

JWs Jehovah's Witnesses

Reader Summary [with Additional relevant data]

The Jehovah's Witnesses are **incorrect** regarding the following basic points:

>1. God's Sabbath Day

They observe every day unto God and Jesus but **not the Holy Sabbath Day** [Friday sunset until Saturday sunset].

God Blessed, Sanctified, and Hallowed this Holy day. What God has made Holy can **NEVER** be made un-Holy [Malachi 3:6].

I was shown that the **Law of God** would stand fast forever, and exist in the new earth to all eternity. **At the creation**, when the foundations of the earth were laid, the sons of God looked with admiration upon the work of the Creator, and all the heavenly host shouted for joy. It was then that **the foundation of the Sabbath was laid. At the close of the six days of creation, God rested on the seventh day from all His work** which He had made; and **He blessed the seventh day and sanctified it**, because that in it He had rested from all His work. **The Sabbath was instituted in Eden before the fall**, and was observed by Adam and Eve, and all the heavenly host. God rested on the seventh day, and blessed and hallowed it. I saw that **the Sabbath never will be done away; but that the redeemed saints, and all the angelic host, will observe it in honor of the great Creator to all eternity.** {EW 217.2 1882} Also {1SG 113.1}

One of God's commandments reads: "**Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.**" You are robbing God when you refuse to give that day to his service, abstaining from your own work. **He has sanctified the seventh day, but you ignore its holiness**, and thus cast contempt upon the Law-giver. Still the forbearance of God is exercised toward you. Make up your mind that from henceforth your feet shall go in the path of obedience. The darkness that binds you, like a thick cloud, will part asunder, and heavenly light will shine upon all those who will have the truth at any cost. {RH, January 31, 1888 par. 10} Also {RH, June 29, 1911 par. 1}

A corrupt union has been formed to tear down God's memorial of creation --**the seventh day, which He hallowed and blessed and gave to man to be a sign between God and His people, to be observed throughout their generations forever. A period is coming when everyone will take sides between the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, which the Lord has sanctified and blessed, and the spurious sabbath instituted by the man of sin.** {14MR 91.2}

>2. God's Word

The Jehovah's Witnesses use the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures. This is their own bible. The New World Translation [NWT] was translated by 5 Jehovah Witness men in 1950 (Information supplied by former **Governing Body** Official, Raymond Franz-Crisis of Conscience). Former Governing Body member Raymond Franz listed Nathan H. Knorr, Fredrick W. Franz, Albert D. Schroeder, George D. Gangas, and Milton G. Henschel as members of the translation team, adding that only Frederick Franz had sufficient knowledge in biblical languages.

The **New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures (NWT)** is a translation of the Bible **published by the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society**; it is used and distributed by Jehovah's Witnesses. The New Testament portion was released first, in 1950, as The New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures, with the complete **New World Translation of the Bible released in 1961.**

Jehovah's Witnesses believe that it is equal to all other bibles. However, there are some scriptures omissions from their bible. This is something that is not known by many people, including Jehovah's Witnesses themselves!

Complete Verses Omitted

In the Appendix of the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures (2013), at [A3 How the Bible Came to Us](#), the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society makes the claim that most bibles have gaps in the verse numbering at Matthew 17:21; 18:11; 23:14; Mark 7:16; 9:44, 46; 11:26; 15:28; Luke 17:36; 23:17; John 5:4; Acts 8:37; 15:34; 24:7; 28:29; and Romans 16:24. But is that true? A comparison within this documentation shows this to be false.

A total of 17 single verses are missing from the NWT bible used by Jehovah's Witnesses.

Most bibles **do not have gaps** at the aforementioned verses.

Partial Verses Omitted

In the New World Translation, there are partial omissions made to some of their verses:

Luke 1:28; Acts 24:6, 8; Colossians 1:2; Colossians 2:2; 1 John 5:13; Revelation 1:11; Revelation 2:15; Revelation 21:24.

See the comparison within this documentation.

The Word of God [KJV Bible] states:

Exodus 32:33 **And the LORD said unto Moses, WHOSOEVER HATH SINNED AGAINST ME, HIM WILL I BLOT OUT OF MY BOOK.**

Deuteronomy 4:2 **YE SHALL NOT ADD UNTO THE WORD WHICH I COMMAND YOU, NEITHER SHALL YE DIMINISH [OUGHT] FROM IT, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.**

Psalms 69:28 **LET THEM BE BLOTTED OUT OF THE BOOK OF THE LIVING, AND NOT BE WRITTEN WITH THE RIGHTEOUS.**

Revelation 22:18 **For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall ADD unto these things, GOD SHALL ADD UNTO HIM THE PLAGUES that are written in this book:**

Revelation 22:19 **And if any man shall TAKE AWAY from the words of the book of this prophecy, GOD SHALL TAKE AWAY HIS PART OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE, and out of the holy city, and [from] the things which are written in this book.**

According to God and His Word, those 5 Jehovah Witness men and the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, together with all other associated people, have **ALL LOST THEIR ETERNAL LIFE.**

Even their NWT bible states, for Revelation 22:18-19 *I am bearing witness to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone makes an addition to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this scroll; and if anyone takes anything away from the words of the scroll of this prophecy, God will take his portion away from the treeS of life and out of the holy city, things that are written about in this scroll.* [NB: There is ONLY ONE Tree of Life]

Revelation 2:7 *Let the one who has an ear hear what the spirit says to the congregations: To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the **tree of life**, which is in the **paradise of God.***

>3. Revisions / Updates to The New World Translation.

In **1950**, the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society [WBTS] published its own English version of the New Testament, which was called **The New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures**. Translations of various Old Testament books were subsequently released as the **New World Translation of the Hebrew Scriptures**.

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The translation of the **Old Testament**, which Jehovah's Witnesses refer to as the **Hebrew Scriptures**, was released in five volumes in 1953, 1955, 1957, 1958, and 1960.

The complete **New World Translation of the Bible** was released in **1961**. Since then it has undergone **various revisions**. Cross references which had appeared in the **six separate volumes** were updated and included in the complete volume in the **1984** revision..

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In **1984**, a **Reference edition** of the **New World Translation** was released in addition to a revision of the regular volume.

At the Watch Tower Society's annual meeting on October 5, 2013, a significantly revised translation was released – the New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures (2013)

The **Reference edition** is out of print as of the release of the **2013** revision of the **New World Translation**.

>4a. The Jehovah's Witnesses' organisation at head level - the "Governing Body"

We need to learn what is implied when the **"Governing Body"** and **"the faithful and discreet slave"** are mentioned. The words of Matthew 24:45 and Luke 12:42-43 from their perverted New World Translation bible are misapplied and misused by the Jehovah's Witness organisation.

The Jehovah Witnesses' organization is led by the **Governing Body** – an all-male group that varies in size – currently it has 9 men since February 2023.

The expression **"governing body"** began appearing in Jehovah's Witnesses' publications in the **1940's**, when it was understood to be closely connected with the **Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society**. However, in 1971, the **Governing Body** was distinguished from the Watch Tower Society—a legal instrument rather than a Scriptural entity—and its directors. The Governing Body henceforth included anointed brothers who were not Society directors. In recent years, responsible brothers of the "other sheep" have served as directors of the legal Society and of other corporations used by God's people, thus allowing the **Governing Body** to focus on providing spiritual instruction and direction. ([John 10:16](#); [Acts 6:4](#)) The July 15, 2013, issue of The Watchtower explained that **"the faithful and discreet slave"** is a small group of anointed brothers who make up the **Governing Body**.

According to Watchtower "Jehovah God" gives spiritual food through Jesus Christ that then is passed down to the Governing Body they, in turn, will pass it down to the "elders" and "ministerial servants" then to everyone else.

The **Governing Body** has come between mankind and God. God's Word says that:

Hebrews 4:14 **Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, JESUS THE SON OF GOD, let us hold fast [our] profession.**

Hebrews 4:15 **For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as [we are, yet] without sin.**

Hebrews 4:16 **Let us therefore come boldly unto the THRONE of GRACE, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**

According to the Word of God we don't need a "Governing Body".

1 Timothy 2:5 **FOR [THERE IS] ONE GOD, AND ONE MEDIATOR between God and men, THE MAN CHRIST JESUS;** [Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 42:8; Malachi 2:10; Mark 12:29-30 32; John 17:3; Romans 3:30; 1 Corinthians 8:4&6; Ephesians 4:6; James 2:19] {Note: A mediator is an impartial person. Note also the only reference to **THE MAN CHRIST JESUS**. Paul is writing to Timothy AFTER Christ's ascension to heaven. Jesus' work as the perfect mediator between God and man is not only dependent on His death but also in his continuing humanity. In His humanness, we are united to Him by faith, and only in Him are we united to God.}

"The **Governing Body** is neither inspired nor infallible. Therefore, it can err in doctrinal matters or in organizational direction." — *Watchtower*

If you're a current Jehovah Witness reading this do you take comfort in this statement? "The Governing Body is neither inspired nor infallible. Therefore, it can err in doctrinal matters or in organizational direction" and has. These individuals who are disseminating information have confessed that they're not "inspired nor infallible". **This means the doctrines Jehovah's Witnesses' adhere to can be false and ARE FALSE.** This is tremendous for the *Watchtower* to make this statement. **For those following these men are placing themselves and their families in grave danger.**

Since to be inspired means to be directed by Holy Spirit, it makes no sense to claim to be directed by God but not inspired.

"Under the guidance of his holy spirit and on the basis of his Word of truth, Jehovah provides what is needed so that all of God's people may be "fitly united in the same mind and in the same line of thought" and remain "stabilized in the faith." (1 Corinthians 1:10; Colossians 2:6, 7) Surely we are grateful for Jehovah's spiritual provisions in these last days. **Thus, "the faithful and discreet slave" does not endorse any literature, meetings or Web sites that are not produced or organized under its oversight.** ... For those who wish to do extra Bible study and research, we recommend that they explore "Insight on the Scriptures..." *Kingdom Ministry Sep 2007 p.3 US Edition*

NB: What a statement.

Over time, the "**Governing Body**" has set itself up so that ALL Jehovah's Witnesses **HAVE** to observe all the information given within the Watchtower. **Then they boastfully state that they do not endorse any other literature, meetings nor websites.**

Reader, I have 3 questions:

1. Would God ever use a small group of men who are so boastful and dictatorial in their attitude to proclaim His message to His people for taking to the rest of the world ?

2. Why would Jesus have said in John 10:16 **And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, [and] one shepherd.**

If, as the "**Governing Body**" proclaim you **HAVE** to be in "their club" ?

3. Where in the Scriptures does Jesus Christ act like or approve of such boastful mannerisms as those adopted by the "**Governing Body**" ?

Ephesians 2:8 **For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God:**

Ephesians 2:9 **Not of works, LEST ANY MAN SHOULD BOAST.**

"It is **VITAL** that we appreciate this fact and respond to the directions of the "slave" as we would to the voice of God, because it is His provision." *Watchtower 1957 Jun 15 p.370*

Following Watchtower direction is akin to following Jehovah Himself, and a requirement for salvation.

"Today, Jehovah guides his people by means of the Bible, his holy spirit, and the congregation. (Acts 9:31; 15:28; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17) The guidance that we receive from him is so clear that it is as if 'our own ears hear a word behind us saying: "This is the way. Walk in it.'" (Isaiah 30:21) **In effect, Jesus also conveys Jehovah's voice to us as he directs the congregation through "the faithful and discreet slave."** (Matthew 24:45) **We need to take this guidance and direction seriously, for OUR EVERLASTING LIFE DEPENDS ON OUR OBEDIENCE.**" *Watchtower 2014 Aug 15 p.21*

NB: "The faithful and discreet slave" have got it wrong again.

Everlasting life is NOT achieved by obedience to the "Governing Body".

John 17:3 **AND THIS IS LIFE ETERNAL, THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW THEE THE ONLY TRUE GOD, AND JESUS CHRIST, WHOM THOU HAST SENT.** [Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 42:8; Malachi 2:10; Mark 12:29-30 32; Romans 3:30; 1 Corinthians 8:4 6; Ephesians 4:6; 1 Timothy 2:5; James 2:19]. {What is **life eternal** ? **THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW THEE THE ONLY TRUE GOD, AND JESUS CHRIST** }.

The Organization operates under the confusing concept of "**Provisional Infallibility**." On the one hand, *Watchtower* information is to be accepted unquestioningly as from Jehovah; on the other hand, *Watchtower* admittedly contains significant mistakes.

This is justified by the irrational concept that holy spirit directs the **Governing Body**, but they are not inspired. **This is illogical - inspired means to be directed by Holy Spirit.** The concepts of infallibility and inspiration are simple, yet discussing them in line with Watchtower teachings becomes complicated because by definition it is impossible to have direction of holy spirit but not be inspired. According to *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition*:

Infallible; "Incapable of erring" (therefore to be infallible means to be perfect)

Inspire; "to affect, guide, or arouse by divine influence" (or in other words inspired means to be directed by holy spirit)

Therefore, if the Governing Body claims to have the direction of Holy Spirit it is by definition claiming to be inspired. In this case, the information they publish should be infallible in the same way they claim the Bible was directed to be infallible.

By Definition

Directed by Holy Spirit = Inspired

The Bible

Directed by Holy Spirit = Inspired

Infallible (no errors)

Watchtower

Directed by Holy Spirit =/ Inspired

Fallible (contains errors)

Presented as formula highlights the flaw in the Watchtower reasoning, **the Watchtower contradicts itself when saying that God's Holy Spirit directed its doctrines, yet they are not necessarily correct.**

"The men of that **Governing Body**, like the apostles and older men in Jerusalem, have many years of experience in God's service. But they do not rely on human wisdom in making decisions. No, being governed theocratically, they follow the example of the early governing body in Jerusalem, whose decisions were based on God's Word ." *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth p.195*

However, Watchtower claims to be neither inspired or infallible.

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"The **Governing Body** consists of a group of anointed Christian men. ... These preside over the worldwide activities of Jehovah's Witnesses. They are not inspired by God and hence are not infallible, but they rely on God's infallible Word as the highest authority on earth." *Jehovah's Witnesses - Unitedly Doing God's Will Worldwide p.26*

"The brothers preparing these publications are not infallible. Their writings are not inspired as are those of Paul and the other Bible writers." *Awake! 1993 Mar 22 p.4*

It is a contradiction for the Governing Body to say that they are not inspired in one article but that Holy Spirit directs them in another. Read together the following two statements are discernibly contradictory.

"Jehovah God has made known to his anointed ones in advance what these scriptures mean." *Watchtower 1931 Jun 1 p.160*

"Jehovah's people confess no powers of inspiration today" *Watchtower 1952 Apr 15 p.253*

The Bible states in very clear terms that the Holy Spirit directed the early Christians so Jehovah's Witnesses have to say that Holy Spirit likewise directs the Governing Body of the Watchtower Society in our day.

If the Governing Body is to claim to be like the early Christian's, then as a body, they must be guided by Holy Spirit and infallible. To say otherwise is to contradict the Bible.

During the 1980's three members of the Governing Body stepped down. Raymond Franz resigned in 1980, concluding that the Watchtower did not represent true Christianity. Ewart C. Chitty resigned in 1980. The Yearbook 1980 p.258 simply stated, "In the past year Ewart C. Chitty resigned, so that at present there are 17 members of this body." This was not due to apostasy, but for homosexual conduct prior to his appointment to the Governing Body.

In 1984, Leo Greenlees resigned. Though there was no written statement, the following breakfast announcement occurred at Brooklyn Bethel.

"This is to inform the Bethel family that Leo Greenless is no longer a member of the Bethel family and the matter is closed."³

This too was for homosexual conduct prior to his appointment, and a result of accusations against Greenlees from Mark Palo. A vague indication of what this was for appeared in the Watchtower.

"Shocking as it is, even some who have been prominent in Jehovah's organization have succumbed to immoral practices, including homosexuality, wife swapping, and child molesting." *Watchtower 1986 Jan 1 p.13*

It would seem very unlikely that "Jehovah Himself" appointed people to the most important position in His earthly organization when they had engaged in such wrongdoing prior to their appointment.

Acts 5:29 ¶ Then Peter and the [other] apostles answered and said, **WE OUGHT TO OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MEN.**

The contradictory Watchtower stance that the Governing Body is directed in the same manner as the early Christians, but that the early Christian decisions are infallible but theirs are not, is necessitated by their ongoing errors and changes.

Since the Governing Body claims not to be inspired, from where does "New Light" come? If not from God, why should anyone listen to them?

