

# An introduction to Biblical Chronology

## *Scripture References and Notes*

### Session 5

*Note: all scriptures are from the AV (KJV)*

Last time we covered the last of the eight principles that we need to establish the basic fundamentals of Biblical Chronology. Now today we're going to cover the following:

- 1 Review**
  - **The 8 Principles covered so far**
  - **Daniel's Seven 'Times'**
  - **'The End' of Gentile Domination**

I'll quickly review the 8 principles and will spend a little more time on the last 3 or 4, so that we make sure we're all happy with the important principles we covered last time in our marathon session! [See full details in Session 4's notes]

Then I want to cover a very special year. Can you remember what that year was? Yes, it was **1933**, which was 'The End' as far as at least two of the major calendars or chronologies were concerned. The end, that is, before the final 1,000 years. Don't be concerned if it doesn't yet make sense: all will be revealed! Then we will cover:

- 2 1933**
  - **The Last Big Warning**
  - **Mr Ware and his team**
  - **The Final Warnings**
  - **What Happened in 1933?**

#### Principle 5

[For **Principles 1-4** see last time's notes]

**The fifth major part of the framework** is that God didn't use 'our' years, he counted the Years of Forgiveness in the Chronology of Redemption in **LUNAR YEARS**. The Civil Lunar Year of 354 days is the Year that God used for MOST of the 6,000 years of the Chronology of Redemption — see **Chart 12**. The actual time that was experienced by man was counted in lunar years of 354 days, which is why the number of years on the surface of scripture don't seem to add up. But when you go to the moon, that 'witness in the sky', you see that **every day** is accounted for. In fact it's accurate to at least the nearest tenth of a second. Do you remember the '2.8 seconds' we needed as part of the lunar cycle? Well we need to be as accurate as that in counting time and, knowing God, one day we'll see that it was even more accurate than that! The timing of the moon is VERY important around the full moon at the death and resurrection of Jesus, as we'll see in later studies, and next time, or in a subsequent study we may be able to see that the moon perfectly establishes the day (and the time) for the first day of creation, as you'd expect, of course!! God's created work was perfect, "very good", and that included time, days and the 6 + 1 structure of the week.

There is one slight complication in using the lunar calendar to work out the dates of history. This was fully established by Arthur Ware and his team; the main clarification that they needed to establish was that during the three nominal 500-year periods that the Jews actively used this calendar in Biblical history time **was counted in lunar years**, but they were INTERCALATED lunar years, to keep them in line with the sun. Everything they did, their sabbaths, their festivals and feasts were all based on the lunar pattern but, as we saw before, about one year in three, in a 19-year cycle or pattern, they waited an extra month before proclaiming the start of the next year. And it was all governed by the first appearance of the moon in the sky. Incredibly easy, wasn't it? They didn't need watches or atomic clocks, they just noted the day the moon appeared and used the established pattern to keep everything in line with the sun.

This is incredibly simple, but a major revelation from the throne of God to those, such as Mr Ware's team, who needed this to work out THE VERY DAY of all the major points in Bible history. I'll be able to give you some of those dates soon. However, let's just finish these principles off. The next two principles are linked together:

#### Principle 6

**The sixth part of the framework** is that a 'Time' is a Babylonian year of 360 days.

#### Principle 7

**The seventh part of the framework** was the 'Day-Year' Principle.

One day can be seen as equivalent to a year in prophecy, where the future is foretold. We saw that Daniel's prophecy of the Seven Times of Nebuchadnezzar related to a period of 'Seven Times', that is 7 multiplied by 360 days — the number of days in a Babylonian year — 2,520 days, when Nebuchadnezzar went mad and became like an animal.

Therefore 'Seven Times' passed over him. **This is incredibly important.** He was mad for **SEVEN TIMES**. Afterwards he came to his senses and became a believer. He wrote a tract, spreading the good news, the gospel, as we would call it, right round his kingdom. We can see this in Daniel 4. Look at the **top of Chart 14** (p28).

