Scripture with Scripture, the meaning of it is this: that in six thousand years from the creation of man, the Lord will bring all things to an end, for with Him one day is as a thousand years, as God so testifies:

*But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

**(2 Peter 2:8)**

Then, at the end of six thousand years, the millennial *Rest* will begin, which will last for a period of one thousand years. Just as the works of all the creation had been finished in six days, their duration in their present condition was fixed to six thousand years. By the same analogy, this long period of restoration would be succeeded by a joyful Sabbath of a thousand years, in which Christ along with His saints would reign over and upon the earth. And it is therefore of great importance to see why God sanctified the seventh day, as the *day of Rest*---a history of the past and a prophecy of the future.

*Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.*

**(Genesis 2:3)**

And this is the exact pattern that God used in setting required times and feasts to be celebrated and remembered by the Jewish people, as a *sign* to keep it ever in their minds:

*Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.*

**(Leviticus 23:3)**

God's covenant to Israel for the inheritance of Canaan, the promise land, was a promise of *rest* to all those who were obedient to Him:

*So the Lord gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give to their fathers and they took possession of it and dwelt in it.*

*The Lord gave them rest all around, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers. And not a man of all their enemies stood against them; the Lord delivered all their enemies into their hand. Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass. (Joshua 21:43-45)*

The Promised Land is a *type* of the future kingdom on earth for the nation of Israel and is also a *type* of the future kingdom in heaven for the bride. Entering and conquering the land enabled Israel to experience God's rest, which He had covenanted to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The author of Hebrews equates this Old Testament concept of *rest* with entering into Christ's rest, that is, His future Millennial kingdom.

*Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them (Israel); but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said:*

*“So I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My rest,”  
although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.*

*For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: 'And God rested on the seventh day from all His works,' and again in this place: “They shall not enter My rest.”*

*Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, again He designates a certain day...*

*There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.  
(Hebrews 4:1-7, 9)*

The *Day of Rest* pertains to the Seventh Day, the seventh one thousand year period of the Messianic Era, also known as the Lord's Day. Man's Day is the timeline from the creation of man, Adam, until Christ's return for His Church or the end of this age, a time span of 6,000 years.

Chapters **five** through **nine** of **Genesis** cover ten generations from Adam to Noah. These ten generations are types (examples) covering four dispensations to include the rapture of the Church, the Tribulation, and the opening of the Messianic Era. In the genealogical listing from Adam to Noah (**Genesis 5:1-29**), it is interesting to note that these individuals were chosen to be key figures for purposes of *connection*, for tying together two great periods (two ages: present age and Millennial age) and for revealing the seed by which Christ would come. And the reason for this particular order has to do with man's restoration after his fall:

1. Salvation through death and shed blood (Abel) which reveals man's spirit salvation.
2. The removal of a man (Enoch) from earth to heaven before the Flood reveals the removal of the Church before the Tribulation.
3. A man (Noah) left behind but saved through the Flood reveals the nation of Israel being saved through the Tribulation.

Note that Enoch foreshadows *all* Christians and that he was raptured to heaven *before* the Flood. He was the seventh from Adam [**Jude 14**]. The number "seven" in Scripture indicates "completeness for that which is in view." Therefore, the genealogical listing from Adam to Enoch (**Genesis 5:1-25**) forms *seven* genealogies:

1. Adam 930 years (**Genesis 5:5**)
2. Seth 912 years (**Genesis 5:8**)
3. Enosh 905 years (**Genesis 5:11**)
4. Cainan 910 years (**Genesis 5:14**)
5. Mahalalel 895 years (**Genesis 5:17**)
6. Jared 962 years (**Genesis 5:20**)
7. Enoch 365 years (**Genesis 5:23**)

During Jared's day, man's wickedness upon the earth was great, as angels in the kingdom of Satan took wives from the female descendants of Enoch, Cain's son [**Genesis 6:1-4**]. Therefore, God commenced judgment upon the earth in order to cleanse it (with the Flood) from this corruption of the human race, a distortion of the husband-wife relationship

that God had initially established. The disruption of this divinely established relationship (the pattern in which man will conduct his appointed rule in the future kingdom), was the way Satan selected to prevent man from ascending the throne. However, before the Flood, God extended a grace period of 120 years before expending His wrath. Recorded in **Genesis 6:3**, the Lord says,

*"My spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."*

The combined number of years in which each individual lived from Adam to Enoch until the Flood (5,879 years plus the grace period of 120 years), equal to 5,999 years — one year short of 6,000 years. Therefore, God patterned these genealogies in specific order and highlighted these seven individual's life span for a specific reason — to reveal the timeline of the end of the age. Furthermore, the three generations following Enoch, the 10th generation (the number 10 meaning "all" or "final"), bring the whole matter to a close, with Israel restored and the Messianic Era ushered in.

