

For those who have been watching the news, it appears as if our world today is on the brink of disaster. There seems to be a steady flow of crime, disease, natural disasters, and general immorality. Today, Christians and atheists all seem to think the world is facing irreparable damage as it hurls towards a violent end, but could the Bible have given us a clue as to the end of the world within ten to fifteen years? Certainly, Jesus affirms regarding the end of the world that “of that day and hour no one knows,” but we are also told that we should not be “in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief” (1 Thes. 5:4). While we won’t know the exact time, the Bible has given signs to know when the end is near.

Jesus once reprimanded believers because they failed to “discern the signs of the times” (Matt. 16:3). Could it be most Christians have missed one of the greatest signs given? For over one hundred years Christians from various denominations have accepted the seven thousand year theory and yet as it is soon to meet its fulfillment the world has forgot, but could it be that this theory outlines a fascinating fact about the fast approaching end of the world? The theory is founded on the premise that “in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day” (Ex. 20:11). This lays our foundation.

According to the Bible, God created the world in six days. From a completely biblical perspective, one can date the history of the world to six thousand years roughly. Because many today claim the world is billions of years old, most have lost faith in the biblical account given, but even most of the secular world will admit that written history and language has only been around for about six thousand years. How ironic that we only have written records of intelligent man dating back six thousand years, just as the Bible states. While some like to imagine that animals evolved into prehistoric cavemen over billions of years, factual history of human intelligence only dates back six thousand years, exactly like the Bible says.

For those who wish to try, the Bible gives years and historical landmarks that date biblical history back six thousand years to the creation of humans and the entrance of sin. Following creation, there were about two thousand years to the birth of Abraham, the father of Israel. Then roughly two thousand more years took us to the coming of Christ. Finally, two thousand years later brings us to today. As of today, biblical history has lasted six thousand years. What many find interesting is that at the end of this world the Bible says that Jesus is going to return and raise the dead, who then “lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years” (Rev. 20:4).

While the Bible says that God created the earth in six days then rested on the seventh, Peter tells us that “with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day” (2 Pet. 3:8). David repeats this idea stating that “a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past” (Ps. 90:4). While some may say this is a coincidence, I believe that things are noted in the Bible for a reason. Regardless of how old you believe the earth is, biblical history is recorded at six thousand years. The records have been dated. The prophecy says that Jesus will come back and take His people to heaven for one thousand years, and then at the end of the thousand years will come the final judgment.

Could it be that just as God created the earth in six days and rested on the seventh day, God will give the earth six thousand years and let the land rest for one thousand years? Before you start shaking your head, consider the following. Servants were to work for “six years; and in the seventh he shall go out free” (Ex. 21:2). Joshua marched around the city for “six days” then on “the seventh day” the walls came down and they took Jericho (Josh. 6:3-5). God said to give the land a rest noting, “Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather its fruit; but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land” (Lev. 25:3, 4).

All through the Bible, God has laid a Sabbatical principle of six days and one day rest.

In addition, the ceremonial laws were prophetic in nature. The Passover pointed forward to the cross (1 Cor. 5:7), the Firstfruits pointed forward to the resurrection (1 Cor. 15:23), and the Day of Atonement points forward to the coming judgment. Just as these feasts were prophetic in nature, the Sabbatical rest of the land was also prophetic in nature, pointing forward to the great thousand year millennium prophesied in the Bible. Just as the earth was created in six days and rested one day, the earth has existed for six thousand years and will rest for one thousand years because with God “one day is as a thousand years” (2 Pet. 3:).

According to this six to one principle, the earth will endure the ravages of sin for six thousand years (Rom. 8:22). At the end of six thousand years, God will return to this earth at the second coming and gather His people who we are told “lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years,” giving the earth one thousand years of rest (Rev. 20:4). Finally, “when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison” and the final battle of Armageddon will ensue, bringing a final end of sin forever (Rev. 20:7). The final judgment will then come at the end of seven thousand years. The prophecy is certain to occur, but many have lost sight of it.

At the most crucial time in history, most have forgotten the six thousand year theory just when it is about to come to an end, but notice how exact God is. Genealogies say, “the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations” (Matt. 1:17). God lays out a perfect timetable. From the beginning of time until Abraham was two thousand years. Since Abraham was the father of Israel, Israel lasted two thousand years. Then there are two thousand years “until the time of the Gentiles are fulfilled” (Luke 21:24). A prophecy in Daniel helps confirm the timeline.

Daniel 9:25 predicted that the Messiah would be “anointed” for ministry sixty-nine

prophetic weeks after the command to “restore and build Jerusalem” in 457 B.C. (See Dan. 9:24; Luke 4:18) According to the “day for each year” principle this brings us down to 27 A.D. (Eze. 4:6). We are told that Jesus would minister for seven years, or “one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice” and the entire sacrificial system on the cross (Dan. 9:27). This occurred in the spring of 31 A.D. After this, the Jewish nation was given three and a half years to repent, but when they refused the gospel went to the “Gentiles” in 34 A.D. (Acts 9:15).

We are now approaching the 2, anniversary of the greatest events of the ages. The year 2027 marks the 2,000 year anniversary of the Messiah’s ministry, while 2031 marks the anniversary of the cross, and 2034 marks the anniversary of the gospel going to the Gentiles. Just as Israel was God’s chosen people for roughly 2,000, the Gentiles have been preaching the gospel for about 2,000 years. Of course, we are not saying that the world will end on one of those years. It could be sooner. Speaking of the last days, Jesus said that “those days will be shortened” (Matt. 24:22). At the same, it could be longer. Speaking of the end, Habakkuk 2:3 says “Though it tarries, wait for it.”

While “of that day and hour no one knows” the Bible says, “you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief” (Matt. 24:36; 1 Thes. 5:4). While the Bible warns that the rest of the world will be “eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage” just as in the days of the flood, God’s people are told, “Watch,” and “be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect Him” (Matt. 24:38, 42, 44). If the 7,000 year theory stands true, then we are standing on the brink of eternity, hurling towards the end of the world.

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