

2011: Are We Ready?

Q. Not another prophet with a date for the end of the world! Doesn't the Bible say *no man knows the day or the hour* of Christ's return and of the end of the world?

A. The **day** and **hour** that's in view started already in May 1988 when God officially ended the Church age and began to judge ALL Churches worldwide because *Judgment begins at the house of God (1 Peter 4:17)*. At the time **nobody** knew that judgment had begun. Today, by God's Mercy, He begins to reveal the secrets related to the end so that believers are not only aware of this, but He is also giving precise information concerning the **actual** last day.

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Daniel 12:4

But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief...

1 Thessalonians 5:4

Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

Amos 3:7

Also when we look back at past judgments, we see that God warned the world through the ancient prophets:

For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights...

Genesis 7:4

And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

Jonah 3:4

Q. But doesn't the Bible teach that before the end of the world, we will see the tribulation and the man of sin?

A. The Bible does teach this, but the problem is the way many have been understanding and teaching the details of these events. The tribulation the Bible talks about has to do with the **falling away** of **ALL** Churches and congregations on a **worldwide scale**. According to the Bible, this awful event started already in **1988** and it is to go on for a period of **23 years**. Tribulation comes when God ends the Church age and calls the true believers out of ALL Churches (*Revelation 18:4*) because they are now under the power of Satan. Satan is a **spirit being**. He's called a man because he was typified by the king of Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar) when God brought judgment on the nation of Israel in 587 BC.

Creation of the world.....	11013	BC
Noah's flood.....	4990	
Jacob's family comes to Egypt (7-year famine is a picture of tribulation).....	1877	
Judah is destroyed and taken captive into Babylon for 70 years (picture of tribulation).....	587	
Jesus born.....	7	
Jesus crucified (April 1).....	33	AD
Tribulation Begins—End of the church age (May 21)....	1988	
2nd part of tribulation starts—gospel is preached outside the churches—Final harvest (Sept. 7)	1994	
Tribulation Ends—(May/21).....	2011	
Last day (Oct 21) of the existence of the world.		
Sometime before that we should signs of the end....	2011	

6023 years from creation to the flood. **13,023** years from creation to 2011. Final 23 years *1988 to 2011* is the final tribulation. Add both years and subtract 1 because there's no year zero.

33 AD to 1988 is **1955** years—New Testament Church age (5x17x23). Salvation and judgment came through the Gospel (5) bringing believers to heaven (17) and condemning the unsaved—judgment (23).

4990 BC (flood—1st judgment) to 2011 (2nd judgment) is exactly **7000** years (4990+2011-1). With God, a day is as 1000 years and 1000 years as one day (*2nd Peter 3:8*). Noah was told the flood would come in 7 days (*Genesis 7:4*). A day for a thousand years means believers have 7000 years to come into the Ark (find salvation in Jesus).

7 year famine in Egypt (tribulation), **70 year** captivity in Babylon in 587 BC (tribulation) **8400** days from 5/22/1988 (beginning of tribulation) to 5/21/2011 (end of tribulation). The number 84 is featured in all three: 3x4x7=84 months / 3x4x70=840 months / 3x4x700=8400 days, 276 months or 23 years. Remember the 276 souls we looked at in Acts 27 in the context of the great tribulation? It's OK to use 700 in the last example; remember **100** is *completeness* and so (7x100) doesn't change the meaning. So we have God's perfect (7) purpose (3) that the world (4) experiences this tribulation (84).

1877 to 1988 from one tribulation to another is 3864 years. This ties in both the number 23 and 84 to the same event (2x23x84). So we have the Church (2) under judgment (23) during the great tribulation (84).

5/21/2011 marks the 8400th day from 5/22/1988 (tribulation starts). May 21, 2011 is the **17th day of the 2nd month** in the Hebrew calendar. This is the date when God shut the door

after Noah and his family in the ark (*Genesis 7:11*). This marks the end of the tribulation, but Salvation **MAY** continue until we see signs of the end before the last day of **10/21/2011**. That's 153 days later (3x3x17): 10/21/2011 will also coincide with the last day of the **feast of tabernacles** (23rd day of the seventh month in the Hebrew calendar). This **unfulfilled** feast has everything to do with the end of the world (Ex 23:16).

Through all of this, God is **WARNING!** and believers are the watchmen who are commanded to blow the trumpet when they see the enemy coming (*Ezekiel 33:2-9*). Christ is the enemy of all who are still unsaved. Between **May 21** and **Oct 21, 2011** the world should begin to see evidence of the end. God will then destroy those who are unsaved and the believers will be taken into life eternal:

Q. That is awful! What should I do if I'm still unsaved?

A. Wonderfully, today is still the day of salvation. However there is no Salvation in the Church because God's judgment is on the corporate body. It is **outside** the Church where people have the greatest possibility of becoming saved.