Note that this grace period of 120 years *alone* reveals the length of time assigned for Man's Day, a time from Adam to the end of this age. This is the allotted time in which God gave man *to work out your own salvation* (**Philippians 2:12b**).

Within the Levitical laws, God commanded that every fifty years be considered one *jubilee*. The word *jubilee* is the Hebrew word *yobel* (Strong's #H3104) meaning "the blast of a trumpet; the signal of the silver trumpets—rams horn, trumpet;" and *terua* (Strong's #H8643) meaning "acclamation of joy or a battle-cry; especially clangor of trumpets, as an alarm." On the fiftieth year (a jubilee) it was considered a Sabbath year of rest. The Jewish people were to celebrate and keep *the jubilee* throughout their generations, which had to do with *redemption*, both for individuals and for land.

*"That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of its own accord, nor gather the grapes of your untended vine. For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to you; you shall eat its produce from the field."* (**Leviticus 25:11**)

In the year of Jubilee, every fiftieth year, the Israelites were to proclaim liberty, which meant specifically that all debts were canceled, all Israelites who sold themselves into slavery were freed, and all unredeemed land reverted back to its original owner. The year of Jubilee then has to do with the Jewish people who will one day be restored to their land. It has to do with Christ, the Lamb slain, found worthy to open the scroll and redeem the land, the earth, at the end of the age. It has to do with the redemption of the inheritance (the earth) and with marriage (God and Israel; Christ and His bride).

Therefore if you take one jubilee (50 years) and multiply it by 120 years of Man's Day, the result is 6,000 years. Within this grace period of six thousand years, God provided man the opportunity to follow Him and allow the Spirit of God to do His work in order to prepare for the Sabbath year of Rest — the Messianic Era.

Man has been given 6,000 years to show they are worthy to rule. At the end of this time, the trumpet of God will sound proclaiming the end of the age. Following the removal of the Church to the Judgment seat, the overcomers (those shown qualified) will possess the covering of glory, in the image and likeness of Christ (**1 Corinthians 15:42-49**). The Lord will restore Israel back to their land, the redemption of the inheritance will be completed, and a dual marriage will be consummated, both Christ and His bride (a select portion called out from the Church) along with God and His wife, Israel.

The following table shows Man's Day of six thousand years from the perspective of restoration week, the dispensations, and in jubilees:

### Restoration (of Creation) Week

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
4000 B.C.	3000 B.C.	2000 B.C.	1000 B.C.	1000 A.D.	2000 A.D.	3000 A.D.
Adam		Abraham		Jesus	Present	Kingdom
40 Jubilees		40 Jubilees		40 Jubilees	120 Jubilees	
2000 years		2000 years		2000 years	6000 years	

The first row shows creation restored within six days of work and ending on the seventh day of rest. The second and remaining rows show Man's

Day from Adam (4000 B.C.) to the present, which totals 120 jubilee years or 6,000 years, with Man's Day coming to a close and the Kingdom Age of one thousand years approaching.

God provides another example of the timeline in which Man's Day will come to an end --- the *Third Day*. There is perfect order in the times and events of God's actions. They are examples set for us so that we may know His plan and be prepared. One of these examples of the Third Day, two thousand years of Man's Day followed by resurrection on the third one-thousandth year (from Pentecost to the end of this age) is recorded in the Book of **Jonah**:

*Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.*

*Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the fish's belly. And he said: "I cried out to the Lord because of my affliction, and He answered me. Out of the belly of Sheol I cried....."*

*...Yet You have brought up my life from the pit, O Lord, my God...*

*...Salvation is of the Lord.*

*So the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land. Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.*

*So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord." (Jonah 1:17-2:2, 6, 9c, 10, 3:1-3)*

Jonah is presented as two types: the nation of Israel and Christ. Jonah was in the belly of the fish, in the sea ("sea" in Scripture either refers to "Gentiles" or "the place of death") for three days. On the *third* day (signifying resurrection), Jonah was raised up out of the sea (place of death) and was again called to be a witness in Nineveh. This time he obeyed and immediately went to preach God's word to the Gentiles.