The 'Day-Year' Principle meant that we could also look at the seven times as relating to 2,520 years into the future.

## Principle 8

**The eighth principle**, at the end of this chart, shows how **SEVEN TIMES** passed over the Jews, with the Gentile Domination of the land of Israel. So these 2,520 years related to the **Gentile Domination of Israel**. We then went on to examine what this Gentile domination of Israel was in depth, and found four important dates at the time it started. Having discovered these four important years, Grattan Guinness thought "If it **started** in four stages, perhaps it's going to **end** in four stages, or with four notable years." Look now at the **bottom of Chart 14** (p28 & below).

## THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES – 2,520 years – Fulfilled in Four Stages

We see how Daniel's Seven Times relate to the start and end dates of Gentile domination. These were:

### Stage 1 607 BC

The first date found to be associated with the Times of the Gentiles was 607 BC. It was the accession year of Nebuchadnezzar. This was the first stage of the capture of Jerusalem.

**The year of the first stage revealed by Grattan Guinness was therefore: 607 BC.**

### Stage 2 604 BC

Now the **second stage** in the beginning of Gentile domination was three years later in **604 BC**. It's all in Daniel 2. The dream Nebuchadnezzar had of the Great Statue. And Grattan Guinness knew that the history of the world empires was shown to Nebuchadnezzar, in this dream that only Daniel could interpret. It's fascinating, and is an amazing prophecy, with some parts of it still to come true in the future today. Do you remember?

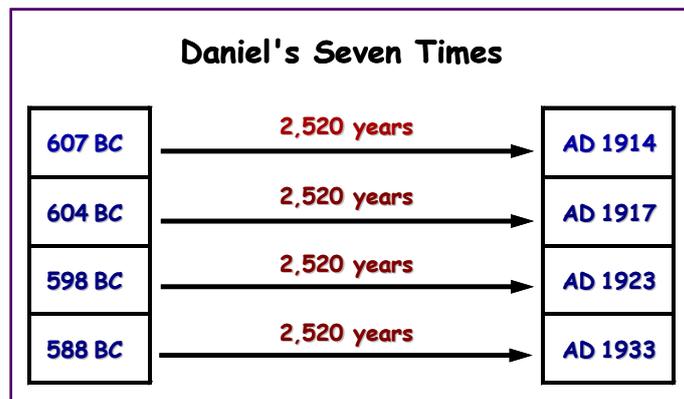
**Head of Fine Gold**  
Babylon (609–539BC)

**Chest/Arms of Silver**  
Medo-Persia (539–331BC)

**Belly/Thighs of Brass**  
Greece (331–168BC)

**Legs of Iron**  
Rome (168BC–AD476)

**Feet of Iron & Clay**  
Revived Roman Empire—future



These are all Gentile Empires, and it was the plan of Gentile domination that was given. So that's another stage in the start of Gentile domination.

### Stage 3 598 BC

Do you remember, we now come to Jehoiakim — a terrible king of Judah who revolted against Nebuchadnezzar in 598 BC? So Nebuchadnezzar came back to take over, but Jehoiakim then died, leaving his son Jehoiachin on the throne instead. He only reigned for 100 days when Nebuchadnezzar took Jehoiachin back to Babylon, and that was the end of his reign. (Apologies if I imply that Jehoiakim reigned for 100 days. He died and left Jehoiachin to reign for 100 days before being taken to Babylon.) Then Zedekiah was put on the throne until the fall of Jerusalem. This was the third stage in the setting up of Gentile domination of Jerusalem, in **598 BC**.

### Stage 4 588 BC

The final siege of Jerusalem started in 588 BC, and Jerusalem finally fell two years later in 586 BC. So the start of this final stage was noted as **588 BC**. And do you remember that I said that Grattan Guinness pondered and thought "If the times of the Gentiles last for Seven Times in years, just like the seven times of Nebuchadnezzar lasted for 2,520 **days**, then is all we have to do is to add 2,520 **years** to each of these four dates and we may then see the End of the Gentile domination"? So we added 2,520 years to the four stages. Now we remember, don't we, that there was no year nought. If we add 2,520 years to 607 BC we get to AD 1914 (and so on — full details above and on **Chart 14**). Now these are GENTILE YEARS, solar years, as this is **Gentile** world domination, not a **Jewish** period.