We should cry to God TODAY for His mercy. If we take a **wait and see** attitude, come 5/21/2011, it **may be too late** for salvation. We should also make every effort to read the Bible or be under the hearing of the **True** Gospel as God saves through His Word:

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Isaiah 55:6

It is our prayer that the LORD will give you understanding as you humbly meditate on His Word.

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Prime numbers: 153 fish. As we study the Bible, we see another way in which God speaks through the numbers. For example, we read about the **153 fish** that Jesus' disciples caught while fishing in *John 21:11*. Consider this: fish = believers who become saved; disciples = all believers called to bring the Gospel; sea = hell from which the new believers are rescued; fishing = the activity of sharing the Gospel with the world. Knowing this, we see the number 153 can be broken down into prime numbers of 3x3x17. #3 is purpose and the number 17 is used to represent Heaven. So we can translate this way: It is God's express purpose that those who become saved are to go to Heaven. The fact that the number 3 appears twice means that the thing is established by God and will shortly come to pass as describe in the following verse when Joseph was interpreting Pharaoh's dream about the famine that was to come into the land of Egypt: *And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.*

Genesis 41:32

276 souls. We find other important truth when we look at the shipwreck of Paul and those with him in Acts 27. Consider this: ship = the New Testament Church; the storm = great tribulation of our day; Paul and his crew = believers during this time. We read that the ship was completely destroyed, but the 276 souls on board made it safely to land (*Acts 27:37*). The number 276 can be broken down into the prime numbers 3x4x23. We can translate this historical event this way: it is God's purpose (3) that in the world / church (4) those who are present (believers) during the final tribulation (ship—Church destroyed) will not be harmed—they make it safely to land (Heaven).

Q. Wow! I've never looked at the Bible this way before. But how do these tie into 2011?

A. OK; let's look at some time paths. Remember we should never hesitate to look at numbers and dates in the Bible, in these last days. They are there for a reason:

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2 Timothy 3:16

The following calendar is known to be very accurate. However, for lack of space, we can't prove this here. Please check out the reference offered at the end of the tract for more in-depth information. The time paths are just a **fraction** of the ones the Bible is revealing today:

That in itself was a picture of the great tribulation of today. Just as the people of God were carried away captive by the Babylonians under the leadership of its king. So too, the Church has gone into captivity and is now referred to as Babylon (*Revelation 18:2*) with Satan as the king of Babylon. Satan has taken his seat (ruling) in the temple of God (Churches and Congregations). He is allowed by God to deceive many because of the ever increasing disobedience of the Church to the whole Bible:

When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place... (churches) Then let them which be in Judea (true believers) flee into the mountains (to the safety of God himself who is their strength):

Matthew 24:15-16

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2 Timothy 4:3-4

And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

2 Peter 2:2

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick...

Revelation 2:5

They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth (silences) you will think that he doeth God service.

John 16:2

Q. How has the Church fallen away? Jesus said He would build His Church and the gates of hell would not prevail.

A. Jesus does say that in *Matthew 16:18*, but the Church He is talking about is not the external Churches as we know them. We know this because at any time in history there have been the wheat (true believers) and the tares (unsaved) sown by Satan, in the Churches (*Matthew 13:38-39*). The Church in view is the invisible, eternal Church which is made up of every born again, predestined believer wherever they may be in the world. Christ paid for their sins on an individual basis and the gates of hell will not prevail against them.

*And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. **Matthew 1:21** I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.*

John 17:9

For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

Acts 18:10

Q. Well then what do we do with the verse that says **not to forsake the assembling of the Church?**

A. You mean *Hebrew 10:25* and it doesn't say "assembling of the Church." We are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves. The believer's real fellowship is with the father and the son (1 John 1:3). As believers see the day approaching, they gather together with God Himself who is their only strength. They may also fellowship with likeminded believers outside of Church authority.

Q. Why are the Churches under God's judgment?

A. The Bible faults the Churches and congregations of our day on many doctrinal issues. Here are just a couple:

Salvation. Today's salvation program is that God loves everybody and we have to do some work like accept Jesus as savior to be saved (free-will gospel). While we are commanded to call on His name, we have to remember that God himself is also-gether responsible for our salvation because we are spiritually dead. (*Ephesians 2:1, 8-9 / John 6:44, Romans 9:15, Romans 3:11*)

Signs and wonders. The dominant Gospel of our day is one that embraces supernatural activities like falling over backwards, miraculous healings, dreams, visions and tongues. The Bible warns that these would be a sign of the end times (*Matthew 24:24, II Thessalonians 2:9*). At the time the Bible was being written, God did bring messages in a tongue or a vision. These were truly supernatural and God used them as types and figures pointing to some aspect of His salvation program. However, when we get towards the closing verses of the Bible God warns that we are not to **add** or **take away** from the Bible (*Revelation 22:18-19*). By this God is protecting us against the deceitful nature of Satan who comes as an angel of light and his ministers as ministers of righteousness (*2 Corinthians 11:13-15*). God commands the believers to come out of the Churches or they will eventually be asked to leave their Church if they try to be faithful to the whole Bible.