This account forms a word-picture of Israel's present condition, being in a state of death because of their blindness and disobedience. However, on

the third day, the end of this age, Israel will be raised up out of their place of death and will finally fulfill that which they were initially called to do — they will carry God's message to the Gentiles.

In the Book of **Matthew** when Jesus was ministering to the Scribes and Pharisees, He brought up the significance of Jonah and the three days as a sign for the coming of the Son of Man:

*But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.*

*For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*

*The men of Nineveh (Gentiles) will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.*

*The queen of the South (Gentiles) will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here." (Matthew 12:39-42)*

In **Matthew 12:39-41**, Jonah is presented as a type of Christ. In **verse 40**, Jesus is speaking of His own death and resurrection. He then speaks of the 'men of Nineveh' or the saved from among the Gentiles who, unlike the Jewish people, believed in the Son of Man and will rise up and rule on the Third Day, following two thousand years from Christ's resurrection.

We can also see the significance of the Third Day with Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus died and was buried for two days and on the third day, He was resurrected. The number of days of Jesus' death and resurrection symbolize the number of years (in thousands) of the rapture and resurrection of the Church, as well as Israel's resurrection.

*From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief*

*priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.*  
**(Matthew 16:21)**

*For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures [Old Testament Scriptures], and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.* **(1 Corinthians 15:3)**

*Come, and let us return to the Lord; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight.* **(Hosea 6:1, 2)**

**Hosea 6:1, 2** is a prophecy directed to the nation of Israel, a prophecy indicating that after two thousand years from Pentecost, after being scattered and held captive amongst the nations, Israel will be restored. And for Christians, this is the hope that God will revive and raise them up after two thousand years from Pentecost, on the Third Day, to be with Him.

Another example of the Third Day (and Seventh Day) is revealed in Lazarus' death and resurrection. Four days after Lazarus sickness and near death, Jesus is called to come and heal him. However, Jesus stays away two more days, and on the third day, He raises Lazarus from the dead. This typifies two thousand years from Pentecost until the end of the age and a total of six thousand years from Adam. It typifies the time when the Lord is away and when Israel is in a state of sickness until the Lord returns. On the third day, Israel will be restored and the earthly promises made to them will be realized.

*When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."*

*Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was.*

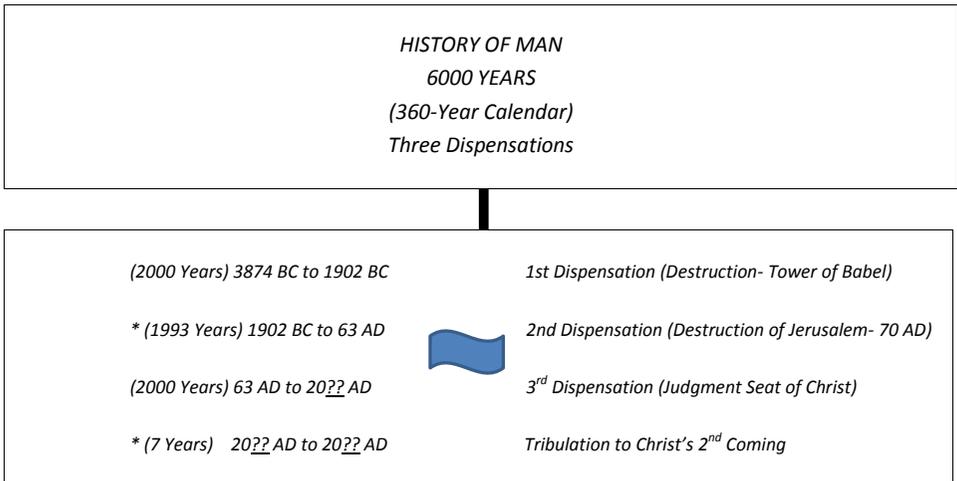
*Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."...*

*"Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up."  
(John 11:4-7, 11b)*

God's timing to accomplish His purpose is perfect. Man's Day, which includes six thousand years from Adam to Christ's second return, or two thousand years from Pentecost to Christ's second return, is surely coming to a close.

God allotted this time for the purpose of accomplishing His work in redeeming man by and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. God calls on those who will hear His Word, believe in Christ, and overcome their lives by being faithfully obedient to Him until the end. All of which is necessary in order to have a part in Christ's Millennial kingdom.

## *HISTORY OF MAN*



*\*Israel's setting aside in 63 AD left 7 years remaining of their 2000 year dispensation, which will be completed yet future.*