In retrospect, Watchtower mistakes are justified in the "most pleasant way":

"The increasing light on God's Word as well as the facts of history have repeatedly required that adjustments of one kind or another be made down to the very present time. But let us never forget that the motives of this "slave" were always pure, unselfish; at all times it has been well-meaning. For those who truly love God's law there is no stumbling block." *Watchtower 1979 Mar. 1 pp. 23-24*

**NB: Wrong again !
Inspired New or Increasing Light will ALWAYS accord with Existing Light.
NO adjustments are necessary with Divine messages.
The New Light just CLARIFIES Existing Light.
Otherwise God, through His Holy Spirit would have been wrong.
Malachi 3:6 For I [am] the LORD, I CHANGE NOT; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.**

It is not wrong for the Governing Body to admit to not being inspired and having made errors - it is wrong to make such admission and then enforce strict adherence to their own direction by claiming they alone speak for Jehovah

>4b. The Jehovah's Witnesses' organisation at head level - the "faithful and discreet slave"

NB: Before we continue, we need to learn what is implied when the **Governing Body** and "the faithful and **discreet slave**" is mentioned. They take the words of Matthew 24:45 and Luke 12:42-43 and, in their perverted New World Translation bible, replace them with:

*Matthew 24:45 "Who really is the **faithful and discreet slave** whom his master appointed over his domestics, to give them their food at the proper time?"*

*Luke 12:42 And the Lord said: "Who really is the **faithful steward**, the discreet one, whom his master will appoint over his body of attendants to keep giving them their measure of food supplies at the proper time?"*

*Luke 12:43 Happy is that **slave** if his master on coming finds him doing so!*

Matthew 24:45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

Matthew 24:46 Blessed [is] that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Matthew 24:47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

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So the **wise servant / steward** has become a **discreet slave** !

The **wise servant / steward** wording means those who are obeying God will be rewarded, whereas those [Matthew 24:48-51] who disobey God (even if they say they belong to him) prove themselves to be unfaithful and hypocrites by their actions. It is just as Paul says in Titus 1:16 "**They profess that they know God; but in works they deny [him], being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.**" Jesus also teaches that those who know what is right and choose to do wrong will be punished more harshly than those who do not know. However, both groups are punished, and ultimately it's **better to know and obey**.

By contrast, "**a discreet slave**" would be a careful and prudent person / servant in one's speech or actions, especially in order **to keep something confidential or to avoid embarrassment**.

In confidentiality and in avoiding embarrassment, the **Governing Body**, by their actions, appears to have fulfilled this definition. Witness the times that they have been wrong and then blamed their followers.

10. (a) When did Jesus appoint "the faithful and discreet slave"? (b) Relate how the **Governing Body** has been progressively distinguished from the Watch Tower Society.

10 In 1919, three years after Brother Russell's death, Jesus appointed "the faithful and discreet slave." For what purpose? To give his domestics "food at the proper time." ([Matt. 24:45](#)) Even in those early years, a small group of anointed brothers who served at headquarters in Brooklyn, New York, prepared and distributed spiritual food to Jesus' followers. **The expression "governing body" began appearing in our publications in the 1940's, when it was understood to be closely connected with the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society.** However, in 1971, the **Governing Body** was distinguished from the Watch Tower Society—a legal instrument rather than a Scriptural entity—and its directors. The **Governing Body** henceforth included anointed brothers who were not Society directors. In recent years, responsible brothers of the "other sheep" have served as directors of the legal Society and of other corporations used by God's people, thus allowing the **Governing Body** to focus on providing spiritual instruction and direction. ([John 10:16](#); [Acts 6:4](#)) The July 15, 2013, issue of The Watchtower explained that "[the faithful and discreet slave](#)" is a small group of anointed brothers who make up the **Governing Body**.

Until late 2012, the **Governing Body** described itself as the representative and "spokesman" for God's "faithful and discreet slave class".

It is claimed that Jesus found a **cleansed Slave Class dispensing truthful food** in 1919. However, Rutherford continued to promote Russell's interpretation of the dates for the 1700's, 1800's and 1914 until the 1930's. **Many of the date prophecies were re-explained between 1930 and 1932; the remainder were adjusted in 1943. Rutherford even dismissed the majority of his own 1900's predictions.**

1979 Because of this hope, the "faithful and discreet slave" has alerted all of God's people to the sign of the times indicating the nearness of God's Kingdom rule. In this regard, however, it must be observed that this "faithful and discreet slave" was never inspired, never perfect. Those writings by certain members of the "slave" class that came to form the Christian part of God's Word were inspired and infallible, but that is not true of other writings since. Things published were not perfect in the days of Charles Taze Russell, first president of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society; nor were they perfect in the days of J.F. Rutherford, the succeeding president. The increasing light on God's Word as well as the facts of history have repeatedly required that adjustments of one kind or another be made down to the very present time. But let us never forget that the motives of this "slave" were always pure, unselfish; at all times it has been well-meaning. (*The Watchtower*; **March 1, 1979**; p. 24)

1989 They have a modern **Governing Body** of older Christian men from various parts of the earth who give needed oversight to the worldwide activities of God's people. these men, like the apostles and older men in Jerusalem in the first century, are anointed members of the **faithful and discreet slave class** designated by Jesus to care for all of his Kingdom interests here upon earth. History has proved that they can be trusted to follow the direction of the holy spirit and that they do not rely on human wisdom in teaching the flock of God the ways of genuine peace. (*The Watchtower*; **Dec. 15, 1989**; p. 6)

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11. How does the **Governing Body** function?

11 The **Governing Body** makes important decisions collectively. How so? The members meet weekly, which fosters close communication and unity. ([Prov. 20:18](#)) Each year, they rotate chairmanship at those meetings, since no member of the **Governing Body** is considered to be more important than the other members. ([1 Pet. 5:1](#)) Each of the six committees of the **Governing Body** rotate chairmanship in the same way. And each member of that body views himself, not as the leader of his fellow brothers, but as one of the "domestics," fed by the **faithful slave** and subject to its oversight.

Since its appointment in 1919, the **faithful slave** has prepared spiritual food for God's people (See paragraphs 10, 11)

"WHO REALLY IS THE FAITHFUL AND DISCREET SLAVE?"

12. Since the **Governing Body** is neither inspired nor infallible, what questions arise?

12 **The Governing Body is neither inspired nor infallible.** Therefore, it can err in doctrinal matters or in organizational direction. In fact, the Watch Tower Publications Index includes the heading "Beliefs Clarified," which lists adjustments in our Scriptural understanding since 1870. Of course, Jesus did not tell us that his faithful slave would produce perfect spiritual food. So how can we answer Jesus' question: "Who really is the faithful and discreet slave?" ([Matt. 24:45](#)) What evidence is there that the **Governing Body** is filling that role? Let us consider the same three factors that directed the governing body in the first century.

17, 18. (a) How do we cooperate with the **Governing Body**? (b) How does our preaching support the **faithful slave** and Jesus?

17 Of course, remembering the **Governing Body** involves not just words but also cooperation with its direction. The **Governing Body** provides the direction given in our publications and at our meetings, assemblies, and conventions. In addition, it appoints circuit overseers, who in turn appoint congregation elders. Circuit overseers and elders remember the **Governing Body** by sticking closely to guidelines given to them. All of us show respect for our Leader, Jesus, by being obedient and submissive to the men he is using to direct us.—[Heb. 13:17](#).

18 Another way that we remember the **Governing Body** is by exerting ourselves in the preaching work. After all, Paul urged Christians to imitate the faith of those taking the lead among them. The **faithful slave** has exercised outstanding faith by zealously promoting and spreading the Kingdom good news. Are you one of the other sheep who supports the anointed in this vital work? How happy you will feel when your Leader, Jesus, says: “To the extent that you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”—[Matt. 25:34-40](#).

19. Why are you determined to follow our Leader, Jesus?

19 When Jesus returned to heaven, he did not abandon his followers. ([Matt. 28:20](#)) He knew first-hand how much the holy spirit, the angels, and God’s Word helped him to take the lead when he was on earth. Therefore, he has supplied the **faithful slave** today with the same assistance. As anointed Christians, the members of that **slave** “keep following the Lamb no matter where he goes.” ([Rev. 14:4](#)) As we follow their direction, therefore, we follow our Leader, Jesus. Soon, he will lead us to everlasting life. ([Rev. 7:14-17](#)) And no human leader can promise that!

Watchtower claims Jehovah's holy spirit guides the formulation of doctrine, appointment of elders, and disfellowshipping of followers. However, the Governing Body have introduced numerous incorrect doctrines that were subsequently changed, and appointed brothers as elders who were engaged in gross sin.

Watchtower justifies their audacious claim of having a monopoly over salvation because Jehovah's holy spirit personally guides the leaders, the "**faithful and discreet slave**."

[The following extract is repeated as it relates to the **Governing Body** which is also promoted as being "**the faithful and discreet slave**".]

“Under the guidance of his holy spirit and on the basis of his Word of truth, Jehovah provides what is needed so that all of God's people may be “fitly united in the same mind and in the same line of thought” and remain “stabilized in the faith.” (1 Corinthians 1:10; Colossians 2:6, 7) Surely we are grateful for Jehovah's spiritual provisions in these last days. **Thus, “the faithful and discreet slave” does not endorse any literature, meetings or Web sites that are not produced or organized under its oversight.** ... For those who wish to do extra Bible study and research, we recommend that they explore “Insight on the Scriptures...”.” *Kingdom Ministry Sep 2007 p.3 US Edition*

>5a. Wrong dates and so many changes – 4028BC to 4026BC to 4025BC

(in early days of the Watchtower Society the return of Christ in 1874 was calculated by adding 6,000 years to a date of Adam's sin in a year 4126 before Christ, not to a date of his creation in 4128; see *Thy Kingdom Come 1919*, pp. 127-128).

1966 "In this twentieth century an independent study has been carried on that does not blindly follow some traditional chronological calculations of Christendom, and the published timetable resulting from this independent study gives the date of man's creation as **4026 B.C.E.** So six thousand years of man's existence on earth will soon be up, yes, within this generation." (*Life Everlasting in Freedom of the Sons of God*, p. 29, **1966** [Note: 4026 BC to 1975 AD = 6000 years])

The published timetable resulting from this INDEPENDENT STUDY gives the date of man's creation as **4026 B.C.E.** According to this TRUSTWORTHY Bible chronology six thousand years from man's creation will end in 1975.

Man's creation was placed in 4128 and sin's entrance in 4126 B.C.E. (*The Watchtower 15 August 1974*, p. 507; see also *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached 1973*, pp. 207-208);

Fall 4127 B.C. Fall of Adam (*The Finished Mystery 1917*, p. 60);

It will be remembered that the reckoning of chronology began with the creation of Adam, and that **some time was spent by Adam and Eve before sin entered**. Just how long we are not informed, but **two years would not be an improbable estimate**. (*Thy Kingdom Come 1919*, p. 127);

Really !!! “some time was spent by Adam and Eve before sin entered. Just how long we are not informed, but **TWO YEARS WOULD NOT BE AN IMPROBABLE ESTIMATE**”

Is that how the Governing Body deduce their such important dates?

By guessing at 2 years, they then took the 4026BC date and added 6000 years which gave them that VERY IMPORTANT date of 1975AD.

All based upon a human assumption / guesswork !

Jehovah's Witnesses – WAKE UP !

This is the wisdom of those self-proclaimed “inspired” leaders that you OBEY rather than GOD.

There is some Scriptural evidence to indicate that approximately two years of time elapsed during which they enjoyed the blessedness of their home and the beauties of their surroundings and uninterrupted sweet fellowship with each other. Then began the sorrows of man, and since then sorrows have ever been present with the human race. (*Creation 1927, p. 60*);

NB: "some Scriptural evidence" ? Where ? Another unqualified statement. We all would like to know Where ?

Edenic Judgment Day (c.4025 B.C.) Brought Condemnation to Adam and Eve and Disabilities to Their Offspring. ("Make Sure of All Things" 1953, p. 219; compare p. 383).

About the year 4026 B.C.E., Jehovah God had said to the Serpent that had brought about man's downfall in the Garden of Eden... (*The Watchtower December 15, 1970, p. 751*). See also *The Watchtower 1 November 1972, p. 648*).

Also the Bible dictionary of Jehovah's Witnesses pointed to the year 4026 B.C.E. as the year of sin and announcement of punishment:

Jehovah God, at Genesis 3:15, stated his purpose prophetically in the garden of Eden in the presence of Adam and Eve and the "serpent," about 4026 B.C.E. (*Aid to Bible Understanding 1971, p. 387*).

This passage was changed a bit by The Watchtower Society in the newer dictionary, removing the inconvenient date:

Jehovah God, at Genesis 3:15, stated his purpose prophetically in the garden of Eden in the presence of Adam, Eve, and the "serpent." (*Insight on the Scriptures 1988 vol. 1, p. 521*).

Wikipedia Note: The Watch Tower Society teaches a combination of gap creationism and day-age creationism, with an extended period between the initial creation of the universe and the subsequent 'creative days' in relation to the earth, which are said to have taken "thousands of years". It dismisses Young Earth creationism as "unscriptural and unbelievable", and states that **Jehovah's Witnesses "are not creationists" on the basis that they do not believe the earth was created in six literal days. [Watch Tower Society publications attempt to refute the theory of evolution, in favor of divine intelligent design.] The Society teaches that the first human, Adam, was created in **4026 BCE**.**

>5b. Wrong dates and so many changes – 607BC & 606BC – 2,520 Day/Years – 1914AD & 1915AD then 1914AD again

Note: 607BC + 2520 Day/Years = 1914AD and 606BC + 2520 Day/Years = 1915AD.

In 1912 Russell explained that he did not know how to account for the year 0 between B.C. and A.D. and that the end could be in either 1914 or 1915. The 2520 years of Daniels seven times prophecy extends from 606 to 1915 once the year zero between B.C. and A.D. is removed.

"Then, we were content to say, "606 B.C. seems a well authenticated date for the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, and B.C. 536 the date when the seventy years' appointed desolation of the land ceased." ...

"As that "time" approached, Jehovah took steps to reveal the answer to a group of humble Bible students. With the help of God's spirit, they discerned that "the appointed times of the nations" began with the destruction of Jerusalem in 607 B.C.E. and that those "times" were 2,520 years in length. From this, they deduced that 1914 marked the end of "the appointed times of the nations." They also came to realize that 1914 was the beginning of the end for this system of things." [Watchtower 2004 Feb 1 p.19](#)

"His rule would be from the heavens. This was a new revelation of great importance to God's people who had been anxiously awaiting his second presence toward the end of the nineteenth century. **The truth that 1914 marked the end of the "times of the nations" that started in 607 B.C. and the beginning of the "time of the end" for the nations and hence the beginning of his presence, was new knowledge** over which God's people could rejoice."

[Watchtower 1965 Jul 15 p.428](#)

<https://wol.jw.org/en/wol/d/r1/lp-e/1955089> [extracts taken]

Questions From Readers

• **What are the reasons for changing the date of Adam's creation first from 4028 B.C. to 4026 B.C. and now recently in the book "New Heavens and a New Earth" to 4025 B.C.?**

Undue concern seems to be manifested as to the date of Adam's creation and some ask, What are the reasons for changing the creation date of Adam first from 4028 B.C. to 4026 B.C. and now recently in the book "New Heavens and a New Earth" to 4025 B.C.? Let us examine the advancements made in Bible chronology that have warranted the above adjustments as we have moved forward to newer positions of light as to God's Word.—[Prov. 4:18](#).

While preparing in 1944 the book "The Kingdom Is at Hand" a two-year error was detected by internal Bible scholarship. In the following quotation from this 1944 publication of the Society, full explanation is offered: "In the book 'The Truth Shall Make You Free', published in 1943, the chronology on pages 150, 151 concerning the kings of Jerusalem, **from Solomon's successor to Zedekiah**, is based on [the book of 2 Chronicles, chapters 12 to 36](#). This appears to show the reigns of those kings as successive, end to end. Actually, however, this was not so, as is plainly shown in the books of 1 and 2 Kings, which books give us a countercheck on the successors of Solomon by a comparison of these kings of Judah with the neighbor kings of the ten-tribe kingdom of Israel. . . . Measured by 2 Chronicles, the period of kings from Saul to Zedekiah was 513 years. **Measured by the more precise and detailed books of Kings, the period was actually 511 years, or 2 years less.** This fact affects the chronology as a whole and pulls man's creation 2 years closer to A.D. 1 and gives it the date **4026 B.C., not 4028 B.C.**"—Footnote, page 171.

