

# 7000 YEARS DECREED FOR MANKIND

## PART A: THE 7000 YEARS

All agree that YHWH has decreed 7000 years for the redemption of mankind but if asked to prove this fact just how many could? This article chronicles information contained within the Scriptures proving the 7000 year period. Surprisingly the first evidence of this fact is contained in the very first verse of Scripture: Gen.1:1 which in the original Hebrew reads;

*'Bereishit - b'rah - Elohim- et- hashamayim - v'et- ha'erezt'*  
1      2      3      4      5      6      7

There are seven Hebrew words in the first passage of scripture and one hypothesis is that each word symbolizes 1000 years of YHWH's plan for mankind. In support of this hypothesis the fourth word 'et' representing 4000 years, is spelt using the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet; the aleph and tau. In Rev. 21:6 Mashiach says He is the aleph and tau (Alpha and Omega), the beginning and the end. Therefore, according to this philosophy, it is not unreasonable to conclude that the fourth letter in this first sentence as well as representing 4000 years is also representative of Mashiach that is, Mashiach will appear after 4000 years from creation. The truth of this conclusion can be supported in the Scriptures as explained below;

## PART B: THE FIRST 4000 YEARS

### 1) From Adam to Avraham\*

Adam to Sheth	130	years	Genesis 5:3
Sheth to Enosh	105	"	Genesis 5:6
Enosh to Qeynan	90	"	Genesis 5:9
Qeynan to Mahalal'el	70	"	Genesis 5:12
Mahalale'l to Yered	65	"	Genesis 5:15
Yered to Hanok	162	"	Genesis 5:18
Hanok to Methushelah	65	"	Genesis 5:21
Methushelah to Lemek	187	"	Genesis 5:25
Lemek to Noah	182	"	Genesis 5:28-29
Noah to the flood	600	"	Genesis 7:6
Flood to Arpakshad	2	"	Genesis 11:10
Arpakshad to Shelah	35	"	Genesis 11:12
Shealah to Eber	30	"	Genesis 11:14
Eber to Peleg	34	"	Genesis 11:16
Peleg to Re'u	30	"	Genesis 11:18
Re'u to Serug	32	"	Genesis 11:20
Serug to Hahor	30	"	Genesis 11:22
Nahor to Terah	29	"	Genesis 11:24
Terah to Avraham	70	"	Genesis 11:26

**Total Adam to Avraham                      1948      years**

Israel the people was borne of Avraham is it not a great coincidence that it was in the year 1948 that the state of Israel was born.

**2) From Avraham to the time Ya'akov Entered Egypt\***

Avraham to Yitzhak	100	years	Genesis 21:5
Yitshaq to Ya'aqov	60	"	Genesis 25:26
Ya'aqov's birth to him going to Egypt	130	"	Genesis 47:28

**Total Avraham to Ya'akov entering Egypt 290 years**

**3) From When Ya'aqov Entered Egypt to the Exodus\***

The Scriptures do not provide us with the means of accurately calculating this period however there is sufficient information to enable a good estimation.

- a) Ya'aqov's son, Qehath went with him to Egypt (Genesis 46:11)
- b) Qehath had a son, Amram (Exodus 6:18)
- c) Amram had a son, Moshe (Exodus 6:20)

Considering Moshe is the grandson of Qehath lets assume a period of 63 years from Egypt to the birth of Moshe.

- d) Moshe was 80 years old at the time of the Exodus (Exodus 7:7)

Therefore we need to add another 80 years.

**Thus the total period from Ya'akov to the exodus = 143 years**

**4) Exodus to the death of Y'hoshua\***

In the wilderness	40	years	Numbers (23:13)
Wilderness to death of Y'hoshua	30	"	Y'hoshua 14:7, 24:29

**Exodus to death of Y'hoshua 70 years**

**5) Period of Judges\***

Under king Kushan-Rish'athayim	8	Years	Judges 3:8
Under Othni'el	40	"	Judges 3:10-11
Under king Eglon	18	"	Judges 3:14
Under Ehud	80	"	Judges 3:15, 30
Under king Yabin	20	"	Judges 4:1-3
Under Deborah	40	"	Judges 4:4, 5:31
Under the Midianites	7	"	Judges 6:1

Under Gid'on	40	"	Judges 6:7, 8:28
Under Abimelek	3	"	Judges 8:32, 9:22
Under Tola	23	"	Judges 10:1-2
Under Yahir	22	"	Judges 10:3
Under Ammonites	18	"	Judges 10:5-8
Under Yapheth	6	"	Judges 12:7
Under Ibtsan	7	"	Judges 12:8-9
Under Elon	10	"	Judges 12:11
Under Abdon	8	"	Judges 12:13-14
Under Philistines	40	"	Judges 13:1
Under Shimshon	20	"	Judges 16:30-31
Under Eli	40	"	1 Shemu'el 4:15,18