*For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: **I Peter 4:17***

*And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. **Revelation 18:4***

Q. That is awful. Why can't Church leaders understand this and become more faithful to the Bible?

A. Because this is God's program and everything is going as

planned. He is allowing Satan to rule in the Churches and is also removing His hand of restraint on sin so the world becomes more and more wicked. This is why, today, immorality is also on the rise like never before. God is preparing the world for judgment. In addition to all this, God himself is blinding Church leaders and evangelists:

*And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: **2 Thessalonians 2:11***

*Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation..... **Revelation 2:22***

Q. This would explain a few things about today's Churches! But how do you arrive at 2011 as the End of the World?

A. As we carefully and prayerfully study the Bible, we begin to see patterns and meanings in the way God uses numbers. By His mercy, He's allowed some to lay out the Biblical timeline of history so that today we know with accuracy what year creation occurred (11,013 BC); what year the worldwide flood of Noah's day took place (4990 BC); the year Jesus was born (7 BC) etc. The dates found in scripture do coincide with our modern calendar and the secular record of events.

Q. What are some of these numbers and how can we learn from them?

A. The following are some of the common numbers and their spiritual meanings as revealed in the Bible.

#2 Church / Body of believers. The animals (believers) went two by two into the Ark (Jesus); the 2 witnesses of revelation 11: 3-4 (they are the two olive trees and the two candlesticks).

#3 God's purpose that *whatever is in view be so*. It is used extensively around the crucifixion: Jesus rose the 3rd day; there were 3 crosses; Jesus prayed 3 times; Peter denied Him 3 times.

#4 Universality (whole world—North, South, East and West) Believers are gathered from the four corners of the earth (*Mark 13:27*).

#5 Salvation or judgment depending on context: Five thousand loaves of bread fed five thousand people (Jesus is the bread of life). The five wise and foolish virgins (five saved—grace and five unsaved—judgment) *Matthew 25:2*.

#7 Perfection. Used extensively with the ceremonial laws: blood sprinkled 7 times before the LORD (*Lev 4:6*). 7 lambs (perfect Christ) offered for a burnt offering (*Lev 23:19*).

#10, 100 or 1000 usually point to completeness of time: Figurative 10-day tribulation of the Church of Smyrna (*Revelation*

2:10). Parabolic 100 sheep of *Matthew 18:12*. Figurative 1000 years of *Revelation 20:2*.

#12 Fullness Spiritual number of all believers. Twelve tribes of Israel. Jesus had 12 apostles (*Matthew 10:2*).

#13 Abundant fullness 12+1=13. The Apostle Paul became the 13th apostle. The tribe of Dan was replaced with the tribe of Manasseh (13th) in the sealing of *Revelation 7:5-8*.

#17 Heaven To be under the care and keeping of Jesus. Jacob lived 17 years in Egypt (picture of the world) under the care of Joseph (a type of Christ) during the tribulation.

#23 Judgment Often points to the judgment of God on the body of believers in a time of tribulation. The final tribulation lasts 23 years (1988 to 2011).

#40 Testing Jesus is tempted of Satan for 40 days (*Luke 4:2*).

#84 Tribulation (3x4x7=84). This number is featured in all the tribulation accounts.

Q. That is interesting. But what do these numbers tell us about 2011?

A. Before we get to that, we should take a quick look at how God uses some of these numbers in the Bible: Historical Parables. The Bible is written in parabolic form both in doctrine and historical account:

*I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: **Psalms 78:2***

*And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: **Mark 4:11***

*Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. **I Corinthians 10:11***

A parable is an earthly story that we can relate to, but it has a spiritual or heavenly meaning. When the Children of Israel, for example, escaped slavery from Egypt. That's a historical parable pointing to God's Elect as they escape the judgment that has come upon the churches of our day. Egypt is a picture of the Church being in bondage to sin. Crossing the red sea on dry land means that God's children will escape the final judgment as God gives the unsaved in the Church over to Satan today: *Many are called but few are chosen (Matthew 22:14)*. Believers were then tested (**#40**) in the wilderness where they wait to enter the promise land, typified by Canaan. Therefore, as we compare one historical event to another, we find truths that can only come from the infinite Mind and Wisdom of God.