In 1953 in preparing the chart that appears in the book "New Heavens and a New Earth" a one-year error was brought to light. By the aid of the **New World Translation of the Hebrew Scriptures** the difference between the two numbers appearing at [Genesis 7:6](#) and [Genesis 7:11](#) became apparent, especially since there are two different Hebrew words here maintaining a distinct difference. At [Genesis 7:6](#) the number 600 referring to Noah's age means 600 full years, being what is generally termed a cardinal number. Whereas at [Genesis 7:11](#) the number "600th," an ordinal number, means 599 full years plus a portion of another year. For example, this is said to be the twentieth century, meaning there have been nineteen full centuries in the past and we are now fifty-four years along in the next century.

To reconcile these two different numbers properly translated from the Hebrew text, **the position clearly appeared that Noah must have entered the ark in November upon the beginning of the flood when he was 599 years old plus some months. But that while he was in the ark some months later with the deluge waters still occurring upon the earth, Noah had a birthday rounding out his full 600 years.** Inasmuch as previously our chronology considered Noah as 600 full years old when he entered the ark, instead of the actual 599 years and some months, as we now see, **this has meant that the pre-flood dates must be shrunk by one year, this bringing Adam's creation for the fall of 4025 B.C.** Incidentally, Jesus, who became the second or "last Adam," was born in the fall of the year around the first of October.—[1 Cor. 15:45](#), NW.

It is well to understand that all Bible chronology dates for events prior to 539 B.C. must be figured backward from the Absolute date of 539 B.C. **In the sure date of 607 B.C. for the fall of Jerusalem we have an anchor for the chronology establishment of the important year of 1914. By an overwhelming number of physical facts occurring since 1914, this great turning-point year in man's history, 1914, has been abundantly confirmed.**

According to [Genesis 1:24-31](#) Adam was created during the last part of the sixth creative-day period of 7,000 years. Almost all independent chronologists assume incorrectly that, as soon as Adam was created, then began Jehovah's seventh seven-thousand-year period of the creative week. Such then figure that from **Adam's creation, now thought to be the fall of 4025 B.C., why, six thousand years of God's rest day would be ending in the fall of 1976.** However, from our present chronology (which is admitted imperfect) at best the fall of the year 1976 would be the end of 6,000 years of human history for mankind, 6,000 years of man's existence on the earth, not 6,000 years of Jehovah's seventh seven-thousand-year period. Why not? Because **Adam lived some time after his creation in the latter part of Jehovah's sixth creative period, before the seventh period, Jehovah's sabbath, began.**

Why, it must have taken Adam quite some time to name all the animals, as he was commissioned to do. Further, it appears from the **New World Bible Translation** that, even while Adam was naming the animals, other family kinds of living creatures were being created for Adam to designate by name. ([Gen. 2:19](#) footnote d, NW) **It was not until after Adam completed this assignment of work that his helpmate Eve was created.** Since God created nothing new whatever on the seventh day, Eve must have been created on the sixth day; and this the divine record confirms in its account of the sixth day: "God proceeded to create the man in his image, in God's image he created him; male and female he created them."—[Gen. 1:27](#), NW.

The very fact that, as part of Jehovah's secret, no one today is able to find out how much time Adam and later Eve lived during the closing days of the sixth creative period, so no one can now determine when six thousand years of Jehovah's present rest day come to an end. **Obviously, whatever amount of Adam's 930 years was lived before the beginning of that seventh-day rest of Jehovah, that unknown amount would have to be added to the 1976 date.**

It was not until 1943 that the Watchtower Society explained once more that there is no year zero. However this time they did not use 1915 as Russell had done when acknowledging his mistake. The *Watchtower* decided to **retain 1914**, and was able to do so by **changing the date for the destruction of Jerusalem from 606 B.C. to 607 B.C.**

That last statement and the next one, [**Jehovah's Witness**] Reader, TAKE NOTE.

Apparently, **Watchtower** decided to **change the date for the destruction of Jerusalem from 606 B.C. to 607 B.C.**

What power they have !!! To change history just like that !!!

As they stated, they [believed that they], a group of humble Bible students, were under God and His Spirit, which gave them the incorrect date of 606BC !!!

Clearly, they were under ANOTHER SPIRIT as God and His Spirit ALWAYS TELLS THE TRUTH.

"Providentially, those Bible Students had not realized that there is **no zero year** between "B.C." and "A.D." **Later, when research made it necessary to adjust B.C. 606 to 607 B.C.E., the zero year was also eliminated, so that the prediction held good at "A.D. 1914."**- See "*The Truth Shall Make You Free*," published by the *Watch Tower Society in 1943, page 239.*" *Revelation - Its Grand Climax at Hand!* p. 105.

Since it was prior to 1914 that Russell and the Bible Students identified there was "no year zero," **the above comment is dishonest. The year zero was not removed because research led to 607 B.C., but rather the elimination of the year zero led to moving from 606 B.C to 607 B.C.**

The Society changed history with the stroke of a pen, however **neither 607 B.C. nor 606 B.C. is correct.**

All historical evidence shows that Jerusalem fell in [587 B.C.](#)
An understanding that undermines the entire basis for 1914.

1914 has been a pivotal date for the Watchtower. The expectations prior to 1914 included it being the end of the Gentile Times, the end of Armageddon, the fall of false religion, the end of all governments, the resurrection, the start of Jesus 1000 year reign and paradise on earth. See [1914](#) for a in-depth article regarding this date.

**With that last statement in mind, now see how the Watchtower worms wriggle out from their LIES.
October ends and nothing happened, SO THE VERY NEXT DAY:**

1914 "Studying God's Word, we have measured **the 2520 years**, the seven symbolic times, from that year 606 B.C. and have found that **it reached down to OCTOBER, 1914**, as nearly as we were able to reckon. **WE DID NOT SAY POSITIVELY THAT THIS WOULD BE THE YEAR.**" (*Watchtower*, **NOVEMBER 1, 1914**, p. 325)

When nothing happened in 1914 the *Watchtower* said 1915.

When nothing happened in 1915 the *Watchtower* went back to using 1914.

**So there was more Watchtower worm wriggling !!!
Clearly, they are being led by a satanic spirit.
Jehovah's Witnesses, TAKE NOTE.
You are being led to your ETERNAL DEATH.
FOLLOW GOD and JESUS and NOT GOVERNING BODY MEN.**

Acts 5:29 ¶ Then Peter and the [other] apostles answered and said, **WE OUGHT TO OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MEN.**

>5c. Wrong dates and so many changes – 1925AD

Basis of 1925 Doctrine

What was the basis for claiming the Scriptures so definitely proved the earthly resurrection would begin in 1925?

"**Seventy jubilees of fifty years each would be a total of 3500 years. That period of time beginning 1575 before A.D. 1 of necessity would end in the fall of the year 1925, at which time the type ends and the great antitype must begin.** *Millions Now Living Will Never Die!* p.88

"**Seventy times 50 are 3,500. The whole period would therefore have been 3,500 years from the time the Jews entered Canaan until all the types would have been fulfilled. As they entered Canaan 1,575 years before Christ there would be 1,925 years of types after Christ, or 1925 A. D.**" *The Way to Paradise* p.223

**It is a sad indictment on human gullibility that *Watchtower* followers
Can accept such flimsy evidence as unquestionable proof.**

Reader: This next section is rather lengthy.

You may just want to read the 1925 Summary below and then skip-read until you get to >5d.:

1925 Summary: 1925 date was **set by Rutherford** for the **commencement of the earthly paradise and the resurrection** onto earth of people such as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The *Watchtower* specifically said the end would come in **1914**.

1925 date moved to 1932. Again, 1932 came and "Christendom" was not destroyed.

> The date for the sealing of the 144,000 constantly changed. Russell originally set it as 1878. Then moved to 1881, 1910, 1914, 1925, 1931 and finally 1935. In 2007 > admitted as unknown.

The on-line section demonstrates **over 20 "messages"** promoted by the *Watchtower* for decades that turned out not to be "true." What does this prove about them as messengers and prophets ?

"Therefore **we may confidently expect that 1925** will mark the return of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the faithful prophets of old, particularly those named by the Apostle in Hebrews 11, to the condition of human perfection."

"It is an absolute fact, stated in every book of the Bible, foretold by every prophet of the Bible." *Bulletin 1920 Oct 1*

"... this chronology is not of man, but of God.... more proofs removes it entirely from the realm of chance into that of proven certainty.... the chronology of present truth [is]... not of human origin." *Watch Tower 1922 Jul 15 p.217*

"The date 1925 is even more distinctly indicated by the Scriptures because it is fixed by the law God gave to Israel. *Watch Tower 1922 Sep 1 p.262*

"1925 is definitely settled by the Scriptures, marking the end of the typical jubilees. ... As to Noah, the Christian now has much more upon which to base his faith than Noah had (so far as the Scriptures reveal) upon which to base his faith in a coming deluge." *Watch Tower 1923 Apr 1 p.106*

"The year 1925 is a date definitely and clearly marked in Scriptures, even more clearly than that of 1914;

..." *Watchtower 1924 Jul 15 p.211*

1925 Summary (continued1):

> In true typical Watchtower / Governing Body fashion, we then get their denial and blame quotes:

1926 "Some anticipated that the work would end in 1925, but the Lord did not state so. The difficulty was that the friends inflated their imaginations beyond reason; and that when their imaginations burst asunder, they were inclined to throw away everything." (*Watchtower* 1926 p. 232.)

1993 (The society's latest 'History' book - "*Jehovah's Witnesses, Proclaimers of God's Kingdom*", 1993) [Note: At the end of this book there is a chronological section called 'Notable Dates'. The predictions for 1925 and 1975 don't even get a mention! > Talk about rewriting history to gullible young converts!]

"The year 1925 is a date definitely and clearly marked in Scriptures, even more clearly than that of 1914;..."

[*Watchtower* 1924 Jul 15 p.211](#)

1931 "God's faithful people on earth emphasized the importance of the dates 1914 and 1918 and 1925. They had much to say about these dates and what would come to pass, but all they predicted did not come to pass." (*Vindication*, vol. 1, 1931, p. 146)

> God's faithful people were mis-led by their trusty satanic-inspired leaders who had unrelentlessly pushed their message.

1925 Summary (continued2):

Not until 1925 was "the time of trouble" Scripturally understood." (*Watchtower*, p. 35, Feb 1, 1938)

> What a pity !!!

> NB: The Spirit of Prophecy had already declared this to GOD'S PEOPLE by 1851.

> As we have said elsewhere, the divinely inspired Spirit of Prophecy has been proven to be 100% accurate.

> The *Watchtower* / Governing Body accuracy of prophecy is showing itself as 0%.

> But Jehovah's Witnesses have yet to leave their sinking boat and grasp the Truth of God.

We find the date 1925-1926 clearly indicated in the prophetic outline, and the Lord has not lifted the curtain sufficiently for us to see distinctly beyond." *Watch Tower* 1925 Feb 15 p.58

Rather than accept responsibility for stumbling followers with their false 1925 teachings, *Watchtower* derogatively describes these ones as chaff.

"Although these tests resulted in a sifting and some blew away like chaff when wheat is winnowed, others remained firm." *Jehovah's Witnesses - Proclaimers of God's Kingdom* p.633

Current *Watchtower* comments about 1925, such as in *Proclaimers*, attempt to whitewash the failure, or shift the blame to the members. However, on one occasion, Rutherford candidly made the following admission;

"Regarding his misguided statements as to what we could expect in 1925, he once confessed to us at Bethel, "I made an ass of myself." *Watchtower* 1984 Oct 1 p.24

"Be that as it may, there is evidence that the establishment of the Kingdom in Palestine will probably be in 1925, ten years later than we once calculated." *Studies In the Scriptures Series VII - The Finished Mystery* p. 128.

"It seems conclusive that the hour of Nominal Zion's travail is fixed for the Passover of 1918. (See Rev. 3:14.) That will be 7 years prior to 1925. At that time there is every reason to believe the fallen angels will invade the minds of many of the Nominal Church people, driving them to exceedingly unwise conduct and leading to their destruction at the hands of the enraged masses, who will later be dragged to the same fate." *Studies in the Scriptures - The Finished Mystery* p. 128

1918

A later quote claims that though these predictions were wrong, the dates were correct. That too has turned out to be wrong, since 1925 no longer holds significance to Jehovah's Witnesses.

There was a measure of disappointment on the part of Jehovah's faithful ones on earth concerning the years 1914, 1918, and 1925, which disappointment lasted for a time. Later the faithful learned that these dates were definitely fixed in the Scriptures; and they also learned to quit fixing dates for the future and predicting what would come to pass on a certain date. *Vindication I (1931)* pp. 338-339.

1925

1925 was a date set by Rutherford for the commencement of the earthly paradise and the resurrection onto earth of people such as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. See 1925 for a full discussion on *Watchtower* expectations for this date.

1932

Another date for the destruction of Christendom, apparently promoted within the congregations by elders.

"They [elected elders] had preached that in an early time God would overthrow "Christendom". Many had emphasized the year 1925 as the date, and then when that date did not materialize the date was moved up to 1932. Again, 1932 came and "Christendom" was not destroyed.... Because men tried to fix the date when God would destroy modern Nineveh and God did not back up their prophecy... is that any reason to be peeved?" *Watchtower* 1938 Feb 15 p. 55.

1935 - Sealing of the Anointed

With the progression of time obscure *Watchtower* interpretation relating to the 1700's, 1800's and 1900's fade into irrelevance. These are thrust aside, relegated to obscurity and replaced with new date concepts more palatable to current generations.

A noteworthy example is the date for the sealing of the 144,000, a date constantly changed. Russell originally set it as being 1878. This was moved to 1881, 1910, 1914, 1925, 1931 and finally 1935. In 2007 it has admitted as unknown.

Ironic, considering the *Watchtower* specifically said the end would come in 1914 and then 1925. This on-line section demonstrated over 20 "messages" promoted by the *Watchtower* for decades that turned out not to be "true." What does this prove about them as messengers and prophets ?

1917 'There will be no slip-up...Abraham should enter upon the actual possession of his promised inheritance in the year 1925' (*Watchtower Oct. 15, 1917, p. 6157*)

1917 'No doubt Satan believed the Millennial Kingdom was due to be set-up in 1915...Be that as it may, there is evidence that the establishment of the Kingdom in Palestine will probably be in 1925, ten years later than we once calculated.' (*Studies In The Scriptures, Vol 7, The Finished Mystery, p. 128*)

1917 This vision of the prophet Ezekiel depicts the established theocratic Kingdom of God on earth, civil and religious, spiritual and earthly. . . . The Temple . . . is a type and symbol of "better things to come," after the wars, revolutions and anarchy of the period from 1914 to 1925 have passed. (*The Finished Mystery, 1917, p. 569 [The 1926 Edition reads: "of the time of trouble have passed."]*)

1918 "Therefore we may confidently expect that 1925 will mark the return of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the faithful prophets of old, particularly those named by the Apostle in Hebrews 11, to the condition of human perfection." (*Millions Now Living Will Never Die, 1920 p. 89*)

1920 '...we may expect 1925 to witness the return of these faithful men of Israel from the condition of death, being resurrected' (*Millions Now Living Will Never Die, 1920, p. 88*)

1920 "A simple calculation of these jubilees brings us to this important fact: Seventy jubilees of fifty years each would be a total of 3500 years. That period of time beginning 1575 before A.D. 1 of necessity would end in the fall of 1925, at which time the type ends and the great antitype must begin. What, then, should we expect to take place? In the type there must be a full restoration; beginning of restoration of all things. The chief thing to be restored is the human race to life; and since other Scriptures definitely fix the fact that there will be a resurrection of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and other faithful ones of old, and that these will have the first favor, we may expect 1925 to witness the return of these faithful men and Israel from the condition of death, being resurrected and fully restored to perfect humanity and made the visible, legal representatives of the new order of things on earth. (*Millions now living will never die, 1920 p 89-90*)

1920 'Therefore we may confidently expect that 1925 will mark the return of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the faithful prophets of old' (*Millions Now Living Will Never Die, 1920, p. 89-90*)

1920 "Based upon the argument heretofore set forth, then, that the old order of things, the old world, is ending and is therefore passing away, and that the new order is coming in, and that 1925 shall mark the resurrection of the faithful worthies of old and the beginning of reconstruction, it is reasonable to conclude that millions of people now on the earth will be still on the earth in 1925. Then, based upon the promises set forth in the divine Word, we must reach the positive and indisputable conclusion that millions now living will never die." (*Millions Now Living Will Never Die. 1920 p. 97*)

