

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE WORLD

Dates taken from the Masoretic Text and the Modern Era

1. In the beginning (3989 BC) God created a cosmos that consisted of space, matter and forces and living creatures: plants, animals and humans. He created humans to manage the cosmos in a direct relationship with Himself; they were commanded to multiply and fill the earth, and manage it.
2. The first humans were deceived by the devil and lost their 'first estate'. God made a way for the relationship to continue but Cain rejected it; he and his descendants, formed a community in isolation from Godly influence – the sons of men. Adam's son Seth accepted God's provision, and his line endeavoured to live in relationship with God – the sons of God. But the Seth line was corrupted when some of them married women from the line of Cain; the result was that the whole world became corrupted, apart from Noah and his wife and their three sons and their wives. This led God to destroy the pristine earth with water (the Flood) in 2333 BC; of the human population, only the family of Noah survived along with breeding pairs of all animals.
3. From Noah and his sons came all the families of the earth.
4. Cush, the son of Ham, together with his wife Semiramis and their son, Nimrod, operated out of a relationship with God and developed an alternate form of human government which spread over most of the settled part of the earth (2230 BC). Nimrod was the first human King; he built numerous first cities in the Middle East which were favoured by the populace who dreaded dispersion. But the Lord dispersed them, in line with His initial instruction (above) by confounding their languages.
5. Noah's son Shem (2683-1833 BC) maintained a Godly line and led a world Council to execute Nimrod in 1987 BC. This led Semiramis and her cohorts to develop a system of apostate religion that the scripture refers to as Mystery Babylon. This system **infected every nation** on the Earth.
6. God found a cattle farmer called Abram (1996-1821 BC) who would obey His commands and made an **Eternal Covenant of Promise** with him and his line (Isaac, Jacob/Israel, etc.) in 1921 BC.
7. The descendants of Israel spent 430 years in slavery in Egypt but God led them out of captivity in 1445 BC. The nation was led to walk through a wilderness where they learned to dependent on God for their health, their daily food supply and their protection. God's manifest presence journeyed with them first as a pillar of fire by night and a cloud by day and later as the Shekinah Glory in a Tabernacle.
8. Joshua led Israel into Canaan, 'the promised land', in 1405 BC. The first job was to remove the local inhabitants who were totally corrupted by Mystery Babylon. The second job was to settle in the land and live Godly lives as directed by the Law given to Moses. Sadly, their subsequent history reveals a falling away from this objective.
9. God found a shepherd called David who had a heart after His own heart and made an **Eternal Covenant of Sonship** with him around 1000 BC. David's son Solomon built a Temple for God's manifest presence to dwell in Israel; this was completed in 981 BC.