## The Fulfilment

### Stage 1 607 BC to AD 1914

Now, what happened in 1914? Do you remember what I told you? The Jews had been pressing for the establishment of a state from the mid-1890s, and in 1914 Mr Balfour, a Bible-believing politician, had the 'brilliant' idea that it would be great to give Uganda to the Jews! And you remember that the Jews were horrified. They weren't Ugandans!

Then a Jew called Chaim Weizmann, an industrial chemist, went to London to see Mr Balfour. Instead of a massive row they became great friends, and Chaim Weizmann converted Lord Balfour into believing that the only place for the Jews was actually Palestine. So what happened in 1914?

1) The start of World War I — There had never been anything like it. There never was world peace again.

**So this was the beginning of the fall of the Gentiles.**

2) So, what happened to the Jews? Lloyd George, foreign secretary, and Herbert Samuel, the only Jewish member of the cabinet, both decided and agreed that the Jews should have a land of their own. This was a major step forward, and this also happened in 1914. And do you remember that I said that the Jews also fought on the side of the British in the Great War, and the British owed them a debt after that. They especially owed a debt to the Jew **Chaim Weizmann**. I said above that he was an industrial chemist. We British were very short of explosives and Chaim had invented a process to manufacture liquid acetone. **Note:** He did **not** discover the formula for the explosive TNT, as implied in the talk. The German chemist Joseph Wilbrand discovered TNT in 1863. However, what Chaim discovered was a bacterium needed to produce acetone (*the 'Weizmann organism'*), which was needed for the manufacture of TNT. However, Chaim so loved Britain that he gave the formula (for acetone) to the British. Without it we may have lost the war (*as TNT production would have been severely restricted*). Many people think it was Chaim Weizmann's discovery that saved the war for Britain. So, the brilliant plan of God meant that Britain now owed a debt to this Zionist. Isn't God clever? That was 1914. It marked the first stage in the progress. 607 BC through to AD 1914, 2,520 (*solar*) years later.

## Stage 2 604 BC to AD 1917

604 BC plus 2,520 years comes to **AD 1917**

What happened in 1917? As I said, two dramatic things happened. General Allenby took the British into Jerusalem, and captured it from the Turks, who had dominated Jerusalem since the 7<sup>th</sup> century (for about 1,335 years). This was a major step forward. But more significant of all was this relationship between Lord Balfour and Chaim Weizmann. On 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1917 Lord Balfour wrote what has become known as the Balfour Declaration and sent it to the Rothschilds. I gave you a copy last time of this historic document.

In 604 BC the world was **told through Nebuchadnezzar's dream** the future **history of the Gentiles**. Here in 1917, 2,520 years later, the future history of **the Jewish state was being proclaimed**. **Do you see the pattern? It's wonderful, isn't it? And only God could have planned it. No man or men could have ever done this.**

This declaration was vitally important to the Jews, because the people who controlled Palestine and Jerusalem were declaring that they were in favour of a Jewish state, and of them going back to the land. And they started going back. Those Bible students who had read Grattan Guinness were amazed. Two of his four predictions had come to pass.

## Stage 3 598 BC to AD 1923

598 BC plus 2,520 years comes to **AD 1923**

In 1923 the League of Nations, which represented all the governments of the world, signed the Palestinian Mandate, which said that Britain would decide what would happen to Israel. Britain had declared in 1917 what they wanted to happen to Israel. And in 1923 the world signed the Palestinian Mandate and said "go ahead". Now we come on to Mr Ware. Mr Ware and his associates were watching. Having seen three fulfilled already they knew that the last one was going to be fulfilled and to be significant. So, what year was that going to be? Let's look again at this last stage in the end of Gentile domination, and the next stage in the re-establishment of the State of Israel.