1922 "The period must end in 1925. The type ending, the antitype must begin; and therefore 1925 is definitely fixed in the scriptures. every thinking person can see that a great climax is at hand. The Scriptures clearly indicate that the climax is the fall of Satan's empire and the full establishment of the Messianic kingdom. This climax being reached by 1925, and that marking the beginning of the fulfillment of the long promised blessings of life to the people, millions now living on earth will be living then and those who obey the righteous laws of the new arrangement will live forever. Therefore it can be confidently said at this time that millions now living will never die." (*Golden Age, Jan. 4, 1922, p. 217*)

1922 "We have no doubt whatever in regard to the chronology relating to the dates of 1874, 1914, 1918, and 1925. It was on this line of reckoning that the dates 1874, 1914, and 1918 were located; and the Lord has placed the stamp of his seal upon 1914 and 1918 beyond any possibility of erasure. What further evidence do we need? Using this same measuring line.... it is an easy matter to locate 1925, probably in the fall, for the beginning of the antitypical jubilee. There can be no more question about 1925 than there was about 1914." (*Watchtower, p. 150, May 15, 1922*)

1922 '1914 ended the Gentile Times...The date 1925 is even more distinctly indicated by the Scriptures...by then the great crisis will be reached and probably passed' (*Watchtower Sept. 1, 1922, p. 262*)

1923 '1925 is definitely settled by the Scriptures...the Christian has much more upon which to base his faith than Noah had (so far as the Scriptures reveal) upon which to base his faith in the coming deluge' (*Watchtower April 1, 1923, p. 106*)

1923 "Our thought is, that 1925 is definitely settled by the Scriptures. As to Noah, the Christian now has much more upon which to base his faith than Noah had upon which to base his faith in a coming deluge." (*Watchtower, p. 106, March 1, 1923*)

1924 "The year 1925 is a date definitely and clearly marked in Scriptures, even more clearly than that of 1914." (*Watchtower 1924, p. 211*)

1924 "We cannot be blamed for presenting from the Scriptures such evidence as they afford which leads us to believe that a certain event will take place at a given time. Some times the Lord has let His people looking for the right thing at the wrong time, and more frequently they have looked for the wrong things at the right time. But all the enemies of the cause of present truth in the earth are fervently hoping that the Bible students will not be so successful in 1925 in looking for the right thing at the right time as they were in 1914. if they are, however, it will be the other fellow that will have to do the explaining, and not we." (*The Golden Age, Feb. 13, 1924, p. 314*)

1925 "It is to be expected that Satan will try to inject into the minds of the consecrated, the thought that 1925 should see an end to the work." (*Watchtower*, **Sept. 1925**, p. 262)

1925 "The difficulty was that the friends inflated their imaginations beyond reason; and that when their imaginations burst asunder, they were inclined to throw away everything." (*Watchtower* **1925**, p. 56)

1925 "The year 1925 is here. With great expectation Christians have looked forward to this year. Many have confidently expected that all members of the body of Christ will be changed to heavenly glory during this year. This may be accomplished. It may not be. In his own due time God will accomplish his purposes concerning his people. Christians should not be so deeply concerned about what may transpire this year." (*Watchtower*, **Jan. 1, 1925**, p. 3)

In true typical Watchtower / Governing Body fashion, we then get their denial and blame quotes:

1926 "Some anticipated that the work would end in 1925, but the Lord did not state so. The difficulty was that the friends inflated their imaginations beyond reason; and that when their imaginations burst asunder, they were inclined to throw away everything." (*Watchtower* **1926** p. 232.)

1931 "God's faithful people on earth emphasized the importance of the dates 1914 and 1918 and 1925. They had much to say about these dates and what would come to pass, but all they predicted did not come to pass." (*Vindication*, vol. 1, **1931**, p. 146)

God's faithful people were mis-led by their trusty satanic-inspired leaders who had unrelentlessly pushed their message.

1931 "There was a measure of disappointment on the part of Jehovah's faithful ones on earth concerning the years 1914, 1918 and 1925, which disappointment lasted for a time. Later the faithful learned that these dates were definitely fixed in the Scriptures; and they also learned to quit fixing dates for the future and predicting what would come to pass on a certain date, but to rely (and they do rely) upon the Word of God as to the events that must come to pass. (*J. F. Rutherford*, *Vindication*, **1931**, p. 338-339)

1938 "They had preached that in an early time God would overthrow "Christendom". Many had emphasized the year 1925 as the date, and then when that date did not materialize the date was moved up to 1932. Again, 1932 came and "Christendom" was not destroyed, and now it was discovered that "Christendom" would be spared for a while longer for the sake of the Jonadab class, and this made the proud "elective elder" crowd very mad." (*Watchtower* **Feb. 15, 1938** p. 54)

1938 As far back as 1880 The Watchtower pointed to A.D. 1914 as the date marking the end of the world, at which time great trouble would come upon the nations; but at that time it was not seen by God's people on earth that the trouble would be the battle of Jehovah against Satan's organization. For many years it was believed by them, and so stated in The Watchtower, that "the time of trouble" would be a terrific clash between the various elements of the earth, such as capital and labor. **Not until 1925 was "the time of trouble" Scripturally understood.**" (*Watchtower*, p. 35, **Feb 1, 1938**)

What a pity !!!

The Spirit of Prophecy had already declared this to GOD'S PEOPLE by 1851.

As we have said elsewhere, the divinely inspired Spirit of Prophecy has been proven to be 100% accurate.

The Watchtower / Governing Body accuracy of prophecy is showing itself as 0%.

But Jehovah's Witnesses have yet to leave their sinking boat and grasp the Truth of God.

1975 "The year 1925 came and went. Jesus' anointed followers were still on earth as a class. The faithful men of old time - Abraham, David and others - had not been resurrected to become princes in the earth. (Ps. 45:16) So, as Anna MacDonald recalls: '1925 was a sad year for many brothers. Some of them were stumbled; their hopes were dashed...Instead of it's being considered a 'probability,' they read into it that it was a 'certainty.' and some prepared for their loved ones with expectations of their resurrection." (*Yearbook*, **1975**, p. 146)

1993 (The society's latest 'History' book - "*Jehovah's Witnesses, Proclaimers of God's Kingdom*", **1993**) [Note: At the end of this book there is a chronological section called 'Notable Dates'. The predictions for 1925 and 1975 don't even get a mention! **Talk about rewriting history to gullible young converts!**]

1993 "Further, the widely circulated booklet *Millions Now Living Will Never Die* presented the view that in 1925, God's purposes regarding the restoring of the earth to Paradise and the resurrecting of the faithful ones of old would begin to be fulfilled. ... The year 1925 came to its conclusion, but the end was not yet! Ever since the 1870's, Bible Students had been serving with a date in mind - first 1914, then 1925. Now they realized that they must serve for as long as Jehovah wishes." (*Watchtower*; **Nov. 1, 1993**; p. 12)

1995 Bible Students, known since 1931 as Jehovah's Witnesses, also expected that the year 1925 would see the fulfillment of marvelous Bible prophecies. ... More recently, many Witnesses conjectured that events associated with the beginning of Christ's Millennial Reign might start to take place in 1975. Their anticipation was based on the understanding that the seventh millennium of human history would begin then. (*Awake*, **June 22, 1995** p. 9)

The failure of Watchtower's [1914](#) predictions for the end of this system, and death of Russell in 1916, left his followers in disarray. After legalistic wrangling, Rutherford became Watchtower's next President. Credit must go to Rutherford for his ability to rebuild the religion. He was able to re-ignite urgency into the remaining followers by announcing through public discourse in February 1918 that "*The World Has Ended - Millions Now Living May Never Die!*" In March 1918, the title was changed to the more compelling "*The World Has Ended — Millions Now Living Will Never Die!*"

In 1920, this message was released in the booklet, *Millions Now Living Will Never Die!* This was further expounded in 1921 in Rutherford's first book, *The Harp of God*, which carried on the cover the inscription, "Proof Conclusive that Millions now Living will never Die". In 1924, the children's book *The Way to Paradise* made a number of outlandish predictions for 1925 and life in the New System.

[Click Here](#) to download a 33mb searchable PDF of the 1920 booklet "*Millions Now Living Will Never Die!*"

The *Proclaimers* book relates;

"What an exciting message they proclaimed--"**Millions now living will never die!**" Brother Rutherford had given a discourse on this subject in 1918. It was also the title of a 128-page booklet published in 1920. From 1920 through 1925, that same subject was featured again and again around the world in public meetings in all areas where speakers were available and in upwards of 30 languages." *Jehovah's Witnesses - Proclaimers of God's Kingdom p.425*

Reading the brief mention of this topic in the *Proclaimers* book, one could be mistaken for thinking 1925 was of little relevance in the history of Jehovah's Witnesses; yet this was the defining prophecy of Rutherford's leadership. Largely unknown by most Jehovah's Witnesses today, this was the focus of the Watchtower preaching work between 1918 and 1925. "*Millions Now Living Will Never Die!*" introduced Rutherford's prediction that the earthly resurrection was to begin in 1925, starting with the faithful men of old, men such as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Between 1918 and 1925, *Watchtower* promoted the earthly resurrection would commence in 1925.

Expectations for 1925 included:

- the end of Christendom
- the return of earth to a paradise
- the resurrection of the dead onto earth
- the Zionist teaching of the re-establishment of Palestine

The following quotes outline these expectations.

"What, then, should we expect to take place? The chief thing to be restored is the human race to life; and since other Scriptures definitely fix the fact that there will be a resurrection of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and other faithful ones of old, and that these will have the first favour, we may expect 1925 to witness the return of these faithful men of Israel from the condition of death, being resurrected and fully restored to perfect humanity and made the visible, legal representatives of the new order of things on earth." *Millions Now Living Will Never Die! p.88*

"As we have heretofore stated, the great jubilee cycle is due to begin in 1925. At that time the earthly phase of the kingdom shall be recognized." *Millions Now Living Will Never Die! p.89*

"Hence these faithful men may be expected on earth within the next few years." *The Harp of God p.340*

"The year 1926 would therefore begin about October first, 1925. ... We should, therefore, expect shortly after 1925 to see the awakening of Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Melchisedec, Job, Moses, Samuel, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, John the Baptist, and others mentioned in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. *The Way to Paradise (1925) p.224*

"The Bible and "*The Bible in Stone*" [the Pyramid of Giza] give the date 1914: for the beginning of the great change. History proves that the ouster proceedings began promptly on time. **Prophecy indicates that 1925-1926 will see the greater part of the ousting completed.** All the world's statesmen are dreading the next few years." *The Way to Paradise p.171*

"When you take up a more advanced study of the Bible, you will find that the year 1925 A. D. is particularly marked in prophecy." *The Way to Paradise p.220*

"Of course it will take some time to get things in smoothly running order after the great stress between now and 1926. It may be ten years or more before you get your home all fixed up, and the gardens bringing forth the luscious fruits and appetizing vegetables in abundance. Even if it takes a while longer you will be that much better prepared. You will have secured the services of the best decorators you can find. Some of them used to be undertakers; but since there are no more people dying, they have had to seek some new occupation. Their experience as undertakers prepared them to become decorators with very little difficulty." *The Way to Paradise p.228*

The Bulletin October 1920 included an outline on how to introduce the topic of 1925.

"Good morning!

"Do you know that millions now living will never die?

"I mean just what I say - that millions now living are never going to die.

"*The Finished Mystery*', the posthumous work of Pastor Russell, tells why there are millions now living who will never die; and if you can keep alive until 1925 you have excellent chances of being one of them.

"It is an absolute fact, stated in every book of the Bible, foretold by every prophet of the Bible." *Bulletin 1920 Oct 1*

Rutherford wrote that the chronological predictions he had made were "of God" himself and 1925 was proclaimed a "fixed" date beyond doubt.

Sign proclaiming "This means what it says - It is a fact"

"... this chronology is not of man, but of God.... the addition of more proofs removes it entirely from the realm of chance into that of proven certainty.... the chronology of present truth [is]... not of human origin." [Watch Tower 1922 Jul 15 p.217](#)

"The date 1925 is even more distinctly indicated by the Scriptures because it is fixed by the law God gave to Israel. Viewing the present situation in Europe, one wonders how it will be possible to hold back the explosion much longer; and that even before 1925 the great crisis will be reached and probably passed." [Watch Tower 1922 Sep 1 p.262](#)

"Our thought is, that 1925 is definitely settled by the Scriptures, marking the end of the typical jubilees. ... As to Noah, the Christian now has much more upon which to base his faith than Noah had (so far as the Scriptures reveal) upon which to base his faith in a coming deluge." [Watch Tower 1923 Apr 1 p.106](#)

"The year 1925 is a date definitely and clearly marked in Scriptures, even more clearly than that of 1914;..."
[Watchtower 1924 Jul 15 p.211](#)

Could there be any more direct evidence of an organization that promoted false prophecy in the name of God? How could Rutherford say that his followers had more reason to accept his prediction of 1925 than Noah had to believe the words directly spoken by Jehovah?

Rutherford gloated that those criticising the 1925 predictions would fail.

"We cannot be blamed for presenting from the Scriptures such evidence as they afford which leads us to believe that a certain event will take place at a given time. Some times the Lord has let His people looking for the right thing at the wrong time, and more frequently they have looked for the wrong things at the right time. But all the enemies of the cause of present truth in the earth are fervently hoping that the Bible students will not be so successful in 1925 in looking for the right thing at the right time as they were in 1914. If they are, however, it will be the other fellow that will have to do the explaining, and not we." [Golden Age 1924 Feb 13 p.314](#)

As evidence of the imminence of the end, articles showed how Jesus' signs were being fulfilled. For instance, a spate of earthquakes in the United States in 1925 were used to motivate followers.

"1925 A YEAR OF EARTHQUAKES

On **June 27th and 28th** the state of Montana experienced a series of earthquake shocks which cracked many buildings and caused others to sway dangerously. ... The whole earth seems to be uneasy, getting ready for the greatest of all earthquakes, the one predicted by the Lord as due at this time no doubt." *The Broadcaster 1925 Jul 13*

Early 1925, Rutherford started back peddling on such certainties.

"How much of all this will come to pass in 1926 is not stated. At present we do not find any definite date beyond 1926 indicated in the Scriptures. When the Bible Students found 1914 in the Bible they heralded it far and wide, but the Lord left the curtain down at that date until we had reached it. God set his seal upon 1914, and the work started that year is still going on. **We find the date 1925-1926 clearly indicated in the prophetic outline, and the Lord has not lifted the curtain sufficiently for us to see distinctly beyond.**" *Watch Tower 1925 Feb 15 p.58*

Preaching that the earthly resurrection would commence in 1925 resulted in tremendous growth for the Watchtower Society.

"This resulted in bringing into the sanctuary many more to be members of this remnant consecrated by Jehovah. This was evident from the increasing attendance at the annual celebrations of the Lord's evening meal,

32,661 participating in 1922;

42,000 in 1923;

62,696 in 1924; and

90,434 in 1925. ...

89,278 [in 1926]"

Watchtower 1960 May 1 p.282

The converse occurred after 1925 came and went without incidence. Memorial attendance dropped by three-quarters, from 88,544 in 1927 to just 17,380 in 1928. (*Watchtower 1955 p.366; Yearbook 1929 p.55*) (*Jehovah's Witnesses in the Divine Purpose p. 313*) It is estimated that as many as 75% of publishers left the religion and by 1935 memorial attendance was still only 63,146. It took until 1940 to once again reach the same number of Watchtower followers as the pre-1925 era.

Who Were the Millions?

Russell had proposed that Watchtower followers were to go to heaven, whilst most of the remainder of humanity would survive Armageddon to be educated personally by Jesus in paradise earth.

"He takes mankind as he finds them, and during the Millennial age will deal with each individual of the world according to his own particular condition, having mercy upon the weak and requiring more of the stronger, ..."

[Studies in the Scriptures - The New Creation p.114](#)

Rutherford continued to promote this teaching. In the New System, freed from the influence of Satan, Jesus would directly teach all people and give them the opportunity to choose if they wished to live forever serving him. Salvation was not contingent on becoming a *Watchtower* follower, or even a believer in Jesus. In fact, the churches were criticised for teaching that their members exclusively would be saved.

