

An introduction to Biblical Chronology

Scripture References and Notes

Session 6

Note: all scriptures are from the AV (KJV) unless stated otherwise

Last time we finished the last of the eight principles that we needed to establish the basic fundamentals of Biblical Chronology. And at the end of the session we at last got to a date. Can anyone remember what that date was?

Yes, it was **12th June 1933**.

And can anyone remember what happened on that day? Yes, it was

The WORLD MONETARY AND ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

Also referred to as the **WORLD CURRENCY AND ECONOMIC CONFERENCE**, which was like a second Tower of Babel. We'll review what happened there in a moment. First, let's tell you where we are going today. Tonight we're going to cover the following:

- 1 Review**
 - The Final Warnings**
 - The Conference in 1933** *(The Gentiles are 'Cut Off')*
- 2 The Jews are 'Cut Off'** *(AD 33)*
- 3 'The Consummation of The Age'**
- 4 The Start of Jesus' Ministry**
- 5 The Birth of Jesus**
- 6 Main Dates in Scripture** *(see final chart)*

Now we saw that there were three indications that 1933 was an important date:

$$\mathbf{AD\ 1918\ +\ 15\ years\ =\ AD\ 1933}$$

The final hour began at the Armistice in 1918, the end of World War I. From **Chart 15** we saw that one hour can be represented by 15 years, so this final 15 years was seen as the last 'hour' of Gentile domination. Secondly:

$$\mathbf{588\ BC\ +\ 2,520\ years\ =\ AD\ 1933}$$

We then saw that the last date in at the beginning of the Gentile domination could be taken forward by the seven times of Daniel 4, that is 2,520 years. If you don't know how I get this you will need to get the last two sessions. However, this was the major sign to Arthur Ware and his colleagues that this era was coming to an end. Also:

$$\mathbf{AD\ 33\ +\ 1,900\ years\ =\ AD\ 1933}$$

We come to the third sign, and one which we will be using tonight. This is based on the principle that we saw in earlier sessions that God counts in 500-year periods when man only counts 490 years. We got that from the Jubilee Cycle. So when God counts 2,000 years only 1,960 years have passed to man. But the other key to this period was that God counts time in the Chronology of Redemption in **lunar years**, not solar years.

Do you remember that the lunar years he uses (in the main) are Civil Lunar Years of exactly 354 days. So, when counting time over the large periods, we have to count in years of 354 days. When we apply this we find that 1,960 lunar years come to only about 1,900 solar years. So our last pointer was that, when you add 1,900 solar years to the date of the crucifixion in AD 33, you also get to 1933.

Now we'll be using that principle tonight to count backwards and find all sorts of wonderful things. But first let's review what actually happened in 1933. Mr Ware was taken to Romans 11 when praying about the whole issue of the end of the Times of The Gentiles. And he began to realise that they were to be cut off and the

Jews grafted in again. If you want to see the detail you'll have to go through Romans 11, where Israel was described as an olive tree. Its branches were cut off and the wild olive branches, that is the Gentiles, were grafted in. Let me just read verse 22 to you:

Romans 11

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.**

So the Gentiles were warned that they would be 'cut off' if they rejected God and didn't continue in His goodness; and verse 24 shows us that the Jews were to be grafted in again. With all these signs A E Ware knew that something was going to happen in 1933, and he worked out that it was going to be the end of the 'Times of the Gentiles' and related to the beginning of the Jews getting back to the land again, eventually to rebuild the Temple and start sacrificing again; so he and many others thought that it must be the time of the Rapture too.

However, the task in hand was to warn the Gentile nations that they were about to be cut off. And, after praying and getting revelation from the incident when the disciples caught 153 fish 200 cubits offshore they were shown by God to give 200 days' warning. They did this when God gave them a date: 25th November 1932. Let's look at it on the Chart again. That's **Chart 15**. And at that meeting on Friday 25th November 1932 at the Friends' Meeting House in Euston Road God gave them a wonderful confirmation when exactly 153 people were present for the meeting — something totally outside their control! And do you remember that 153 stands for numerical completion and spiritual perfection — the state that the Church will be in at the time of the Rapture — coming out of the 'sea' of the nations? They then held another meeting to warn them, with display ads in all the main papers; this time 40 days before 'the end'. **After** that second meeting the government announced that:

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would be held on the very day that they had warned about: **12th June 1933**

At this conference God was shunned and man tried, in vain, to save the world from economic disaster. As I said, **SIX** marked 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. **Six** is the number for man, and **MAN** organised this 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. The other time was THE TOWER OF BABEL.