## Stage 4 588 BC to AD 1933

588 BC plus 2,520 years comes to **AD 1933**

**What was 1933 all about, and why is it so important in the Chronology of Redemption?**

First, where have we seen that year before? Yes, we saw it earlier when we added 1,900 years to the date that Jesus was crucified. Two entirely different sources. Now we have two entirely different dating systems, both pointing to the same year. Do you think it might be an important and significant year? Yes I do. Do you think God saw it as an important year? Yes, He did. And I can tell you that it is the year on which **the whole of chronology hinges**.

It was the year of **'The End'**.

Well, what was going to happen? Would it really be 'The End'? Was the Rapture going to occur? Now Mr Ware and his associates (and a lot of other Christians at that time) were looking at the work of Grattan Guinness and they realised that three of his predicted years had been marked by important events that would eventually lead up to the establishment of the State of Israel. So, if three had come to pass, was it possible that the fourth one would be accurate as well? Would God mark in some way the end of Gentile domination, and was the Jewish clock going to restart again? These men were all very well versed in Bible Prophecy and, like all serious Bible Students of the time, they were what we would call today 'Pre-Millennialists' that is, they believed in a literal 1,000 years' reign of Jesus on the earth that really was going to happen in the future, and that this would be preceded by the seven years of The Tribulation. So they thought that the end of the Church age, as well as the end of Gentile domination, was near.

## The Last Big Warning

### Chart 15 The Day-Year Principle Again

However, there was yet another clue that God gave that things were coming to a head in 1933. To show you this I have to explain something to do with the 360-day year again. It's based on the Day-Year Principle again. With 24 hours in a day and 360 days in a Babylonian year we can draw a parallel here. If 360 days represents one day, how many days represent one hour? We can see that one 24<sup>th</sup> of 360 days is 15 days. Look at **Chart 15** (p42).

So let's have a look at the Day-Year Principle again, and see how God used it to give this last Big Warning. On the left we see one day is equivalent to one year in a lot of prophecy. That's what the sign  $\equiv$  means. Not 'equal to' but 'equivalent to'. So 2,520 days is equivalent to 2,520 years and if one day represents one year then, turning it round, it is quite possible to see that **one hour** could be represented by **15 years**. Look at the right hand side for the reasoning.

## 15 Years

So, what was the last 'Big Warning', the Final Sign that God gave before He used Mr Ware and his team to get into the detail? Well, it was in the ending of the Great War, that is the First World War. Do you remember when it finished? Yes, it ended at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, in 1918. The eleventh hour — one hour to midnight. What could that mean? One hour to go to the end? Well, if one hour can be represented by 15 years, then let's go forward 15 years. Where does that take us? Yes, 15 years from 1918 takes us to **1933**. Do you think God was saying something to those who were watching?!! Yes, 1933 was going to be a very important year. So, what would you do, if you knew that God had marked a year? What did Daniel do when he knew that the 70 years were coming to an end? He watched and prayed. And that is exactly what Arthur Ware and his associates did as they looked forward to 1933.

Bible prophecy had become a very popular issue, and was a hot topic. A E Ware wrote what became a best seller in 1929 called 'The Hour of Translation'. I have a copy here. He was a very well respected and widely read Bible teacher. So Arthur Ware and his associates were convinced that 1933 was going to be an extremely important year in history. In fact, they believed it could even signal the time of the Rapture and the start of the Tribulation. They couldn't be sure of that but it seemed a distinct possibility. And, as I will show you later, in one sense they were right!! More of that later. However they prayed, they watched and they searched their Bibles. And the Lord took them to Romans 11.

### Romans 11

1. I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,

3. Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.

4. But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.

5. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

6. And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

7. What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded.

8. (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

9. And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompense unto them:

10. Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway.

