

BIBLE TIMELINE: 7000 Years

***Premise: "With the Lord one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day."**

LEGEND: 3 = the number of God 40 = the number of testing
 6 = the number of man 70 = a biblical generation
 7 = the number of completion/restoration/rest

2,000 years represented by the 1st and 2nd creation days

2,000 years represented by the 3rd and 4th creation days

The life of Christ itself is an historical parenthesis and is not counted in the 2,000 yr segments of the timeline.

* See Psalm 90:4, and 2 Peter 3:8. Each of the seven creation days symbolizes 1,000 years of human history planned by God to carry out His redemptive program.

4006-4 BC Fall of Adam

Noah's Flood: rain fell **40** days and **40** nights (roughly 2400 BC)

2006 BC Birth of Abram (named changed to Abraham by God)

The Captivity in Egypt: **400** years in duration (1850-1450 BC)
 Moses: **40** days on Mt. Sinai. Israel tested. They worship the golden calf.
 The Exodus and Wilderness Wandering: **40** years of testing (1450 BC)

God is silent for roughly **400 years** (the Intertestamental Period)

6-4 BC Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem (Herod dies 4 BC)

Jesus fasts **40** days and nights and is tested in the wilderness

30 AD

Crucifixion of Jesus on Passover (Feast of Unleavened Bread). Jesus rises from the dead 3 days later at the start of the feast of First Fruits, validating His deity (3 = number of God). Jesus appears to his disciples for **40** days. **40 days** of convincing proofs, to test the people and leaders of Israel. (Would they receive their Messiah and repent?)



Pentecost/Feast of Weeks: 50 days after the feast of First Fruits (and the Resurrection), the Holy Spirit comes to indwell the bodies of believers and the Church is born. Salvation is preached and 3000 are added to the Church that day.

Why 50 days? (What is the significance of the number 50?)

50 = number of Jubilee, when debts were remitted and slaves freed. The indwelling Holy Spirit is our pledge or receipt that our sins have been forgiven and that we are on our way to a Wedding with our King. (The Holy Spirit could not indwell people until the sin issue had been settled and they had been cleansed by the blood of Christ.)

70 AD

Destruction of Jerusalem: For **40** years after the Resurrection, God tested Israel with the Gospel. Because the leaders did not repent, Jerusalem was destroyed by the Roman army in 70 AD. The Temple was demolished and the sacrificial system ended. Israel went into exile and Jerusalem began its long history under foreign domination. The "times of the Gentiles" begins.

1948 AD

Statehood for Israel: After the devastation of World War II and the Holocaust, the UN grants Israel a small territory. Jews begin to emigrate to Israel from around the world. Statehood is declared. Israel is immediately attacked by neighboring Arab countries.

1967 AD

Six-Day War: Israel is again threatened by an Arab coalition preparing for war and preemptively destroys Egypt's air force. The war is over in six days. For the first time since 70 AD, Israel takes possession of Jerusalem and the "times of the Gentiles" ends. The generation that sees this event should still be around to see the end of all things.

2,000 years, from 30 AD to 2030 AD, represents the 5th and 6th days of the creation week.

This makes a total of 6,000 years for man, represented by the six creation days, with six being the number of man.

IMPORTANT NOTE: God may shorten this final 2,000-year period in order to preserve life on the earth for the sake of the elect. (See Matthew 24:22.) Thus the Rapture or Tribulation could come any time between 2007 and 2030 AD if our interpretation of prophecy is correct. 2018 AD, 70 years after the resurrection of the state of Israel is a date to reckon with and one that may have huge prophetic significance for the end of all things.

1,000 years of Rest begins representing the 7th creation day and the Sabbath Rest for mankind and God's creation.

40 Years of Testing



Jesus said in Matthew 24:32-34: "Now learn the parable of the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; even so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door. Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place." He was speaking of the generation that would see the budding of the fig tree, a symbol of Israel. When Israel came back to its historic homeland in 1948, this major signpost initiated a countdown. The generation born at that time could still be alive at the end of all things. (A biblical generation = 70 yrs.) 1948+70=2018.

Jesus also states in Luke 21:24, speaking of the destruction that was just ahead for the nation of Israel in 70 AD: "And they (the Jews) will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." Thus the recapture of Jerusalem in 1967 is thus another critical signpost that this final generation would see. 1967+70=2037. We are that generation. He tells us, when we see all these things, to "straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (This is either a reference to the Rapture, or to the Second Coming.)

But remember! Jesus also said there would be a shortening of the days in order to preserve life on the earth. "And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short." (Mat. 24:22) We think He was referring to Days 5 and 6, meaning there will be less than 2000 years from 30 AD to the end of God's redemptive program (excluding the millennium of course) or at least to the end of the Church Age. The end should come seven years after the confirmation of a covenant, possibly the Mosaic covenant that instituted the Levitical program for Israel. Israel is waiting to rebuild her Temple and a serious overture of peace would have to include this concession. Watch for this development.

2007 AD 40 years have passed after Israel's recapture of Jerusalem in June of 1967. We expect that God would have restarted His time clock with Israel at that point and after 40 years of testing (from 1967 - 2007), will now seriously chasten them for their continued unbelief. The world community may elect to internationalize or divide Jerusalem (Zech.14:2) to end the dispute over its sovereignty, a fitting end to Israel's failure to protect God's holy city. Or the Rapture is also a possibility, as if to say to Israel, "You foolish virgin, you were not ready."

2030 AD Last date for the End of the Church Age | Beginning of the Tribulation
This is the last date for the Tribulation to begin if we are interpreting Scripture correctly. This is 2,000 years from Pentecost. We expect it sooner however. See green text box.

2037 AD Final date for the 2nd Coming | Beginning of Millennial Reign
This is 70 years after the recapture of Jerusalem, the official end of the generation that saw this event, and thus the last year that these prophecies can be fulfilled. Jesus may return earlier, however (perhaps 2017 or 2018, 70 years after 1947 or 48) because He said "unless those days had been shortened, no life would have been saved, but for the sake of the elect, those days shall be cut short," meaning that this final end-times' event will likely take place before this last 2000-year period runs its course. Christ will return during a time of great worldwide destruction and loss of life, to rescue the elect, the Jewish remnant, from annihilation and to set up a Kingdom of peace ruled by Messiah Jesus and His Bride, the true Church.