10. Israel became progressively more rebellious and apostate in practice, and in the end, God delivered them to their enemy Nebuchadnezzar in 604 BC. Subsequently the temple was destroyed, i.e. God's manifest presence was withdrawn, and the whole nation was taken captive to Babylon in 586 BC.
11. Israel was released from captivity by the Persian King Cyrus in 538 BC. Israel returned to their land to re-build the temple (completed 516 BC, seventy years after it had been destroyed). The impact of captivity and separation from God led some Israelites to set up a man-made religious system beyond what God had intended. Regrettably, this system prevented Israel from recognising Mashiach (the Messiah) when He began His ministry in AD 26, i.e. **30 Jubilees** from the Exodus.
- 12. THE WORD OF GOD MADE FLESH APPEARED ON EARTH in 4 BC: THE KINGDOM IS ANNOUNCED!** Jesus of Nazareth was the inheritor of the two Eternal Covenants (Matthew 1:1). He came into the world to announce the Kingdom, to show humanity how they should live as obedient sons of God and to offer Himself to the devil in payment for the whole cosmos (including humans) so that God could have access and regain control of His beloved cosmos (John 3:16). He prepared twelve followers to be His agents to train humanity in God-centred living. In AD 29, Jesus gave Himself to the devil at the Feast of Passover and was crucified (II Cor.5:19, Col.1:20). But He was resurrected on the third day (First Fruits) and witnessed to His disciples for forty days prior to ascending into the third heaven to sit at the Father's right hand. **All authority, both in heaven and on earth is now in His hands.**
- 13. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS Poured OUT ON THE EARTH: POWER IS GIVEN.** On Passover AD 29, the Holy Spirit was poured out and humans were empowered to live as sons of God. Thousands were swept into the Kingdom of God and began to live under the New Covenant arrangement (Hebrews 8:10-12).
14. The community of saints came under persecution from without and conflict from within. The first was met with boldness (Acts 4) and Godly interventions (as in the case of Paul). Inner conflict was met initially with skill and discipline in general assemblies (ecclesia – Matthew 16:18): see Acts 6 and 15.
15. The movement spread over the whole Roman Empire but heresy was rife and most Christian community leaders were happy when the Emperor Constantine took control of the 'church'. Constantine ordered the Council of Nicaea in AD 325 where the New Testament canon was confirmed. Central control was against the New Covenant and did not stop heresy.
16. Apostasy moved into the church in AD 370 when the Co-Emperor Gratian gave the artefacts of the Pontifex Maximus to the Bishop of Rome and **he put them on (!)**. (These artefacts were given to Julius Caesar by Attila the 3rd of Pergamum, the Seat of Satan, in 34 BC). This led to all sorts of error developing within the Christian movement: e.g. baptism by sprinkling, Manicheism (dualism); the practice of Charlemagne, the First Holy Roman Emperor's (AD 800) of 'making Christians' by force; the Inquisition (which operated between AD 1184 and 1834) and flagellation which commenced in AD 1260.
17. In AD 1517 Martin Luther (AD 1483-1546) announced 95 Theses denouncing the apostate practices of the Catholic Church. This is often seen as the beginning of the Reformation but John Hus (AD 1369-1415) founded a Reformed Movement (later called the Moravians) that had two hundred thousand members in 1517. Luther's actions were significant in that he and Tyndale (AD 1494-1536) began translating the scriptures into the vernacular. Mission to the nations also began via Jesuits like Francis Xavier who ministered in the Portuguese colonies, India, Japan and the Malaka Islands (Borneo).

18. The Moravians, renewed under the Influence of the Austrian Count Zinzendorf in AD 1722, began missions to the West Indies in AD 1732. Methodism, founded in AD 1738 by the Wesley brothers and George Whitfield was grounded on Moravian doctrine and influence.
19. A time known as the Second Great Awakening began in AD 1790 and ran until AD 1840. Out of this came a significant move into mission by Protestants. William Carey's Baptist Mission to India encouraged other evangelicals in England to form the London Missionary Society and this led to the work of Hudson Taylor (AD 1832-1905), a disciple of George Muller of Bristol (AD 1805-1898), in China; Charles Studd (AD 1860-1931) in China, India and Africa and the modern Evangelical and Pentecostal missionary movement world-wide. This movement resulted in the Gospel finally reaching the last nation on earth (the Solomon Islands) in 1894.
20. Another development in the Great Wakening was the Stone-Campbell Movement in AD 1801. This movement emphasised the authority of the New Testament scripture above all other authority. Sadly, this led to unhelpful practices like New Testament Legalism, the relegation of the Holy Spirit to a non-essential status, massive sectarianism (there are now 30 000 denominations) and, finally, heresy (e.g. Christadelphian doctrine, Mormonism, etc.).
21. In AD 1870 forces under Garibaldi defeated the Pope's armies in Italy and the Pope was confined to the Vatican. This led to the church reassessing its options (Vatican Council I). God's response was to raise up significant witnesses to His call to a Spirit led life: John Alexander Dowie (AD 1847-1907), John G Lake (AD 1870-1935), Smith Wigglesworth (1859-1947), Aimee Semple McPherson (AD 1890-1944), etc. These were for-runners of a fresh out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, a **time of refreshing** (Acts 3:19) for the 'church in the wilderness' (Rev.12:6) in the years 1964-1985. In AD 1927 Smith Wigglesworth announced that the last and greatest revival on earth would start in Australia (see Note 26).
22. A special history of the Christian movement has been recorded in China. Missionaries were evicted from China by the Communist Regime after World War II but Christian life and practice continued in movements like Watchman Nee's Little Flock, The Jesus Family and George Cheng's community church. The Communists closed all Christian public meeting places in the early 1950s, but the church continued in houses under itinerant preachers. The Communists responded by putting church leaders in gaol and making it illegal for people to travel outside of their own domicile, but the church continued to flourish. The Communists traced the problem to the Bible, so all Bibles were collected and burned. Then, the Chinese brethren tell us, 'The Word of the Lord appeared!' and the church grew to 100 million a just a few years. This growth is continuing.
23. In AD 1962 the Catholic Church began Vatican Council II under Popes John 23rd and Paul 6th. Perhaps its most critical pronouncement was the Decree of the Apostolate of Laity in November 1965 (KEY READING FOR ALL SAINTS). God liked this so much that He immediately began pouring out His Spirit in a fresh way on the Historical Church, beginning with two Catholic Universities in the USA. In the background He had put in place facilities like the Full Gospel Business Mens Fellowship International (founded AD 1952) to encourage and nurture the outpouring. The result of this Charismatic Movement, which reinstated the Holy Spirit as the highest authority in the church, was a group of renewed Christians ready to nurture the next move of God, the Spirit upon all flesh and the manifestation of God's Glory (see below).