11. I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall?

(i.e. Is that the end of the Jews? **No!**)

God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

12. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

13. For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

14. If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.

15. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

16. For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.

17. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

18. Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

19. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

20. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high-minded, but fear:

21. For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. (*THE GENTILES*)

22. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise **THOU ALSO SHALT BE CUT OFF.**

23. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again.

24. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

25. For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

26. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27. For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Now here's the important point. Israel is described as a tree.

Verse 17 again:

17. And if some of the branches be broken off,  
and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them,  
and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

**The natural Jews  
The Gentile believers  
and here is the warning:**

18. Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

Gentiles: 'Don't make yourself more important than the Jews.' Bless them and you will be blessed. Many Christians look down on the Jews. They are out of fellowship, but God is still working for them. Another 15 years (one hour) from

1933 takes it to 1948, when the State of Israel was re-established. So here was a final warning of one hour; God gave them an hour's rest, and then they were back in the land with their own state.

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### As I said, this is to THE GENTILES

22. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, **if thou continue in his goodness**: otherwise **THOU ALSO SHALT BE CUT OFF**.

The Jews had a very special position. But God warned them that they would be cut off. He gave them until the death of the first Christian Martyr, Stephen. (This was the end of the re-run 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel.) The Jews were cut off and the Gentiles came in. The anointing was upon the gentiles. Now the Church itself was separate. In the Church there is neither Jew nor Greek (or Gentile); we are a separate commonwealth, a commonwealth of heaven. But this is talking about the Gentile nations across the face of the earth. They were anointed for a time, but we are coming onto the warning, and TONIGHT is all about that warning and the date that went with it.

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In Genesis 9 there is a prophecy that Japheth shall dwell in the tents of Shem ..... This has happened in the last 2,000 years. But, the warning was: IF YOU DON'T CONTINUE IN THE GOODNESS OF GOD **YOU WILL BE CUT OFF**.

The nations ignored the warning. They didn't realise the blessings that they had had because of the anointing upon them. The Jews no longer proclaimed the gospel or the oracles of God. The Church, in the gentile nations now did it for 1,900 years. Now the dates that Grattan Guinness discovered pointed to the end of Gentile domination, and the re-establishment of the Jews. Now those watching obviously thought that this would be the Rapture; at the time they didn't see that cancelled periods would apply to the Gentiles as well. **AND THE TRUTH IS THAT NOT ONLY ARE THE JEWS LIVING IN AN UNRECKONED PERIOD AT THE MOMENT, BUT THE GENTILES ARE ALSO LIVING IN AN UNRECKONED PERIOD.**

Now God ignores the times of rebellion; the times out of fellowship He 'winks at'. So to God, when the Rapture occurs and Jewish time starts again, with the start of the seven years of the Tribulation, it will be as if it started exactly at the point of the end of the nominal 2,000 years of Gentile domination — shown on the previous charts as 'THE CHURCH AGE'. Yes, it is the Church Age, but the 2,000 years actually refer to the time of Gentile domination.

Time has stopped in most of the chronologies at the moment; we are all living in an unreckoned period. The Church was hidden in the Old Testament (OT) and couldn't be seen. The Jews new nothing of it until



Jesus mentioned it. Just like the valley in the view from the first hill. They were cut off and the Gentiles came into the anointing. This has corresponded with the Church Age. However, now that the Gentile nations are cut off, we in the Church are living in an unreckoned period as well and, at the moment, we don't know exactly when it is going to end. We can see patterns and frameworks, and we can see that the end, or the Rapture for us, cannot be far away. But we don't know the exact time now. All we know is that, if the Gentiles have been cut off, we must see the rising again of the Jews. And what have we seen over the last 50+ years? The rise of the Jews, the full re-establishment of Israel, now proclaimed as a 'First World Country'. I heard that very phrase used by the Prime Minister [Tony Blair] last week.