"The church systems would have the people believe that only those who become church members can be saved. The Bible never taught any such doctrine. ... Jesus died not only for those who will constitute the members of the church, but for all. St. John plainly stated: "He is the propitiation [satisfaction] for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world".-I John 2:2." *Millions Now Living Will Never Die!* p.94

It would be impossible for the human race, therefore, to accept the gift of life everlasting before it is offered. It will be offered only in God's due time and the divine plan shows that his due time is after the seed of promise is developed, after the kingdom is setup; and then each one in his order will be brought to a knowledge of the fact that a plan of redemption exists and that the way is open for him to accept the terms of it and live.... *Millions Now Living Will Never Die!* pp. 95-96

The remainder of mankind have not heard it; therefore could not keep it. They will hear, however, in due time after the establishment of the kingdom. Then it shall come to pass that every one who will keep the saying of the Lord shall never see death. *Millions Now Living Will Never Die!* pp. 96-97

Based upon the argument heretofore set forth, then, that the old order of things, the old world, is ending and is therefore passing away, and that the new order is coming in, and that 1925 shall mark the resurrection of the faithful worthies of old and the beginning of reconstruction, it is reasonable to conclude that millions of people now on the earth will be still on the earth in 1925. Then, based upon the promises set forth in the divine Word, we must reach the positive and indisputable conclusion that millions now living will never die." *Millions Now Living Will Never Die!* p. 97

"It was stated in the "*Millions*" book that we might reasonably expect them to return shortly after 1925, but this was merely an expressed opinion; besides it is still shortly after 1925." *Watch Tower 1926 Jul 1 p.196*

"Some anticipated that the work would end in 1925, but the Lord did not so state." *Watch Tower 1926 Aug 1 p.232*

"Instead of its being considered a 'probability,' they read into it that it was a 'certainty'." *Yearbook 1975 p.146*

"Ever since the 1870's, Bible Students had been serving with a date in mind - first 1914, then 1925. Now they realized that they must serve for as long as Jehovah wishes." *Watchtower 1993 Nov 1 p.12*

"On the basis of what was said there, many hoped that perhaps the remaining ones of the little flock would receive their heavenly reward by 1925. ... Though mistaken, they eagerly shared it with others." *Jehovah's Witnesses - Proclaimers of God's Kingdom p.632*

Rather than accept responsibility for stumbling followers with their false 1925 teachings, Watchtower derogatively describes these ones as chaff.

"Although these tests resulted in a sifting and some blew away like chaff when wheat is winnowed, others remained firm." *Jehovah's Witnesses - Proclaimers of God's Kingdom p.633*

Current Watchtower comments about 1925, such as in Proclaimers, attempt to whitewash the failure, or shift the blame to the members. However, on one occasion, Rutherford candidly made the following admission;

"Regarding his misguided statements as to what we could expect in 1925, he once confessed to us at Bethel, "I made an ass of myself."" *Watchtower 1984 Oct 1 p.24*

Importance Downplayed

Proclaimers deceptively claims that the failure of 1925 affected just a small minority.

"The year 1925 came and went. Some abandoned their hope. But the vast majority of the Bible Students remained faithful." *Jehovah's Witnesses - Proclaimers of God's Kingdom p.78*

We have already seen from *Watchtower* statistics that over half left the organisation.

An interesting tactic that downplays the importance is seen in the following quote. It is admitted that attendance dropped "in France and Switzerland", which misleadingly makes it seem other countries were not equally affected.

"But some of their time calculations and the expectations that they associated with these gave rise to serious disappointments. Following 1925, meeting attendance dropped dramatically in some congregations in France and Switzerland." *Jehovah's Witnesses - Proclaimers of God's Kingdom p.633*

Similar intellectual dishonesty can be identified in the 1980 Yearbook, which misquotes from the *Watchtower* of 1926 in an attempt to downplay the sentiment of 1925. Notice [see on-line] how only half a sentence is quoted, with a full stop replacing a semi-colon. *Yearbook 1980 p.62*

"Indicative of this testing was the question meeting held by Brother Rutherford during the Basel, Switzerland, assembly, which took place May 1-3, 1926. The report on this convention stated:

Question: Have the ancient worthies returned?

Answer: Certainly they have not returned. No one has seen them, and it would be foolish to make such an announcement. It was stated in the "*Millions*" book that we might reasonably expect them to return shortly after 1925, but this was merely an expressed opinion; besides it is still shortly after 1925. There is no good reason why we should expect the ancient worthies to return until the church is complete and the work of the church on earth is done." *Watchtower 1926 Jul 1 p.196*

When mentioning the title of the 1918 lectures, a 2010 Watchtower uses the word "may" instead of "will", despite including a scanned image of a newspaper advertisement that used the word "will" in the title.

"The anointed followers of Christ have been extending the invitation since as far back as 1918. In that year, the public talk entitled, *Millions Now Living May Never Die*, offered hope that many will gain life in a paradise earth after the battle of Armageddon." *Watchtower 2010 Feb 15 pp.15-16*

Using the word "**May**" deceptively covers over the absolute conviction Rutherford was implanting in his followers that the new system would arrive in 1925.

Rutherford's Defining Prophecy

The 1925 teaching seems to have originated between 1914 and 1916, whilst Russell was still living, but without his consent. In 1916 the *Watch Tower* quoted a letter asking;

DEARLY BELOVED PASTOR:... A sister recently arrived from --- tells us that the Class there are teaching that the church must not expect to be glorified until 1925, and that this is your thought;..." *Watch Tower 1916 Apr 15 reprints p.5888*

Russell replied;

"Our kindest thought must be that they are not giving much head to its teachings. Otherwise they would know from its columns that we are not looking forward to 1925, nor to any other date." *Watch Tower 1916 Apr 15 reprints p.5888*

Shortly after Russell's death, Rutherford introduced 1925 as doctrine. Whether this originated with Rutherford or some other person, this became Rutherford's defining prophecy, as he used it to rebuild Watchtower membership after the failure and disappointment of 1914. However, it was the failure of 1925 that resulted in even more important consequences for today, as it led to Rutherford embarking on a dramatic overhaul of *Watchtower* doctrine, and distancing his followers from Russell.

Following the failure of 1925, almost all of Russell's time prophecy predictions were discarded by Rutherford. Furthermore, it was stated that between 1918 and 1919 Jesus cleansed the Watchtower Society, in effect implying that the time of Russell was one of uncleanness, and it was under Rutherford that Jesus chose the Organization as his sole provision for salvation. Rutherford distanced his followers from other Christians by stating most of Christendom's symbols and holidays were pagan. Use of the word Jehovah began to be emphasised (see *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached p.288; Proclaimers p.152*), leading to the name change of *Watchtower* followers from Bible Students to Jehovah's Witnesses in 1931.

Rutherford's post 1925 belief structure removed the value of Jesus sacrifice from "all mankind" and placed his followers alone amongst the living as worthy of its benefits.

This unfortunate view eliminates most of the value of Jesus sacrifice for those alive at Armageddon and paints a cruel and unjust God.

This viewpoint cannot be justified by reason or Scripture, yet is common amongst fundamentalist religious groups, due to being an effective way to encourage membership and prevent defection.

"*Millions now living will never die*" had its first failure in 1925 when the earthly return of Abraham failed to materialise. Time has proven this prophecy false beyond doubt.

In 2017 there were less than one million people still alive that were on earth when Rutherford made his bold statement, with **an estimate of only 450,000 centenarians throughout the earth.**

Blaming Jehovah's Witnesses for having false expectations is a common theme. Watchtower strongly promoted that the world would end in 1914, and then in 1925. Regarding the failure of the end eventuating in 1914, Watchtower wrote:

"There were also other expectations concerning 1914. Alexander H. Macmillan, who had been baptized in September 1900, later recalled: "**A few of us seriously thought we were going to heaven during the first week of that October.** Had some been attracted by the thought of their own early salvation rather than love for God and a strong desire to do his will?" *Jehovah's Witnesses - Proclaimers of God's Kingdom p.61*

Watchtower similarly shifted blame to the members after 1925, shirking responsibility despite having printed a considerable amount of literature promoting 1925 as the time for Jesus return.

"Some anticipated that the work would end in 1925, but the Lord did not state so. The difficulty was that the friends inflated their imaginations beyond reason; and that when their imaginations burst asunder, they were inclined to throw away everything." *Watchtower 1926 p.232*

If the holy spirit guides doctrine from the Governing Body, why is it sometimes completely wrong, such as with the [generation](#) or [1925](#)?

>5d. Wrong dates and so many changes – 1975AD

As we have seen from the above, the **JW Date of Creation was initially set for 4128BC. This was changed to 4028BC and then to 4026BC. 4026BC + 6,000 years gave 1975BC.**

It was implied that the end would occur in 1975, since this was 6,000 years from the creation of Adam. See [1975](#) for a full discussion of this date.

We have also seen how the JWs have mixed their creation date with the fall of Adam due to sin:

https://piotrandryszczak.pl/Armageddon_in_1975_Adam's_Sin_and_1975.html [extracts taken]

When I discussed the year 1975 with Jehovah's Witnesses, I heard another explanation: that 6,000 years should be counted from sin of Adam and Eve, not from their creation. Since we do not know when they committed their sin, so we cannot determine the end of 6,000 years and the beginning of the millennium. I could not find such interpretation in the publications, but we cannot rule out that such an explanation existed or that it was verbally transmitted among publishers **(in early days of the Watchtower Society the return of Christ in 1874 was calculated by adding 6,000 years to a date of Adam's sin in a year 4126 before Christ, not to a date of his creation in 4128; see *Thy Kingdom Come 1919*, pp. 127-128).**

1966 "According to this **trustworthy Bible chronology** six thousand years from man's creation will end in 1975, and the seventh period of a thousand years of human history will begin in the **fall of 1975 C.E** Six thousand years of man's existence on earth will soon be up, yea within this generation. The rein of Christ...to run parallel with the 7th millennium ..." (*Life Everlasting in Freedom of the Sons of God, 1966*, p. 29-30)

1966 "In this twentieth century **an independent study** has been carried on that does not blindly follow some traditional chronological calculations of Christendom, and **the published timetable resulting from this independent study gives the date of man's creation as 4026 B.C.E.** So six thousand years of man's existence on earth will soon be up, yes, within this generation." (*Life Everlasting in Freedom of the Sons of God*, p. 29, **1966** [Note: 4026 BC to 1975 AD = 6000 years])

1968 "More recently, the book entitled "Famine-1975!" [by W. & P. Paddock, 1967, pp. 52,55,61.] said concerning today's food shortages: "Hunger is rampant throughout country after country, continent after continent around the undeveloped belt of the tropics and subtropics. Today's crisis can move in only one direction -toward catastrophe. Today hungry nations; tomorrow starving nations." ... **"By 1975 civil disorder, anarchy, military dictatorships, runaway inflation, transportation breakdowns and chaotic unrest will be the order of the day in many of the hungry nations."** (*The Truth That Leads To Eternal Life*, p 88-89, **1968**)

1968 "True, there have been those in times past who predicted an "end" to the world, even announcing a specific date. Yet nothing happened. The 'end' did not come. They were guilty of false prophesying. Why? What was missing? Missing from such people were God's truths and the evidence that He was using and guiding them." (*Awake, Oct. 8, 1968*)

1993 (The society's latest 'History' book - "*Jehovah's Witnesses, Proclaimers of God's Kingdom*", **1993**) [Note: At the end of this book there is a chronological section called 'Notable Dates'. The predictions for 1925 and 1975 don't even get a mention! **Talk about rewriting history to gullible young converts!**]

From 1966 to 1975, the Watchtower regularly implied that Armageddon would arrive in 1975. However, ask one of Jehovah's Witnesses about this date and they will invariably deny there ever being such statements. The following exhaustive list of quotes show the Watchtower left little to the imagination regarding 1975.

In 1980, Watchtower admitted "considerable expectation was aroused regarding the year 1975" from information printed in its publications.

The Watchtower strongly implied the end would come in 1975.

"With the appearance of the book *Life Everlasting-in Freedom of the Sons of God*, and its comments as to how appropriate it would be for the millennial reign of Christ to parallel the seventh millennium of man's existence, **considerable expectation was aroused regarding the year 1975.** ... Unfortunately, however, along with such cautionary information, there were other statements published that implied that such realization of hopes by that year was **more of a probability than a mere possibility.**" *Watchtower 1980 Mar 15 p.17*

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1975 Watchtower Quotes

The idea that 1975 would culminate in the end of the world was introduced in 1966.

"The published timetable resulting from this INDEPENDENT STUDY gives the date of man's creation as 4026 B.C.E. According to this TRUSTWORTHY Bible chronology six thousand years from man's creation will end in 1975, and the seventh period of a thousand years of human history will begin in the fall of 1975 C.E. So six thousand years of man's existence on earth will soon be up, yes, within this generation. So in not many years within our own generation we are reaching what Jehovah God could view as the seventh day of man's existence. How appropriate it would be for Jehovah God to make of this coming seventh period of a thousand years a sabbath period of rest and release, a great Jubilee sabbath for the proclaiming of liberty throughout the earth to all its inhabitants! This would be most timely for mankind. It would also be most fitting on God's part, for, remember, mankind has yet ahead of it what the last book of the Holy Bible speaks of as the reign of Jesus Christ over earth for a thousand years, the millennial reign of Christ. It would not be by mere chance or accident but would be according to the loving purpose of Jehovah God for the reign of Jesus Christ, the 'Lord of the Sabbath,' to run parallel with the seventh millennium of man's existence." *Life Everlasting in Freedom of the Sons of God 1966 pp.26-30*

Note: This 4,026 year date is derived from the [correct] 1,656 years from Creation to the Great Flood + a figure of **2,370 years** until the time of the birth of Jesus. However, from Google searches it has not been possible to prove **this 2,370 figure. It appears to be used and just quoted [by Watchtower/Jehovah's Witnesses] without any explanation, nor calculation.** By calculation, the James Ussher date for Creation is 4004 BC. With an incorrect 4,026 year date it follows that the Jehovah's Witnesses' date of 1975 would also be incorrect.

"It did not take the brothers very long to find the chart beginning on page 31, showing that 6,000 years of man's existence end in 1975. **Discussion of 1975 overshadowed about everything else. "The new book compels us to realize that Armageddon is, in fact, very close indeed,"** said a conventioner. Surely it was one of the outstanding blessings to be carried home!" .. Brother Franz. **'Does it mean that Armageddon is going to be finished, with Satan bound, by 1975? It could! It could!** All things are possible with God. Does it mean that Babylon the Great is going to go down by 1975? It could. Does it mean that the attack of Gog of Magog is going to be made on Jehovah's witnesses to wipe them out, then Gog himself will be put out of action? It could. **But we are not saying. All things are possible with God. But we are not saying. And don't any of you be specific in saying anything that is going to happen between now and 1975.** But the big point of it all is this, dear friends: Time is short. Time is running out, no question about that." *Watchtower 1966 Oct 15 pp.629,631*

In 1967, Watchtower wrote that "sudden death" was "only a few short years ahead of us" and to come within the generation that had seen both world wars.

"the danger of **sudden death** is staring you in the face. ... That is exactly the case with the warning that we speak of here, and there are reasons why it can truly be said to be the most urgent warning ever given. ... It is to come within the generation that has already seen two world wars and it is **only a few short years ahead of us.**" *Watchtower 1967 Apr 15 pp.243-244*

In November 1968, District Overseer Duggan announced at the Pampa Texas Assembly that "not really a full 83 months remains, so lets be faithful and confident and ... we will be alive beyond the war of Armageddon....," which therefore stated Armageddon by October 1975.

Similar comments flowed through the **Watchtower** during the late nineteen sixties, showing that the concept **Armageddon would arrive in 1975 was encouraged**, with terms such as **"there is only 6 years left"** used as a count down to the end.

"Just think, brothers, **there are only about ninety months left** before 6,000 years of man's existence on earth is completed. Do you remember what we learned at the assemblies last summer? **The majority of people living today will probably be alive when Armageddon breaks out**, and there are no resurrection hopes for those that are destroyed then." [Kingdom Ministry 1968 Mar p.4](#)

The August 15 issue of the 1968 *Watchtower* went into great detail to prove that 1975 really is the end of 6000 years, giving credence to 1975 speculation.

"Do we know that the **seventh year from now** will conclude the 6,000th year since Adam was created? And if we live to that year 1975, what should we expect to happen?" [Watchtower 1968 Aug 15 p.488](#)

"The fact that **fifty-four years of the period called the "last days" have already gone by is highly significant. It means that only a few years, at most, remain before the corrupt system of things dominating the earth is destroyed by God.**" *Awake! 1968 Oct 8 p.13*

Watchtower was still promoting such expectations in 1975. During an Assembly part on **February 10th, 1975** in Los Angeles, Fred Franz referred to *[Live] Everlasting Life in Freedom of the Sons of God*, saying:

"And then if we turn to page 35 we are starting to see the year nineteen hundred and seventy five, where we actually are. And, **what does it say with regard to 1975? It says, the end**, now notice this, the end of the six one thousand year day of man's existence in early autumn. And then it carries us beyond that, beyond this year, **the next date is 2075. So you see, we haven't much left till this year 1975. It going to end at sundown of September the 5th**, and that immediately after September the the 5th, why the millennial kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ must begin in order to fulfil the final thousand years of God's great seven creative days, and they're expecting the great tribulation to occur and the destruction of Babylon the Great and the annihilation of all the political systems of this world and then the binding of Satan and his demons and their abyssing to occur before this year is ended, this year nineteen hundred and seventy five, and immediately thereafter the thousand year reign of the Lord Jesus Christ to begin. Now that is all it says about the year 1975 (*Audience applauses*)"

The May 1st, 1975 Watchtower refers to a similar speech Fred Franz delivered at the **March 2nd, 1975** graduation program for Watchtower Bible School of Gilead.