**Total Period of Judges                    450                    years**

### 6) Period of Kings\*

King Sha'ul	40	years	Acts 13:21
King David	40	"	1 Chron.29:26-27
King Shlomo	40	"	1 Kings 11:42-43
King Rechav'am	17	"	1 Kings 14:21
King Aviyam	3	"	1 Kings 15:1-2
King Asa	41	"	1 Kings 15:8-10
King Y'hoshafat	25	"	1 Kings 22:41-42
King Y'horam	8	"	2 Chron. 21:5
King Achazyah	1	"	2 Chron. 22:1-2
King Atalyah	6	"	2 Chron. 22:12
King Yo'ash	40	"	2 Chron. 24:1
King Amatzyahu	29	"	2 Chron. 25:1
King Uziyahu	52	"	2 Chron. 26:3
King Yotam	16	"	2 Chron. 27:1
King Achaz	16	"	2 Chron. 28:1
King Hizkiyahu	29	"	2 Chron. 29:1
King M'nasheh	55	"	2 Chron. 33:1
King Amon	2	"	2 Chron. 33:21
King Yoshiyahu	31	"	2 Chron. 34:1
King Y'ho'achim	11	"	2 Chron. 36:3-7
King Tsidqiyahu	11	"	2 Chron. 36:11

**Total Kings of Judah                    513                    Years**

(\* Taken from 'Restoring the Two Houses of Israel' by Eddie Chumney.)

### 7) Babylonian Exile

King Tsidqiyahu was the last king before the Babylonian exile. History tells us that the Jews were taken into Babylon in the year 586 BC

## 8) Summary to Part B

Adam to Avraham	1948	
Avraham to Ya'akov entering Egypt	290	
Egypt to the Exodus	143	
Exodus to death of Y'hoshua	70	
Period of Judges	450	
Period of Kings	513	
Babylonian exile	586	
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<b>Total Period Adam to Mashiach Yahusha</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>years</b>

## PART C: REMAINING 3000 YEARS

We now have three words remaining from Genesis 1:1 symbolizing a 3000 year period subsequent to the first coming of Mashiach Yahusha. Once again the truth of this interpretation can be found in the Scriptures, first let us consider a passage from Hosea;

*After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up (Hos.6:2).*

Scripture is known to express periods of time by misrepresentation. For example, prophecies spoken of in Daniel have years expressed as days. 2 Peter 3:8 confirms that a day is like a thousand years to YHWH adding credence to this understanding. We can therefore quite justifiably interpret Hosea in the context that the time periods are referring to two thousand and one thousand years respectively.

We know that Mashiach Yahusha will reign for the final 1000 years, which leaves two thousand years being the period between His first and second coming. Hosea is telling us that it is with the culmination of the post sacrificial (animal sacrifice) era, the current two thousand year period (Hosea's two days), that Yahusha will revive the Israelite people. We can find confirmation of our interpretation of Hosea 6:2 in the book of Zechariah;

*'And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son and grieve for Him as one grieves for a first born' (Zach.12:10).*

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*'In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Yerushalayim (Jerusalem), for sin and uncleanness. It shall be in that day' says the YHWH of hosts 'that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirits to depart from the land.'* (Zach.13:1-2).

These latter verses talk about the revival of Israel AND THE LAND but these verses begin with a conjunctive phrase 'in that day.' It is a continuation of the previous chapter 12 and chapter 12 tells us when this revival will happen, that is, when they look upon the one whom they pierced. Which can only happen when Mashiach Yahusha returns.

As an aside, today there is a common misconception that believing Gentiles have a duty to return the Jewish people to the land but this is NOT what is prophesied. Indeed, scripture tells us that the whole of mankind; Jew, Gentle, righteous and unrighteous alike, will go through the tribulation. After which YHWH will pour out His wrath on the

whole of the earth including the Land, following which, Mashiach Yahusha will return and commence his millennium rule. So there is little purpose in placing the Jewish people in the land prior to these events.

Referring to Israel's revival YHWH explicitly says He Himself will gather the Jewish people and return them to the land;

*"I will take you, one from a city, two from a family, and bring you to Tziyon, I will give you shepherds after my own heart and they will feed you with knowledge and understanding." (Jeremiah 3:14-15).*

Where are Israel's good shepherds today? Today many living in the land and purporting to be Jews are not Jewish at all, not only are they not descended from Avraham they are not even descended from the line of Shem.<sup>1</sup> What is more the Israel of today is as secular as any other nation and the majority of the land YHWH has designated for Israel, is occupied by Arabs. The situation in the 'land' today is far from what is described in the Scriptures. Whilst there is nothing wrong in assisting those Jewish people who desire to get to Israel, it has to be understood that such assistance has nothing to do with the Scriptures. Continuing with Jeremiah the following verses highlight the time when YHWH will gather His people. These verses show complete correlation with both Zachariah and Hosea;

*"And," says YHWH, "In those days, when your numbers have increased in the land, people will no longer talk about the ark for the covenant of YHWH – they won't think about it, they won't miss it and they won't make another one. When that time comes, they will call Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) the throne of YHWH. All the nations will be gathered there, to the name of YHWH, to Yerushalayim. No longer will they live according to their stubbornly evil hearts. In those days, the house of Y'hudah (Judah) will live together with the house of Israel, they will come together from the lands in the north to the land I gave your ancestors as their heritage." (Jeremiah 16-20).*