Now, back to the 1920s and 1930s. What would it have been like if you'd been there at that time? What would you have done if you'd known that a very special year was coming up. One which could be the Rapture and the end of the Church on the earth, but also one in which the Gentiles would be cut off if they didn't continue in the goodness of God? Again, they sought the Lord. As I shared with you, he wrote this bestseller in 1929: 'The Hour of Translation'. They studied and fasted and prayed, again and again. And the conclusion they came to was that, if it really was now the time for the Gentile nations to be cut off, then **GOD WANTED THEM TO WARN THE GENTILE NATIONS!!**

What God was asking them to do, through all the revelation that He was giving them, was to warn the nations of the world that their blessing was about to cease and that they were about to be 'Cut Off' as far as God was concerned. What would you have done?? I think 'fainting' or 'running away' would be two of the prominent things that may come to mind!! What were they to do? To seriously tell the world that they were about to be 'cut off' from the goodness of God? Mr Ware was a notable person, he had been a Rolls-Royce salesman in the States and had married quite an aristocratic lady, and was a very popular Bible teacher of his day; he was not used to being out of vogue with people. So he prayed "God, you show them". But it became clear that God wanted **them** to do it!

Books by people like Grattan Guinness and RT Naish were freely available, and these pointed to 1933 as being a very significant year, and we've already seen in this session three of the scriptural pointers to this year. But they knew that God wanted them to do this thing. Arthur Ware thought that it might be related to **Pentecost** in the early summer, as this was the time that the two loaves were taken up: the Jewish Christians and the Gentile Christians. That would be around June 1933. As they continued to pray the Holy Spirit led them to another scripture: John 21

## John 21

3. Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

4. But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.

5. Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.

6. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

7. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.

8. And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were **two hundred cubits**;) dragging the net with fishes.

9. As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

10. Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.

11. Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, **an hundred and fifty and three**: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

12. Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

13. Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

## Two Important Numbers: 200 and 153

The disciples had been unsuccessful in fishing and, about one hundred metres or yards away (200 cubits of 18 inches), Jesus calls to them to see how they had done. The important thing is that it was **200 cubits** offshore. In fact the two most important things they needed to get from this passage were the two numbers: **200** and **153**

When He got the answer that they hadn't caught a thing He tells them exactly what to do and what would happen. So they did it. And what happened? **1)** They had a catch of **big fish** (*plural*); **2)** there were **exactly 153**; **3)** the **net didn't break**; **4)** it was dragged up **out of the sea**. Four very important facts. A E Ware and his associates realised that there was something very significant here.

A cubit often represented a day in ancient calendars. Was God asking them to mark a time 200 days before an event? (*i.e.* at a distance of 200 cubits?) What about the **153**? R T Naish and others had studied it. In his book 'Spiritual Arithmetic', of **153** he states: "We now come to a number that perhaps exhibits in a more striking manner than any other figure, the use which the Holy Spirit makes of arithmetic in God's Word to teach deep spiritual lessons." This number had mathematical qualities. For example, all the numbers from 1 - 17 all added together come to 153.

$$17 \times 9 = (10 + 7) \times 9 = 153 \quad 10 = \text{numerical completion} \quad 7 = \text{spiritual perfection}$$

10 + 7 = Church at the Rapture, numerically complete and spiritually perfect. Without spot or blemish

9 = finality, the last days, end times

Therefore **153 = church complete**, and at **'the end'**. And it was being got up out of the sea — of the nations of the world. A dragnet — the fish lifted up — as at the Rapture.  $\nu 11$  '... drew the net to land, full of great fishes'. Fishes in Greek is 'ichthues' from fish 'ichthus'. The Greeks counted using the alphabet. Every word in the Bible, in Hebrew and Greek, has a numerical value associated with it. There is completeness, perfection and harmony throughout the Scriptures. The whole passage is full of 153s all the way through. So this passage represents the Church in the last days being resurrected and brought up out of the sea of nations. A beautiful picture. '**ICHTHUES**' comes to **1224**. 'The Net' is '**TO DIKTUON**'; this also comes to **1224**, which is **153 x 8** (resurrection):