It was amazing. After their two warnings this 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. And, as I said, nothing was the same ever again after June 12th. It was held in the Geological Museum in South Kensington. Ramsay MacDonald, the British Prime Minister, was President of the Conference, and King George V presided at the meeting. The king said: "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." And, as we saw, 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 wanted to handle their affairs in their own way — then that was it on the very day that 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. Those who were watching knew what had happened.

This became the 'second Tower of Babel' and everyone focussed on the starting time for this Conference: 3pm British time, which was 6pm Middle East time, the end of the Jewish day. They found this date and time to be the end of the very last day of the major chronologies that were running — including the Chronology of Redemption, which was the main chronology they were working on. Of course, the Rapture didn't happen and an unreckoned period started. During the next few months and years Arthur Ware and his team sought the Lord and searched the Scriptures to have a revelation of the wonderful things and dates we are going to start to discover tonight, and which you can go on to discover for yourselves in the literature and material I will introduce you to. However, the time period that the Jews and Gentiles moved into (and which we're still in, between 75 and 80 years later) is known as:

'THE CONSUMMATION OF THE AGE'

Now, where does this phrase come from? We need to go to Matthew 13:39-40 (*From the Revised Version of 1811*)

Matthew 13 (RV)

39. and the enemy that sowed them is the devil: and the harvest is the end of the world;† and the reapers are angels.

40. As therefore the tares are gathered up and burned with fire; so shall it be in the end of the world.†

† or **the consummation of the age** (*Note is from the Revised Version.*)

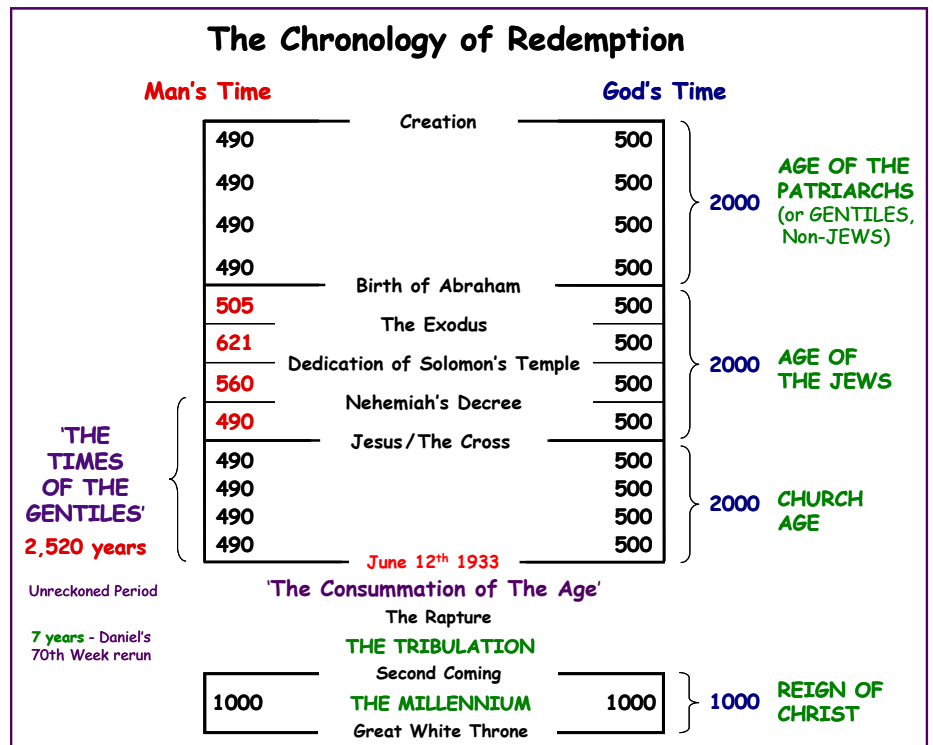
This is NOT the 'end of the world' as the King James erroneously puts it. It is much more correctly translated as 'the consummation of the age'. So, to get into the meat tonight (which I promise won't be a long session!) we have ONE DATE, a starting date — the date that the Gentiles were cut off, which was:

12th June 1933

Let's look at our main chart again — the one we've used from the beginning See **Chart 17** (*on next page*).