24. The time known in scripture as the Times of the Gentiles concluded on the 18th of February 1985, **40 Jubilees** from the commencement of Christ's ministry. In 1984 the first ever International World Prayer Assembly was born in Seoul, South Korea with a special anointing for intercession – conversations with God. Since 1986, brethren in the Pacific islands have been particularly diligent in listening and responding to what the Lord has been telling them. They announced that the last move of God began with the arrival of the King of Glory on the planet in 2003 (see Note 26), that the manifestation of His Glory commenced in Papua New Guinea and the wave of His Glory began to move across the world 'as the waters cover the sea' from the East Coast of the Americas during Tabernacles 2013. They predicted that this wave would arrive in Jerusalem during the Feast of Tabernacles 2017. [Source: All People Prayer Assembly spokes-person, Miloalii Siilata].
25. In October 2017, Messianic Jews in Israel welcomed Christians from across the world to a WELCOME TO THE KING OF GLORY assembly at Abu Gosh (formerly Kiriath-jearim) and Jerusalem. This was the first assembly of the **ONE NEW MAN** and the launch of a new wave of the Holy Spirit which shall see the whole world filled with the **GLORY OF THE LORD as the waters cover the sea** (Numbers 14:21). The time of **restoration of all things** has come (Acts 3:21)!

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(a personal account)

26. In contrast to the above, in October 2001, and in line with the Smith Wigglesworth pronouncement (above), the Lord announced that He was setting up His Government over Australia to a group of about one hundred believers who attended a Praise Corroboree Meeting in the Parliament House Great Hall in Canberra. Following that meeting, Gerald Ramsey and John Potter have been led to identify and eliminate the power of three major demons (elemental spirits, stoicheon Gk. Col.2:8) in the Fleurieu Peninsula of South Australia, an area occupied by the Ngarrindjeri people prior to European settlement in preparation . The Lord has made it clear (confirmed by Ephesians 2) that He requires believers in this area to:
- Come together as ONE NEW MAN (v.14-17)
 - Build a human Temple for the Holy Spirit at a site called Wirrina (v. 19-22)
 - Operate from this centre as an apostolic hub that can direct **good land management** throughout the region (v.10) - the pattern for this was revealed at the beginning in the Garden of Eden: the Tree of Life in the centre and four rivers flowing out to the land, humans acting as the agents to 'till it and keep it', i.e. **production combined with conservation**
27. In June 2017, the Lord the Holy Spirit indicated that the believers in the Fleurieu Peninsula should hold a meeting at Cape Jervis to welcome the Bridegroom to the area. This meeting was held on the 30th of July 2017. The instructions given were (1) open the gate; (2) come together are One New Man; and (3) reach out to those who have fallen away. We await further instructions with regard to advancing the Lord's program in this region.

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