'Fishes' (*plural — used in Luke 9:13*) is 'ichthues'  $\iota\chi\theta\upsilon\epsilon\varsigma$   $(10 + 600 + 9 + 400 + 5 + 200) = 1224 = 153 \times 8$

'The net' is 'to diktuon'  $\tau\omicron\ \delta\iota\kappa\tau\upsilon\omicron\nu\omicron\nu$   $(300 + 70) + (4 + 10 + 20 + 300 + 400 + 70 + 50) = 1224 = 153 \times 8$

**153** is  $(10 + 7) \times 9$  **10 Numerically Complete** + **7 Spiritually Perfect** x **9 Last Days** x **8 Resurrected** = **Church at Rapture**  
Also the net didn't break — none are going to be lost. The Church will be complete at the Rapture. **Not** a partial Rapture!

## What Happened in 1933?

### Chart 16 The Final Warnings: 200 Days and 40 Days

They were therefore dealing with a passage that dealt with the **Rapture of the Church**. So they thought "That's it! Lord — you want us to **warn** the Gentiles 200 days before they are **cut off**" (and then, they thought, there will be the Rapture of the Church). "So, Lord, just tell us **when** to warn them and we will know what the date is!!" And so on 13<sup>th</sup> November 1932 they were led to book the Friends' Meeting House (opposite Euston Station) for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 1932. God showed them by a RHEMA word that this would be the 200-day warning. Add 200 days on and you get to a date that you will get to know very well: **12<sup>th</sup> June 1933**. On those two dates the meetings were held. There was one on the Friday evening, where Mr Ware read a paper explaining that there were 200 days and the nations would be cut off, and also meetings on the Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening, for those who couldn't make it on the Friday. This was a rather outlandish thing to do: to hold a meeting and tell everyone that the nations are going to be cut off. It was a real step of faith. He really needed a sign that they really weren't completely way off.

The meetings were crowded out on the Saturday, but they were rather disappointed with the numbers on the Friday; the hall seemed almost empty. So two of the organisers separately counted up the number there in the hall on the Friday and, yes, you've guessed it, there were 153 people present! Amazing!! God confirmed his Word by this sign, which meant so much to them. So on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 1932 there were **153 people** at this meeting. And the news was out. "Beware the date-fixer" or "**BEware**", rather than **AE Ware**!

Please permit me a little aside here. The phrase "of that day and hour knoweth no *man*" (Matt 24:36 — spoken by Jesus to the Jews for the Tribulation) is **always** to do with the end of the Tribulation, and is **nothing** to do with the Rapture of the

Church, which will be BEFORE the Tribulation. You need to go into prophecy to see this. I can recommend the two excellent series by Roger Price on Fulfilled and Unfulfilled Prophecy — a total of 35 studies on 35 cassettes or CDs (*or in MP3 format on two CD-ROMs*). I give full credit to Roger Price for the material I have been sharing with you over these sessions and I give thanks to his widow, Ros, for letting me use it and share the material in this format with you.

Anyway, the newspapers got hold of this and it became hot news. It wasn't easy for those in the middle of this. They were told on April 25<sup>th</sup> to hold another meeting, this time **40 days** before June 12<sup>th</sup>, which was May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The only hall they could get was the old Queen's Hall, Langham Place, which was destroyed during the War. Mr Ware also took two columns in most daily newspapers on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and put a full advert right down these two columns announcing what the meeting would be about, quoting a large amount of Romans 11 and saying "**40 days and the nations will be cut off!**" What he was going to say was printed and distributed through all booksellers in Britain — 32 pages for 3d [1.2p, — now worth about 50p]. It sold well — in tens of thousands, as well as his previous book 'The Hour of Translation', as I said before. About 200 came to the meeting in Queen's Hall; most the Christians in the country were aware. Also the media. Lookout!! "Date fixer" "Beware, the end is nigh", they said. The team took a lot of stick at that time, as you would expect. "**B E ware**" again. But they found that Arthur was not a crank, but a highly intelligent man, a deeply committed Christian, who seriously believed what he was saying. The Sunday Express interviewed him and the reporter said "I didn't find the crank I expected, he was a very intelligent hard-working man, who seemed to be talking quite a lot of sense", and they published this with a studious picture of him.