"Another speaker, F. W. Franz, the Society's vice-president, forcefully impressed on the audience the urgency of the Christian preaching work. He stressed that, **according to DEPENDABLE Bible chronology, 6,000 years of human history will end this coming September according to the lunar calendar.** This coincides with a time when "the human species [is] about to starve itself to death," as well as its being faced with poisoning by pollution and destruction by nuclear weapons. Franz added: "There's **no basis for believing that mankind**, faced with what it now faces, **can exist** for the seventh thousand-year period" under the present system of things.

Does this mean that we know exactly when God will destroy this old system and establish a new one? Franz showed that we do not, for **we do not know how short was the time interval between Adam's creation and the creation of Eve**, at which point God's rest day of seven thousand years began. (Heb. 4:3, 4) But, he pointed out, "**we should not think that this year of 1975 is of no significance to us,**" for the Bible proves that Jehovah is "the greatest chronologist" and "**we have the anchor date, 1914, marking the end of the Gentile Times.**" So, he continued, "**we are filled with anticipation for the near future**, for our generation."—Matt. 24:34." *Watchtower 1975 May 1 p.285*

"Yes, since the summer of 1973 there have been new peaks in pioneers every month. Now there are 20,394 regular and special pioneers in the United States, an all-time peak. That is 5,190 more than there were in February 1973! A 34-percent increase! Does that not warm our hearts? **Reports are heard of brothers selling their homes and property and planning to finish out the rest of their days in this old system in the pioneer service. Certainly this is a fine way to spend the short time remaining before the wicked world's end.**" *Kingdom Ministry May 1974 p.3 How Are You Using Your Life?*

"Today there is a great crowd of people who are confident that a destruction of even greater magnitude is now imminent. The evidence is that Jesus' prophecy will shortly have a major fulfilment, upon this entire system of things. This has been a **major factor in influencing many couples to decide not to have children at this time.**" *Awake! 1974 Nov 8 p.11* **Witnesses stocked up on long life food**, reminiscent of Mormon pantries. One of my friend's families hid items in the bush, including a cross bow so they could quietly hunt animals during Armageddon. **Others went further; they cashed in superannuation plans, cancelled health insurance and sold their homes and bought caravans to live in. This created great problems for many families as they were totally unprepared for lives that would extend on for many decades.**

Post 1975 Blame the followers

After the failure of 1975, very little was ever said. In 1976, the Watchtower printed AN INCREDULOUS ARTICLE chastising those that planned their lives around a certain date. The *Watchtower 1976 Jul 15 pp.440-441* stated:

¹¹ It may be that some who have been serving God have planned their lives according to a **mistaken view** of just what was to happen on a certain date or in a certain year. They may have, for this reason, put off or neglected things that they otherwise would have cared for. But they have missed the point of the Bible's warnings concerning the end of this system of things, thinking that Bible chronology reveals the specific date.

¹² What do Jesus' own words show concerning the proper attitude as to the end—to look for a date, or what? He said: "Pay attention to yourselves that your hearts never become weighed down with overeating and heavy drinking and anxieties of life, and suddenly that day be instantly upon you as a snare. For it will come in upon all those dwelling upon the face of all the earth. Keep awake, then, all the time making supplication that you may succeed in escaping all these things that are destined to occur, and in standing before the Son of man."—Luke 21:34-36.

¹³ Did Jesus mean that we should adjust our financial and secular affairs so that our resources would just carry us to a certain date that we might think marks the end? If our house is suffering serious deterioration, should we let it go, on the assumption that we would need it only a few months longer? Or, if someone in the family possibly needs special medical care, should we say, 'Well, we'll put it off because the time is so near for this system of things to go'? This is not the kind of thinking that Jesus advised. ...

¹⁵ But it is not advisable for us to set our sights on a certain date, neglecting everyday things we would ordinarily care for as Christians, such as things that we and our families really need. We may be forgetting that, when the "day" comes, it will not change the principle that Christians must at all times take care of all their responsibilities. If anyone has been disappointed through not following this line of thought, he should now concentrate on adjusting his viewpoint, seeing that it was not the word of God that failed or deceived him and brought disappointment, but **that his own understanding was based on wrong premises.**

¹⁶ However, say that you are one who counted heavily on a date, and, commendably, set your attention more strictly on the urgency of the times and the need of the people to hear. And say you now, temporarily, feel somewhat disappointed; are you really the loser? Are you really hurt? We believe you can say that you have gained and profited by taking this conscientious course. Also, you have been enabled to get a really mature, more reasonable viewpoint.—Eph. 5:1-17.

Compare comments from immediately prior to 1975, to shortly afterwards. In 1974, Jehovah's Witnesses were praised for selling their houses. In 1976, they were criticised. IT IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY COULD BE SO HYPOCRITICAL AS TO CRITICISE PEOPLE DOING WHAT THEY HAD ENCOURAGED, and that Jehovah's Witnesses accepted this without question.

Blaming Jehovah's Witnesses for having raise expectations is a common theme. Watchtower strongly promoted that the world would end in 1914, and then in 1925. Regarding the failure of the end eventuating in 1914, Watchtower wrote:

"There were also other expectations concerning 1914. Alexander H. Macmillan, who had been baptized in September 1900, later recalled: "**A few of us seriously thought we were going to heaven during the first week of that October.** Had some been attracted by the thought of their own early salvation rather than love for God and a strong desire to do his will?" *Jehovah's Witnesses - Proclaimers of God's Kingdom* p.61

Watchtower similarly shifted blame to the members after 1925, shirking responsibility despite having printed a considerable amount of literature promoting 1925 as the time for Jesus return.

"Some anticipated that the work would end in 1925, but the Lord did not state so. The difficulty was that the friends inflated their imaginations beyond reason; and that when their imaginations burst asunder, they were inclined to throw away everything." *Watchtower* 1926 p.232

Post 1975 Admission of Guilt

The first suggestion the Watchtower was compliant in the hype of 1975 was not until the 1980 Yearbook.

"The brothers also appreciated the candor of this same talk, which acknowledged the Society's responsibility for some of the disappointment a number felt regarding 1975." *Yearbook* 1980 pp.30-31

The other formal admission of guilt was a single paragraph in the 1980 Watchtower article "Choosing the Best Way of Life". This paragraph confessed excitement surrounding 1975 was encouraged by the Watchtower. However, one cannot help note with disappointment the **five year span before such admission**, or that **the article still concluded by shifting blame to the attitude of the members.** The *Watchtower* 1980 March 15 p.17 to p.18 stated:

"In modern times such eagerness, commendable in itself, has led to attempts at setting dates for the desired liberation from the suffering and troubles that are the lot of persons throughout the earth. With the appearance of the book *Life Everlasting-in Freedom of the Sons of God*, and its comments as to how appropriate it would be for the millennial reign of Christ to parallel the seventh millennium of man's existence, **considerable expectation was aroused regarding the year 1975.** There were statements made then, and thereafter, stressing that **this was only a possibility.** Unfortunately, however, along with **such cautionary information, there were other statements published that implied that such realization of hopes by that year was more of a probability than a mere possibility.** It is to be regretted that these **latter statements apparently overshadowed the cautionary ones and contributed to a buildup of the expectation already initiated.**

In its issue of **July 15, 1976**, *The Watchtower*, commenting on the inadvisability of setting our sights on a certain date, stated: "If **ANYONE** has been disappointed through not following this line of thought, he should now concentrate on adjusting his viewpoint, seeing that it was not the word of God that failed or deceived him and brought disappointment, but that his own understanding was based on wrong premises." **In saying "ANYONE," The Watchtower included all disappointed ones of Jehovah's Witnesses, hence including persons having to do with the publication of the information that contributed to the buildup of hopes centered on that date.**

Conclusion

Jehovah's Witnesses are forced to ignore intelligent lines of reason and follow whatever is promoted in the Watchtower. The excitement over 1975 is testament to how their thinking ability atrophies. There are at least three obvious reasons for why 1975 could not be the date for Armageddon.

Adam's creation was neither the end of creation nor the start of God's day of rest. The Bible does not tell when God created Eve. The *Watchtower* 1955 Feb 1 p.95 specifically said as much;

The JW theology is incorrect. The 7 literal days of Creation Week do parallel the 7,000 years. There is much evidence for this fact:

Genesis 1:27 **So GOD created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.** [Matthew 19:4] {Jesus received all power from His Father [Matthew 28:18]; ultimately it was God who created; not Jesus.}

Genesis 1:31 **And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, [it was] very good. And the EVENING and the MORNING were the SIXTH DAY.**

Genesis 2:7 **And the LORD God formed man [of] the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.** [1 Corinthians 15:45]

Genesis 2:21 **And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;**

Genesis 2:22 **And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.**

Genesis 2:23 **And Adam said, This [is] now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.**

Note: All these events occurred on the **SIXTH literal DAY** of Creation. There was no day-age time interval.

The **Spirit of Prophecy** confirms this Biblical fact and gives **NO** room for any alternatives:

God made the world in SIX LITERAL DAYS, and on the **SEVENTH LITERAL DAY** He rested from all His work which He had done, and was refreshed. So He has given man six days in which to labor. But He sanctified the day of His rest, and gave it to man to be kept free from all secular labor. By thus setting apart the Sabbath, God gave the world a memorial. He did not set apart one day and any day in seven, but one particular day, the seventh day. And by observing the Sabbath, we show that we recognize God as the living God, the Creator of heaven and earth. {Letter No.31-1898}

Wikipedia Note: The Watch Tower Society teaches a combination of gap creationism and day-age creationism, with an extended period between the initial creation of the universe and the subsequent 'creative days' in relation to the earth, which are said to have taken "thousands of years". It dismisses Young Earth creationism as "unscriptural and unbelievable", and states that **Jehovah's Witnesses "are not creationists" on the basis that they do not believe the earth was created in six literal days.**[Watch Tower Society publications attempt to refute the theory of evolution, in favor of divine intelligent design.] The Society teaches that the first human, Adam, was created in **4026 BCE**.

During the 1975 hype it began being stated that **Adam and Eve were created in the same YEAR**, speaking of "the year of Adam and Eve's creation in 4026 B.C.C." (*Watchtower 1968 May 1 p.271*) **Immediately following the failure of 1975 the Watchtower reverted to their original position.**

"But that great rest day did not begin immediately after Adam's creation. Other events took place after Adam's creation but before the close of the sixth creative day. One of these is of great importance to all of us. That is the creation of the first woman, Eve." *Watchtower 1976 Jul 15 p.436*

The failure of 1914 and 1925 taught the *Watchtower* the danger of specific date setting, but there can be no misunderstanding the implication of the articles prior to 1975. However, **ask a Jehovah's Witnesses now whether 1975 was ever thought to be the end of the world and the answer will invariably be denial. This is in line with how the Watchtower paints this part of its history.**

All change – 1975 becomes 1976 !!! [but still nothing happened]

<https://wol.jw.org/en/wol/d/r1/lp-e/1955089> [extracts taken]

Questions From Readers

• **What are the reasons for changing the date of Adam's creation first from 4028 B.C. to 4026 B.C. and now recently in the book "New Heavens and a New Earth" to 4025 B.C.?**

Undue concern seems to be manifested as to the date of Adam's creation and some ask, What are the reasons for changing the creation date of Adam first from **4028 B.C. to 4026 B.C.** and now recently in the book "*New Heavens and a New Earth*" to **4025 B.C.**? Let us examine the advancements made in Bible chronology that have warranted the above adjustments as we have moved forward to newer positions of light as to God's Word.—[Prov. 4:18](#).

While preparing in 1944 the book "*The Kingdom Is at Hand*" a two-year error was detected by internal Bible scholarship. In the following quotation from this 1944 publication of the Society, full explanation is offered: "In the book '*The Truth Shall Make You Free*', published in 1943, the chronology on pages 150, 151 concerning the kings of Jerusalem, **from Solomon's successor to Zedekiah**, is based on [the book of 2 Chronicles, chapters 12 to 36](#). This appears to show the reigns of those kings as successive, end to end. Actually, however, this was not so, as is plainly shown in the books of 1 and 2 Kings, which books give us a countercheck on the successors of Solomon by a comparison of these kings of Judah with the neighbor kings of the ten-tribe kingdom of Israel. . . . Measured by 2 Chronicles, the period of kings from Saul to Zedekiah was 513 years. **Measured by the more precise and detailed books of Kings, the period was actually 511 years, or 2 years less.** This fact affects the chronology as a whole and pulls man's creation 2 years closer to A.D. 1 and gives it the date **4026 B.C., not 4028 B.C.**"—Footnote, page 171.

In 1953 in preparing the chart that appears in the book "*New Heavens and a New Earth*" **a one-year error was brought to light.** By the aid of the **New World Translation of the Hebrew Scriptures** the difference between the two numbers appearing at [Genesis 7:6](#) and [Genesis 7:11](#) became apparent, especially since there are two different Hebrew words here maintaining a distinct difference. At [Genesis 7:6](#) the number 600 referring to Noah's age means 600 full years, being what is generally termed a cardinal number. Whereas at [Genesis 7:11](#) the number "600th," an ordinal number, means 599 full years plus a portion of another year. For example, this is said to be the twentieth century, meaning there have been nineteen full centuries in the past and we are now fifty-four years along in the next century.

To reconcile these two different numbers properly translated from the Hebrew text, **the position clearly appeared that Noah must have entered the ark in November upon the beginning of the flood when he was 599 years old plus some months. But that while he was in the ark some months later with the deluge waters still occurring upon the earth, Noah had a birthday rounding out his full 600 years.** Inasmuch as previously our chronology considered Noah as 600 full years old when he entered the ark, instead of the actual 599 years and some months, as we now see, **this has meant that the pre-flood dates must be shrunk by one year, this bringing Adam's creation for the fall of 4025 B.C.** Incidentally, Jesus, who became the second or "last Adam," was born in the fall of the year around the first of October.—[1 Cor. 15:45](#), NW.

It is well to understand that all Bible chronology dates for events prior to 539 B.C. must be figured backward from the Absolute date of 539 B.C. **In the sure date of 607 B.C. for the fall of Jerusalem we have an anchor for the chronology establishment of the important year of 1914. By an overwhelming number of physical facts occurring since 1914, this great turning-point year in man's history, 1914, has been abundantly confirmed.**

According to [Genesis 1:24-31](#) Adam was created during the last part of the sixth creative-day period of 7,000 years. Almost all independent chronologists assume incorrectly that, as soon as Adam was created, then began Jehovah's seventh seven-thousand-year period of the creative week. Such then figure that from **Adam's creation, now thought to be the fall of 4025 B.C., why, six thousand years of God's rest day would be ending in the fall of 1976.** However, from our present chronology (which is admitted imperfect) at best the **fall of the year 1976** would be the end of 6,000 years of human history for mankind, 6,000 years of man's existence on the earth, not 6,000 years of Jehovah's seventh seven-thousand-year period. Why not? Because **Adam lived some time after his creation in the latter part of Jehovah's sixth creative period, before the seventh period, Jehovah's sabbath, began.**

Now note this:

Despite claims of guidance, the Elder's Book provides a procedure for when the elders are in disagreement over a persons guilt, with a majority decision being upheld.

"Generally, those serving on a judicial committee should endeavour to be unanimous in their decisions. Any difference of opinion can usually be resolved by discussing matters thoroughly as a judicial committee, researching the Scriptures and Christian publications, praying for wisdom and direction, and even consulting with an experienced elder outside the congregation. However, if the committee is unable to reach a unanimous conclusion, the minority should give support to the decision reached by the majority. " *Shepherd the Flock of God p.95*

This is an admission that elders are not guided after all, but simply presenting their personal opinions.

The procedure to disfellowship a person also includes an appeal process. This too is an indication that the Watchtower knows that the decisions are not directed, nor can be trusted. If it was, then the decision of the first group of elders would always be correct.

Then there is this Statement by those so-called Holy Spirit guided Governing Body:

The Governing Body today only needs a 2/3 majority to establish a new doctrine.