Here again we have the phrase 'In those days' referring to what is said in the preceding verses 14-15. In other words, they will be gathered together at a time when there will no longer be any need for the ark for the covenant. When will this be? The ark contained the two tablets of stone with the ten Words (Commandments) etched into them, so when will Israel no longer have a need for these two tablets? It will be when they receive the new covenant spoken of in Jeremiah chapter 31 verses 31-34. Of the new covenant YHWH says "I will remember their sins no more." Only Mashiach's blood was good enough to take away sin (Hebrews 10:4 & Matt. 26:27-28), therefore the new covenant must also be a prophecy of Mashiach. Consequently to enter in to the new covenant there has to be belief in Mashiach's sacrifice. But as is said in Zachariah the Jewish people will not accept that it was their Mashiach that was executed 2000 years ago, until His return and He stands before them.

These verses appear to infer that the Jewish people will remain dispersed and in a state of unbelief until Mashiach returns, when He will commence his 1000 year (1 Day) rule. The verse quoted above from Hosea is referring to the Jewish people's final two days (2000 years) of dispersion and unbelief, that being the period between the first and second coming of Mashiach Yahusha and then a third day being Mashiach's millennium rule as their priest and king.

The three days, representing 3000 years, in Hosea completes the 7000 years confirming the opening verse (Gen.1:1) in YHWH's Scriptures.

#### **PART D: YHWH'S SABBATICAL NUMBER 7 = 6 & 1.**

YHWH's 7000 year plan for the redemption of mankind mirrors the sequence of His creation work. There were six days of toil followed by a day of rest (Sabbath). Through disobedience we have 6000 years (6 Days) of toil;

*And to the man He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'Do not eat of it:' Cursed is the ground because of you, in toil you are to eat*

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to separate article 'Who is YHWH's Israel' under Articles at [www.undertorah.com](http://www.undertorah.com)

*of it all the days of your life, and the ground shall bring forth thorns and thistles for you, and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you are to eat bread until you return to the ground for out of it you were taken. For dust you are and to dust you return (Gen.3:17-19).*

The last 1000 years will be the sabbatical reign of Mashiach Yahusha who referred to himself as Master of the Sabbath. At the end of 6000 years when He returns He will rid creation of all apostasy and will restore YHWH's weekly Sabbath;

*"For as the new (renewed) heavens and the new (renewed) earth that I make stand before Me," declares YHWH, "So your seed and your name shall stand. And it shall from New Moon to New Moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath. All flesh shall come to worship before Me," declares YHWH (Isa. 66:22-23).*

\*Most translations say new but the Hebrew is *Chadash* having the root meaning to rebuild, renew or repair. It is not a new earth but as described in the Book of Enoch a rejuvenated earth.

In the millennium YHWH's remnant will live a blessed life in the Land it will not be a life of suffering or disappointment,

*"You are to observe YHWH your Elohim and He will bless your food and water. I will take sickness away from among you. In your land the women will not miscarry or be barren and you will live out the full span of your lives." (Exod.23:25-26)*

Humanity's six days of toil end with the millennial rule of Mashiach. We find another comparison of a six and one proportion in the treatment of slaves;

*"When you buy a Hebrew servant, he is to serve six years and in the seventh he goes out free, for naught." (Exod.21:2).*

The slave toils for six years and then has his release from slavery.

## **PART E: IS MASHIACH'S RETURN LATE?**

We have just said that there is 2000 years between the first and second coming of our Mashiach Yahusha but at the time of writing this study we are already beyond this period, it being 2011. This would mean Mashiach Yahusha is currently eleven years late and counting? However, the Gregorian calendar, used by the majority of the world today, was a 16<sup>th</sup> century innovation by pope Gregory xiii and not the dating system used in the Scriptures. According to the Hebraic calendar we are in the year 5772. If Mashiach Yahusha is to return at the end of the year 6000 according to the Hebraic calendar there remains another 228 years until His return. Considering the wicked state of the world today and the accepted view that Mashiach Yahusha's return is immanent, this would seem far too long a period - and it is.

It is accepted by scholars that we have lost approximately 220 – 230 years from the Hebraic calendar, it is believed that these years were lost during the Persian era and there are differing estimates of how many years have been lost. We do not know the truth. However, the lost years when added to 5772 will indeed take us to around the 6000 years figure and whilst we are unable to fix Mashiach's return to a calendar, what we can be sure of, is that we are at the end of YHWH's 6000 years and have entered the End of Times. It is therefore paramount that we are obediently following the rules set by our Father and contained in His Torah. In this respect the reader is encouraged to obtain a copy of the book 'A Bullet From Heaven' which explains the relevance of YHWH's Torah to all those who seek salvation and reveals the religious delusion humanity is suffering today and leading it into apostasy.