So ..... 40 days later they expected that the Rapture would occur. And many Christians across the country, including Mr Ware, thought that this would also be the date of the Rapture. **However, back to May 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

AFTER, and this is **very important** to note, **AFTER** Mr Ware and his team had given the warning the government announced that because of the economic gloom around the world they were inviting every nation of the world to an Economic Conference. This was the first time that this had happened, it had never happened before. Every nation of the world was going to be asked to come to London and discuss what could be done to alleviate the situation. The date of it? Yes, you've guessed: **12<sup>th</sup> June 1933.**

The Daily Mail said in the middle of May 1933: "Only three weeks remain before the World Economic Conference meets in London to deal with an emergency for which there is no parallel in history. To that gathering representatives from 66 countries of the world [remember, there were far fewer countries then] ranging from the Soviet Union to Guatemala have been invited. **Their task is to save the world from disaster.** The existing depression is the worst ever known....." **SIX** marks this conference. It was on the twelfth day (2 x 6) of the sixth month. 66 nations were represented. There were about 600 delegates. It lasted six weeks. **6** is the number for man, as you know. MAN organised this conference:

### **The WORLD MONETARY AND ECONOMIC CONFERENCE**

It was only the second time in the history of the world that all the peoples of the world had been represented in a single place. Do you know when the other time was? Yes — it was **THE TOWER OF BABEL**. Mr Ware held another meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1933 and talked on 'The Second Tower of Babel and its Consequences'. It was amazing. After their two warnings the World Conference was called. God was looking for some recognition of the fact that the nations of the world knew that the only answer was in Him. Now nothing seemed to have happened. The same thing seemed to happen in AD 33 when the Jews were cut off. Things seemed as normal but eventually, under the Romans, Jerusalem fell in AD 70-73. Nothing was the same ever again after June 12<sup>th</sup>. It was held in the (then new) Geological Museum in South Kensington. The President of the Conference was Ramsay MacDonald, the British Prime Minister. And King George V presided at the meeting. The Royal family were notably God-fearing at the time. However, many of the 66 nations present did not share the Christian faith and, somewhat unusually, God was not mentioned at all. Every mention of God was removed from the speech, which was broadcast on the radio and in newspapers around the world. It was censored, and the words are not those of the king, but of the politicians.

The king actually said: "I believe this to be the first time in history that any sovereign has presided at the opening of a conference of all the nations of the world. It cannot be beyond the power of man so to use the vast resources of the world as to ensure the material progress of civilisation." If ever God needed a proof that the gentiles were not remaining in the goodness of God, and were getting to the place where they thought that they could handle their own affairs — then this was it. On the day God had chosen to cut the Gentile nations off they were all gathered together in one place for the first time since the Tower of Babel. To those who were watching they knew what had happened.

Since that day any hope of unity in the world was dashed. Hitler came to power and only six years later the Second World War started. There has been increasing chaos in society and in the family. Economics goes from depression to boom and bust. But all the time the Jews have been increasing and becoming more and more prominent in world affairs. The current crisis, which started the day after my first study (September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001) is all about the Jews, really, and America's help for them. Jerusalem was back in the hands of the Jews in June 1967.

**On 12<sup>th</sup> June 1933 the Gentile Nations were 'CUT OFF'.**

It was 3pm. The Star newspaper reported "Every eye" (that's of every nation represented) ..... "Every eye was on the clock." At 3pm the large doors at the end of the room swung open and in walked Ramsay MacDonald and the King. Why 3pm London time? Well it was **6pm in Jewish time**, the end of that day, the very **last day** of the 2,000 years!

But **WE HAVE A DATE** ..... at long last **WE HAVE A DATE !!**

Next time we'll use this date to work backwards and fill in other dates and establish the exact framework of the Chronology of the World, which is all based on the Chronology of Redemption.