"At a session three weeks later, April 30 [1975], President Knorr surprised us by making a motion that henceforth all matters be decided by a two-thirds vote of the active membership." *Crisis of Conscience (Commentary Press Fourth Edition 2004) Ray Franz p.85*

NB: This makes a total mockery of "The Governing Body" being guided by the Holy Spirit of God !

We have just read that "Generally, those serving on a judicial committee should endeavour to be unanimous in their decisions. Any difference of opinion can usually be resolved by discussing matters thoroughly as a judicial committee, researching the Scriptures and Christian publications, praying for wisdom and direction, and even consulting with an experienced elder outside the congregation.

Conclusion: **The Governing Body** which proclaims to be guided by the Holy Spirit is incapable of doing this and, from April 30, 1975, needs to adopt a **two-thirds majority of the total active membership** voting procedure !

Such action PROVES that man controls this committee and not God.

Malachi 3:6 **For I [am] the LORD, I CHANGE NOT; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.**

Under the above Section [5a, 5b, 5c and 5d] we have ample proof that the Watchtower / Governing Body Are NOT guided by the Holy Spirit but that they act for themselves.

> Section 6 Additional Comments

A number of **schisms developed** within the congregations of Bible Students associated with the Watch Tower Society between 1909 and 1932. The most significant split began in 1917 following the election of Joseph Franklin Rutherford as president of the Watch Tower Society two months after Russell's death. Rutherford's early presidency was marked by a dispute with the Society's board of directors, in which four of its seven members **accused him of autocratic behaviour** and sought to reduce his powers. The schism began with **Rutherford's controversial replacement of four of the Society's board of directors** and publication of *The Finished Mystery* in July 1917. Rutherford's confrontation with four Watch Tower Society directors who opposed him in 1917 highlighted both the **forcefulness of his personality and his determination to fight for what he believed** was right. **Rutherford and seven other Watch Tower executives were imprisoned in 1918** after charges were laid over the publication of *The Finished Mystery*, a book deemed seditious for its opposition to World War I

The resulting leadership crisis divided the Bible Student community and contributed to the loss of one-seventh of adherents by 1919 and thousands more members left congregations of Bible Students associated with the Watch Tower Society during the 1920s, prompted in part by **Rutherford's failed predictions for the year 1925**, increasing disillusionment with **his on-going doctrinal and organizational changes**, and **his campaign for centralized control of the movement**. William Schnell, author and former Jehovah's Witness, claims that three quarters of the original Bible Students who had been associating with the Watch Tower Society in 1919 had left by 1931. In 1930 Rutherford had stated that "the total number of those who have withdrawn from the Society... is comparatively large."

Rutherford introduced many organizational and doctrinal changes that helped shape the current beliefs and practices of Jehovah's Witnesses. **He imposed a centralized administrative structure** on the worldwide Bible Student movement, **which he later called a theocracy, requiring all adherents to distribute literature via door to door preaching and to provide regular reports of their preaching activity.** He also instituted training programs for public speaking as part of their weekly meetings for worship. He established 1914 as the date of Christ's invisible return, asserted that **Christ died on a tree rather than a cross, formulated the current Witness concept of Armageddon as God's war on the wicked,** and reinforced the belief that the start of Christ's millennial reign was imminent. He condemned the observance of traditional celebrations such as Christmas and birthdays, the saluting of national flags and the singing of national anthems. **He introduced the name "Jehovah's witnesses" in 1931 and the term "Kingdom Hall" for houses of worship in 1935.** He wrote twenty-one books and was credited by the Society in 1942 with the distribution of almost 400 million books and booklets. Despite significant decreases during the 1920s, overall membership increased more than sixfold by the end of Rutherford's **25 years as president.**

Note: This next section about Rutherford shows his lack of biblical knowledge about what will happen to our existing earth.

Isaiah 65:17 ¶ **For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.**

Isaiah 66:22 **For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.**

2 Peter 3:13 **Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.**

Revelation 21:1 ¶ **And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.**

Despite the failures of 1914 and 1925, Rutherford continued stating that the earthly resurrection was about to happen. In 1929, he had authorized the **purchase of Beth-Sarim, a house for Abraham and other resurrected Princes to live in.** "At San Diego, California, there is a small piece of land, on which, in the year 1929, there was built a house, which is called and known as Beth-Sarim. The Hebrew words Beth Sarim mean "House of the Princes"; and the purpose of acquiring that property and building the house was that there might be some tangible proof that there are those on earth today who fully believe God and Christ Jesus and in His kingdom, and who believe that the faithful men of old will soon be resurrected by the Lord, be back on earth, and **take charge of the visible affairs of earth.** The title to Beth-Sarim is vested in the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society in trust, to be used by the president of the Society and his assistants for the present, and **thereafter to be forever at the disposal of the aforementioned princes on earth.**

Question: Did you manage in your study of this document to keep a serious straight face while reading the above ? Probably not !!! Here is the continuation:

Rutherford died at Beth Sarim on January 8, 1942, at the age of 72. **Based on HIS claims that resurrected biblical characters would live at Beth Sarim, Rutherford concluded that it was appropriate that HIS bones be buried on the property. Rutherford's burial was delayed for five months due to legal proceedings arising from HIS desire to be buried at Beth Sarim,** which he had previously expressed to three close advisers from Brooklyn headquarters.

The legal problem arose because **Beth Sarim was not a legally zoned cemetery. Witnesses collected more than 14,000 signatures for two petitions—one supporting his burial at Beth Sarim, another for a second preferred site on a nearby Watch Tower Society property named Beth-Shan—that Rutherford's dying wish might be granted.** Consolation condemned San Diego County officials for their refusal to grant a permit for Rutherford's burial at either property, stating "It was not the fate of the bones which they decided, but their own destiny. Nor is their blood on anyone else's head, because they were told three times that to fight against God, or to tamper with His servant's bones even, would bring upon them the condemnation of the Lord. ... So their responsibility is fixed, and they followed the course of Satan "

Speculation that Rutherford was secretly buried at Beth Sarim has been called "private rumor", 'frequently disproven', and "myth". The May 4, 1942 issue of Time magazine noted **Rutherford's burial at Rossville, New York, on Staten Island;** a private burial plot for Watch Tower branch volunteers is on Woodrow Road. In 2002, a **caretaker** at the immediately adjoining graveyard answered an inquiry about Watch Tower's graveyard by noting, **"I couldn't tell you who is buried on it because it has absolutely no markers or headstones".**

>7. The True Chronology

All the above predicted dates are wrong. The correct dates are as follows:

>7a. General Creation Data [4004BC]

James Ussher was born in 1581 and died in 1656. He was an Anglican archbishop of Armagh, Ireland; he published his *Annales* (1650-54), which became the standard for Biblical chronology for nearly two hundred years among both Catholics and Protestants.

In 1650 the archbishop of Armagh, James Ussher, began counting all the "begats" in the Old Testament. He also studied ancient Egyptian and Hebrew texts, analysed how the ancient calendars were calculated and came up with a date for the Creation.

Ussher deduced that the First Day of Creation was Sunday October 23rd, 4004 BC. The world, he concluded, had begun one weekend in 4004BC - specifically, **on the evening before, which was 'October 22nd'**. See:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ussher_chronology

<https://www.mondaq.com/unitedstates/industry-updates--analysis/437916>

Creation occurred at 6 pm Jerusalem time on October 22, 4004 BC. As "evenings and mornings" constitute each day, then **this time started the next day, Sunday, 23rd of October, the first day of the week, Day 1 of Creation.**

GOD'S CREATION WEEK

ADAM and EVE [f.] created by the Son of God, Jesus, through the power of God [Genesis 1:1 – 2:3].
Creation Week started after sunset at 6 pm on Saturday October 22, 4004BC [Jerusalem time].

CREATION WEEK was an ACTUAL week of 7 days in duration.

No gap theory and no day-age theory.

What God says in His Word is just Truth.

The **Spirit of Prophecy** confirms this Biblical fact and gives **NO** room for any alternatives:

God made the world in SIX LITERAL DAYS, and on the **SEVENTH LITERAL DAY** He rested from all His work which He had done, and was refreshed. So He has given man six days in which to labor. But He sanctified the day of His rest, and gave it to man to be kept free from all secular labor. By thus setting apart the Sabbath, God gave the world a memorial. He did not set apart one day and any day in seven, but one particular day, the seventh day. And by observing the Sabbath, we show that we recognize God as the living God, the Creator of heaven and earth. {*Letter No.31-1898*}

>7b. General Birth of Jesus Data [4BC-3BC]

4000 years after 4004BC gives 4BC. Life begins at conception. When was Jesus conceived?

The Bible does not state how old Mary was when Jesus was born but most Christian historians speculate that she was around 15-16 years of age. According to Jewish customs at the time, a young woman might become betrothed to a young man as early as 12 years of age, though the consummation of their marriage through ceremony and physical intimacy would not happen until they were legally married, many months or even years later.

Mary travelled from Galilee to Judah to visit her relative Elizabeth [Luke 1:39–56]. She would have had to cross a great distance though the territory of Samaria. We do not know if she travelled alone, with servants, or in the company of other family members. However, there is a great likelihood that, even with adult escorts, Mary would have needed to be both physically and emotionally mature enough to handle such a journey.

No matter what Mary's age when Jesus was born, her spiritual maturity is indeed evident. The mother of Jesus is described by God as "highly favoured" [Luke 1:28]. When presented with the news that she would conceive the holy Son of God, Mary responds with pure faith and obedience by saying, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." [Luke 1:35–38]. Her song [Luke 1:46–55] is full of Old Testament Scripture and this is another strong proof of Mary's learning and spiritual maturity.

From the above, was probably 16 years of age when Jesus was born and probably 15 years old at conception.

Conception

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee:** therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be **called the Son of God.** And, behold, thy **cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month** with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. [Luke 1:34-37].

Conception occurs when the male sperm meets the female egg and fertilizes the egg inside one of the fallopian tubes, thus producing a new life. After a few days, the fertilized egg will travel to the woman's uterus where it will implant itself into the wall of the uterus.

For the standard pregnancy the due date is 266 days (38 weeks) after conception.

266 days (38 weeks) before the 3BC September 11 birth is 4BC December 19.

However, teenage pregnancies are usually of a slightly shorter duration than more mature mothers. Therefore a duration of 263 or 262 days (37.5 weeks) is more realistic.

263 days before the 3BC September 11 birth is 4BC December 22.

262 days before the 3BC September 11 birth is 4BC December 23.

Returning to the Winter Solstice for 4BC, this occurred on 23 December at 01:07 hours; some cite the time on this day as 05:51 hours.

Either way, the Winter Solstice marks the darkest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere; this being the shortest amount of time between sunrise and sunset [due to the Earth's relation to the Sun and the angle of the Earth's tilt].

So, precisely at this re-birth of a new year, Mary is visited by **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee**. Naturally, this act would occur while Mary was sleeping.

According to Science and also God as shown above, **life begins at conception**.

"Human development is a continuous process that begins when an oocyte from a female is fertilized by a sperm from a male".

"Human development begins at fertilization when a sperm fuses with an oocyte to form a single cell, the zygote".

From the **Bible** and **Spirit of Prophecy**, from **ancient Jewish records**, from computer analysis of **celestial activity**, and from **historical records**, we have been able to confirm with **CERTAINTY** that Jesus was born on September 11, 3BC sometime in an **81 minute** span of time **between sunset** at 6:18 pm **and moonset** at 7:39 pm [Jerusalem time]. In Gematria 81 = **Holy Angels**.

This in turn proves that Jesus was indeed conceived in December, 4BC.

For more information see:

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Genesis 1:14 ¶ **And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for SIGNS, and for {moedim [Hebrew word for appointed times of the LORD]} seasons, and for days, and years:**

Genesis 1:15 **And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.**

Revelation 12:1 ¶ **And there appeared a great WONDER in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: {Wonder is a sign which is seen.}**

Revelation 12:2 **And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.**

3BC September 11: Jupiter joined Regulus, chief star in the constellation of Leo, the Lion - Royal Planet and Royal Star. Regulus is situated between the feet of Leo. The Sun was in Virgo (Virgin Constellation) and the New Moon in the Royal Constellation Leo (Judah). First day of Jewish New Year (Tishri 1). After this 1st conjunction Jupiter continued on its normal course in the heavens. {On September 11, 3BC, sunset was at 6:18 pm and moonset at 7:39 pm. Jesus Christ was born on September 11, 3BC sometime in that 81 minute span of time between 6:18 pm and 7:39 pm. In Gematria 81 = Holy Angels }

Tishri [or Tishrei] is the first month of the civil year (which starts on 1 Tishrei) and the seventh month of the ecclesiastical year (which starts on 1 Nisan) in the Hebrew calendar.

In the Jewish year 3759, **Tishri 1 started on 3 B.C. September 11.**

Tishri 1 - Feast of Trumpets - (Rosh Hashanah).

As we have already said:

Creation occurred at sunset 6 pm Jerusalem time on October 22, 4004 BC. As "evenings and mornings" constitute each day, then this time started the next day, Sunday, 23rd of October, the first day of the week, Day 1 of Creation.

Moving forward 4,000 years gives:

Sunset at about 6 pm on *Saturday* 4 BC October 22 [Jerusalem time].

Between 4 BC October 22 and 4BC December 22 there are 61 days.

Between 4 BC October 22 and 4BC December 23 there are 62 days.

In Gematria:

61 = **King of Jews (Messiah)**

62 = **Jerusalem the Royal City**

Only our OMNI-God could produce all the above results with such accuracy.

Returning to the Winter Solstice for 4 BC, Jesus Christ was conceived on 4 BC, 23 December at 01:07 hours; some cite the time on this day as 05:51 hours.

As we have said, according to Science and also God, life begins at conception.

Therefore Jesus would have been 30 years of age on 27 AD, 23 December at 01:07 hours.

Although baptised in the Autumn, it was then that Jesus fully commenced His ministry, in accordance with the Word of God.

Numbers 4:3 **From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.** {Numbers 4:23, 30, 35, 39, 43, 47 all similar wording.}

1 Chronicles 23:3 **Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand.**

1 Chronicles 23:4 **Of which, twenty and four thousand [were] to set forward the work of the house of the LORD; and six thousand [were] officers and judges:**

While all the above relate to the Tribe of Levi and not to the Tribe of Judah [ancestor of Jesus], it is noted that 1 generation earlier, Levi was the third son, and Judah was the fourth son, of Jacob and Leah. Jacob being the son of Isaac, being the son of Abraham, being the first Jew / Hebrew. So from Jacob, they were all related.

Many of the Jewish leaders and prophets of the Hebrew Bible claimed membership in the tribe of Judah. For example, the literary prophets Isaiah, Amos, Habakkuk, Joel, Micah, Obadiah, Zechariah, and Zephaniah, all belonged to the tribe.

Notable descendants of the Levite lineage include Moses, Aaron, Miriam, Samuel, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Ezra, and Malachi.

Joseph was from the tribe of Judah, that's why he had to go to his home town in Bethlehem to register for the census. It also fulfilled the Old Testament prophecy that the Messiah (Jesus or Yeshua) would be born in Bethlehem. The wise men did not attend on the night Jesus' birth, but probably 1 ½ years later after travelling from the Far East. We know this because Scripture tells us they gave gifts to the young child, not the baby. King Herod then ordered all babies under two years of age to be killed. Joseph had been told to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt, fulfilling another Old Testament prophecy where God said, "Out of Egypt I will call my Son."

1 BC, December 29: Total Eclipse of the Moon (started at dusk). Associated with Herod's Death. Herod died around [20 days later] 1 AD, January 18. [Josephus's remark in Antiquities 17.6.4 that there was a lunar eclipse shortly before Herod died].

Joseph was the adopted father of Jesus which was considered legally the same thing, therefore fulfilling another Scripture that Christ will ultimately rule as King from the Tribe of Judah and following in the footsteps of King David who incidentally was also born in Bethlehem.

After Herod's death Joseph and Mary then went back up to Nazareth where Jesus was brought up. The Old Testament also said that He would be called a Nazarene. Christ fulfilled over 100 Old Testament prophecies to the letter, and that is why He was and is the true Messiah.

Joseph was from the kingly tribe of Judah. Mary's mother (also Mary) was a full-blood Levite (priestly tribe). Mary's father (Heli) was a full-blooded tribe of Judah man. Jesus, therefore, is both King and High Priest. Jesus had four half-brother's and three half-sister's.

Mary had a cousin Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist and cousin to Jesus. That gave Jesus the legitimacy of His role as our High Priest also fulfilling prophecy.

Mary's cousin Elizabeth was pregnant with her husband Zechariah's son, John the Baptist (Luke 1:5–25 39–45 56–80). Mary was the prophesied "a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" foretold by Isaiah (Isaiah 7:14) and through the power of the LORD God the Father Himself, she did indeed become pregnant with His Son and became the Messiah, Jesus (Matthew 1:1–25; Luke 2:1–40). Because of Mary and Elizabeth being cousins, that made John and Jesus second cousins. But their familial relationship was never revealed at all in the Bible. Only Mary and Elizabeth's is mentioned (Luke 1:36).

Luke 1:36 **And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.**

Back to the Birth of Jesus

The number **Pi** is a mathematical constant, the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter.

- Pi = 22 / 7 or 355 / 113 or 103993 / 33102 or 3.1415926535 8979323846 2

At the very start of this never ending number you have the Birth of Jesus:

- 3.14159
- Year: 3BC Day: 11 Month: 9 [September].

Considering the Gematria meaning of the first 22 digits of Pi:

- Pi = 3 . 1 4 1 5 9 2 6 53 5 8 97 93 23 84 62

Jesus born on Earth for us on [-]3.11.9 [3 BC September 11]

- 4 = God's Absolute Control over His Creation & World / Earth (directions, winds, empires) – Universal Truth – Creative Works including All Things Terrestrial – Message (hear)
- 5 = Power & Divine Grace – Mercy – God's Goodness – Pentateuch – Redemption – Human Weakness (life, child) – [Living] Faith
- 2 = Union – Division / Divide (break) – Separation – Witnessing – A Difference – Double Portion – Duality – Contrary (light/dark, good/evil) or Complimentary (spiritual/material; divine/human)
- 6 = Man (conscience, flesh) – His Weakness – Manifestation of Sin – Evil – Satan (& his influences) – Something Incomplete or Imperfect

At the very beginning of Pi, we see that God so loved the world [4], that He gave His only begotten Son [born on 3 BC September 11] that through His Grace [5], Man [6] may find salvation from sin. By accepting and believing Jesus we become married to Him; thus He forms a union [2] with His believers.

The decimal integers of Pi continue with the integers 53 5 representing our role and God's answer to sin:

- 53 = Faithful Witness
- 5 = Power & Divine Grace – Mercy – God's Goodness – Pentateuch – Redemption – Human Weakness (life, child) – [Living] Faith

It is then followed by the decimal integer 8 which is God's promise of salvation to His believers:

- 8 = New Beginning / Birth – New Order / Creation – Circumcision of the Heart – Resurrection – Eternal Life – Holy Spirit – New Man (eyes)

Then the decimal integers 97 which relates to the destruction of Satan, his angels and all who have not accepted Jesus:

- 97 = Fire Burns Enemies

Then the decimal integers 93 which shows how the above is done:

- 93 = Might of God

Then the decimal integers 23:

- 23 = Death

Here we see, through the Might of God, that God's people commence Eternal Life while all those others are completely destroyed.

The decimal integers of Pi continue with the digits 84 and then 62:

- 84 = Court of the Lord
- 62 = Jerusalem the Royal City

Both of these having reference to the new Jerusalem:

Revelation 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of MY GOD, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of MY GOD, and the name of the city of MY GOD, [which is] new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from MY GOD: and [I will write upon him] MY new name.

Revelation 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Summary: In the very first 22 digits of Pi [the unit digit plus the first 21 decimal digits of Pi] God has marked out what has happened from the birth of Jesus to what will happen in the future.

• 22 = Spiritual Knowledge – Light – Insight – Making Manifest – Revelation

Note: The number 22 was and still is significant.

The Hebrew alphabet is made up of 22 letters, these were used to compose the Word of God.

There are 22 Books in the Aaronic (Levitical) Old Testament, which is the light of God for Israel.

Psalms 25 contains 22 verses, each of which begins with a different letter of the alphabet, from aleph to tau.

Psalms 119 is divided into 22 parts, designated by the names of the letters: aleph, beth, gimel, dalet, etc..

The Book of Revelation concludes the Bible and ending on Chapter 22.

Jesus quoted part of Psalm 22:1 while in agony on the cross, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

As $\text{Pi} = 22 / 7$ or $355 / 113$, we consider the Gematria for these 4 numbers:

God's people have

• 22 = Spiritual Knowledge – Light – Insight – Making Manifest – Revelation

and acquire

• 7 = Spiritual Completeness / Perfection – Sanctification – Resurrection – Covenant – Holy Spirit – Finished – Totality – God's Seal – The End (sword)

while all others have

• 355 = Weak Spiritual Judgement

and try to

• 113 = Snatch Away the Saints.

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>7c. General Events of Jesus Data [27AD-31AD]

Time Summary:

457 BC Autumn – The commandment to restore and build Jerusalem. A decree by Artaxerxes I Longimanus and his 7 counsellors to Ezra in the Autumn of 457 BC was to organise the nation along the lines of the Mosaic code and to re-establish the city government of Jerusalem. [See Ezra 7, Daniel 9 and Nehemiah 1].

483 years later = Remainder of year in 457 BC + 456 full years to end of BC era + 26 full years in AD era + Portion of year in 27 AD.

27 AD Autumn – Jesus at His baptism received the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and soon afterwards began His ministry.

Gospel preached by Jesus for 3 ½ years = 27 AD Autumn + 3 ½ years = 31 AD Spring.

31 AD Spring [Friday 31 AD April 27] – Christ, the true sacrifice, dies for our sins on Calvary.

in the MIDST [in the middle] of the week [Daniel 9:27]

Gospel preached by the Apostles for 3 ½ years = 31 AD Spring + 3 ½ years = 34 AD Autumn.

34 AD Autumn = The stoning of Stephen = Jews finally sealed their rejection of the gospel = Gospel taken to everyone.

70 prophetic weeks = 7 prophetic weeks + 62 prophetic weeks + 1 prophetic week = 49 actual years + 434 years + 7 [or 3 ½ + 3 ½] years = 483 years + 7 years = 457 BC Autumn – 27 AD Autumn – 34 AD Autumn.

Luke 3:21 **Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,**

Luke 3:22 **And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.** {With the trinity doctrine we have a Jesus formed from two fathers – if you say that the 3 gods are one then you must also say that Jesus formed himself!} {The voice of God confirms Jesus as His Son in a singular context – no plural God.}

Luke 3:23 **And Jesus himself began to be ABOUT THIRTY YEARS OF AGE, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was [the son] of Heli,**

Jesus was thirty years old before He entered His public ministry. The period of His childhood and youth was one of comparative obscurity, but of the highest importance. He was in this obscurity laying the foundation of a sound constitution and vigorous mind. He “grew, and waxed strong in spirit.” Luke 1:80. It is not as a man bending under the pressure of age that Jesus is revealed to us traversing the hills of Judea. He was in the strength of His manhood. Jesus once stood in age just where you now stand. Your circumstances, your cogitations at this period of your life, Jesus has had. He cannot overlook you at this critical period. He sees your dangers. He is acquainted with your temptations. He invites you to follow His example. {Lt17-1878} (Written March 14, 1878, from Healdsburg, California, to F. E. Belden, Ellen White’s nephew.) Also in {4MR 235.3 1990} and {20MR 72.3 1993}

John 2:19 **Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.**

John 2:20 **Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?**

John 2:21 **But he spake of the temple of his body.**

These statements occurred at the **end of April 28AD.**

Jesus was speaking about the Temple of His Body.

The Jews related His comment to the Jerusalem Temple. 46 years being from 19BC – 28AD.

The Temple was finally completed in 66AD; only to be destroyed by the Romans in 70AD.

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>6d. General Death of Jesus Data [31AD] See:

<http://www.cgsf.org/dbeattie/calendar/?roman=31>

Passover Sacrifice (Pesach) - - - Nisan 14 - - - **April 25, 31AD**

Feast of Unleavened Bread (Passover) (Pesach) - - - Nisan 15-21 - - - April 26-May 2, 31AD

Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) - - - Tishri 10 - - - **October 15, 31AD**

Feast of Dedication (Chanukah) - - - Kislev 25-Tebet 2 - - - December 29, 31AD-January 5, 32AD

Note that in the above calendar, Nisan 14 is given as April 25; two days earlier.

This is explained as follows:

The Jewish month starts from the crescent new moon. The 14th day is the Passover.

In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD’S Passover.” (Leviticus 23:5)

The above shows that the first Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) occurred after the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ on Friday 31AD April 27 [Nisan 14]; which is always the case as Nisan comes before Tishi.

Leviticus 23:5 **In the fourteenth [day] of the first month at even [is] the LORD's passover.**

On **April 27, 31AD** [Nisan 14] , the 14th of the 1st Hebraic month, the day of the Passover Sacrifice (Pesach), our Messiah offered Himself as a sacrifice for sin.

Because of this event there is a transference of the atonement now no longer achieved through the two goats as offered on the Day of Atonement.

Like an innocent Passover lamb, the Messiah was put to death although no fault was found in Him!

It was 3 days before Jesus was raised up – Friday 31AD April 27 at 3pm [Nisan 14] Jerusalem time to Sunday very early in the morning of April 29. 3 full days by Inclusive Reckoning.

From April 31AD – August 70AD is 40 years [**Inclusive Reckoning**].

Inclusive Reckoning: It is essential to understand how the Bible and ancient Israel counted so that we may harmonize Scripture and understand the appointed times of God / YHWH. What is Inclusive Reckoning? The common mode of counting employed in the Bible is shown to have been inclusive reckoning, that is, counting both the first and the last unit of time in calculating an interval. This method was also used generally by other ancient nations, as is shown unmistakably by source documents.

Spirit of Prophecy also records that it was a full moon the day Jesus died:

On the Day of Atonement, October 15 in 31AD almost 6 months **after** the first Feast, Passover Sacrifice (Pesach), a couple of things are recorded by Josephus, the Talmud and one in the Gospel account of Matthew in the New Testament. Remember 70AD was when the Temple was destroyed, so 40 years before that date was 31AD. **Remember that the biblical method of counting was by Inclusive Reckoning, where ANY part of a day is counted as a whole day.** After these 40 years – then the Romans came for Judgement – to destroy the Jewish Jerusalem Temple.

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>6e. General “Most Holy Place” Data [1844AD]

Daniel 8:14 **And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed** {margin justified}.

457BC Start of the 69 weeks being to 27AD when Christ was baptised and
70 weeks being to 34AD, when Stephen was stoned.

Also start of the 2300 day investigative judgement prophecy that ended 22 October 1844.
[457 + 490 = 34AD; 2300 - 490 = 1810; 34 + 1810 = 1844].

My husband, Elder Joseph Bates, Father Pierce, Elder Edson, a man who was keen, noble, and true, and many others whose names I cannot now recall, were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844 [October 22], searched for truth. At our important meetings these men would meet together and search for the truth as for hidden treasure. {TDG 317.2 1979}

I met with them, and we studied and prayed earnestly, for we felt that we must learn God's truth. Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light, and studying the Word. As we fasted and prayed, great power came upon us. But I could not understand the reasoning of the brethren. My mind was locked, as it were, and I could not comprehend what we were studying. Then the Spirit of God would come upon me, I would be taken off in vision, and a clear explanation of the passages we had been studying would be given me, with instruction as to the position we were to take regarding truth and duty. {TDG 317.3 1979}

A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God, was plainly marked out before me, and I gave my brethren and sisters the instruction that the Lord had given me. They knew that, when not in vision, I could not understand these matters, and they accepted as light direct from Heaven the revelations given me. The leading points of our faith as we hold them today were firmly established. Point after point was clearly defined, and all the brethren came into harmony. {TDG 317.4 1979}

Thus far every specification of the prophecy is strikingly fulfilled, and the beginning of the seventy weeks is fixed beyond question at B. C. 457, and their expiration in A. D. 34. From this data there is no difficulty in finding the termination of the 2300 days. The seventy weeks—490 days—having been cut off from the 2300, there were 1810 days remaining. After the end of 490 days, the 1810 days were still to be fulfilled. From A. D. 34, 1810 years extend to 1844. Consequently the 2300 days of Daniel 8:14 terminate in 1844. At the expiration of this great prophetic period, upon the testimony of the angel of God, “the sanctuary shall be cleansed.” Thus the time of the cleansing of the sanctuary—which was almost universally believed to take place at the second advent—was definitely pointed out. {GC88 328.2 1888}

Jesus did not come to the earth as the waiting, joyful company expected, to cleanse the sanctuary by purifying the earth by fire. I saw that they were correct in their reckoning of the prophetic periods; prophetic time closed in 1844, and Jesus entered the most holy place to cleanse the sanctuary at the ending of the days. Their mistake consisted in not understanding what the sanctuary was and the nature of its cleansing. As I looked again at the waiting, disappointed company, they appeared sad. They carefully examined the evidences of their faith and followed down through the reckoning of the prophetic periods, but could discover no mistake. The time had been fulfilled, but where was their Saviour? They had lost Him {FW 243 2 1882}

I was shown the disappointment of the disciples as they came to the sepulcher and found not the body of Jesus. Mary said, "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him." Angels told the sorrowing disciples that their Lord had risen, and would go before them into Galilee. {EW 244.1 1882}

In like manner I saw that Jesus regarded with the deepest compassion the disappointed ones who had waited for His coming; and He sent His angels to direct their minds that they might follow Him where He was. He showed them that this earth is not the sanctuary, but that He must enter the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary to make an atonement for His people and to receive the kingdom from His Father, and that He would then return to the earth and take them to dwell with Him forever. The disappointment of the first disciples well represents the disappointment of those who expected their Lord in 1844. {EW 244.2 1882}

I was shown the grievous disappointment of the people of God that they did not see Jesus at the expected time. They knew not why their Saviour did not come; for they could see no evidence that prophetic time had not ended. Said the angel, "Has God's word failed? Has God failed to fulfill His promises? No; He has fulfilled all that He promised. Jesus has risen up and shut the door of the holy place of the heavenly sanctuary and has opened a door into the most holy place and entered in to cleanse the sanctuary. All who wait patiently shall understand the mystery. Man has erred; but there has been no failure on the part of God. All was accomplished that God promised; but man erroneously believed the earth to be the sanctuary to be cleansed at the end of the prophetic periods. It is man's expectation, not the promise of God, that has failed." {EW 250.1 1882}

I was also shown a sanctuary upon the earth containing two apartments. It resembled the one in heaven, and I was told that it was a figure of the heavenly. The furniture of the first apartment of the earthly sanctuary was like that in the first apartment of the heavenly. The veil was lifted, and I looked into the holy of holies and saw that the furniture was the same as in the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary. The priest ministered in both apartments of the earthly. He went daily into the first apartment, but entered the most holy only once a year, to cleanse it from the sins which had been conveyed there. I saw that Jesus ministered in both apartments of the heavenly sanctuary. The priests entered into the earthly with the blood of an animal as an offering for sin. Christ entered into the heavenly sanctuary by the offering of His own blood. The earthly priests were removed by death; therefore they could not continue long; but Jesus was a priest forever. Through the sacrifices and offerings brought to the earthly sanctuary, the children of Israel were to lay hold of the merits of a Saviour to come. And in the wisdom of God the particulars of this work were given us that we might, by looking to them, understand the work of Jesus in the heavenly sanctuary. {EW 252.2 1882}

"The temple of God was opened in Heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament." [Revelation 11:19.] The ark of God's testament is in the holy of holies, the second apartment of the sanctuary. In the ministration of the earthly tabernacle, which served "unto the example and shadow of heavenly things," this apartment was opened only upon the great day of atonement, for the cleansing of the sanctuary. Therefore the announcement that the temple of God was opened in Heaven, and the ark of his testament was seen, points to the opening of the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary, in 1844, as Christ entered there to perform the closing work of the atonement. Those who by faith followed their great High Priest, as he entered upon his ministry in the most holy place, beheld the ark of his testament. As they had studied the subject of the sanctuary, they had come to understand the Saviour's change of ministration, and they saw that he was now officiating before the ark of God, pleading his blood in behalf of sinners. {GC88 433.1 1888}

No Time Prophecy Beyond 1844

I plainly stated at the Jackson camp meeting to these fanatical parties that they were doing the work of the adversary of souls; they were in darkness. They claimed to have great light that probation would close in October, 1884. I there stated in public that the Lord had been pleased to show me that there would be **no definite time in the message given of God since 1844.**--2SM 73 (1885). {LDE 35.3 1992}

Our position has been one of waiting and watching, with no time-proclamation to intervene between the close of the prophetic periods in 1844 and the time of our Lord's coming.--10MR 270 (1888). {LDE 36.1 1992}

The people will not have another message upon definite time. After this period of time [Revelation 10:4-6], reaching from 1842 to 1844, there can be no definite tracing of the prophetic time. The longest reckoning reaches to the autumn of 1844.--7BC 971 (1900). {LDE 36.2 1992}

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