Chart 17 The Chronology of Redemption – The Final Picture

We can now name the gap between 12th June 1933 (the end of the 6,000 years) and the Rapture, which is the next event on this timetable. We can see this is an unreckoned period, so we are now living in a 'gap' in the overall chronological timescale. The period of the Tribulation is 7 years, as covered in the Unfulfilled Prophecy series, and is a rerun of the last of Daniel's 70 weeks. 'The Times of the Gentiles' above it obviously ends on 12th June 1933 but it started in those four stages we mentioned, with the Jews going to Babylon, so it starts in the period marked as 560 years. The Church Age covers most of 'The Times of the Gentiles' period, although it started later and will finish later, obviously. We don't know the date of the Rapture, but chronologers have been able to use the patterns they have discovered to work out some amazing things as time has gone on.



We Have a Date to Work From!

Now, if we know the date the **Gentiles** were cut off, can we now work out when the **Jews** were cut off? Well, we know that Gentile Domination started in four stages, and ended in four stages, culminating on the same day that the Gentiles were cut off, when so many calendars and chronologies came to an end, or to a major pause point. They all stopped. Now, although the Gentiles were dominating the Jews at the time of Jesus, the Jews were still functioning and using the Temple for worship. So can we determine **when** they were cut off? Well, it's not actually very difficult, and when you think about it, it becomes obvious. If we go back the exact 2,000 years of Redemption Chronology from 12th June 1933 where do we get to?

Well, let's work it out! You remember that 2,000 years is 1,960 of man's years, when you take the 40 Jubilees into account. And how many solar years did this come to when you convert back from the lunar years used, that is, the civil lunar year of 354 days? Yes, it's just under 1,900 solar years, or actually 1,899 years and 245 days. So the easiest way to do it is to take off 1,900 solar years and add on 120 days (4 months). Where does this take us? Well, by taking off 1,900 years from AD 1933 we come to AD 33 which, as you know, was the year of the death and resurrection of our Lord. We've covered that before. Now, adding 120 days (4 months) on to 12th June takes us forward to:

12th October AD 33

Now what can this date be? Well, when praying about it, Mr Ware and his associates realised that it could be nothing else than the date that Stephen was stoned to death – that is, the date of the first Christian martyr.

So, the Jews were **not** cut off when Jesus died, but when they killed the first Christian. God had a plan of Salvation for them, and for the whole world; but it was to the Jews **first**, God's chosen people. If, after Jesus had risen again the Jews had repented as a nation and accepted their Messiah, history would have been very different. But they didn't, and they were cut off. They finally showed that they weren't going to repent by killing Stephen.

Now, did they notice that they had been cut off? Not really at the time. Neither did the Gentiles in 1933. Here was Mr Ware saying that the Gentiles would be cut off, and 'all' that seemed to happen was a conference in London. To them it must have seemed like a bit of an anticlimax at the time, as they expected the return of the Lord. And yet, in a very real way, they were not wrong as far as Biblical Chronology was concerned, as they then entered the chronological hiatus, the unreckoned time period that we are still in now. When the Lord returns and the Rapture occurs the clock will start ticking again.

But did the World, or even the Church in general notice? Well, not straight away. But Hitler quickly rose to power in Germany and the events leading up to the Second World War took a major turn from that day when man tried to solve his own problems and all the economic issues of the day HIMSELF – without acknowledging that in God was their **only** hope of salvation, and for everything.

Sowing and reaping ALWAYS works; but you have to wait to see the results. The Jews didn't really notice until AD 70-73 when Jerusalem finally fell and the temple was destroyed. And then, of course, there was the final siege at Masada in AD 72-73. They noticed then, but that was 40 years later. However they were actually cut

off from the goodness of God in AD 33, 40 years earlier. It was just a little quicker when the Gentile nations went into disarray after the 'Second Tower of Babel' in 1933, as they were fighting each other on a global scale in just over 6 years, in September 1939. However, when God realised that the Jews wouldn't repent of what they'd done, at the time the first Christian was killed he cut them off and the oracles of God passed to the Gentiles for those 2,000 years. But they knew they'd be back. Let's go to Hosea 6:

Hosea 6

1. Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

2. **After two days** will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

3. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

Israel was smitten for **two days** from 12th October AD 33 to 12th June AD 1933. That was the 2,000 years on Charts 4, 8, & 12. But we really need to redraw that chart now and show the unreckoned period that both Gentiles and Jews are currently living in. But the clock will start again at the Rapture. See **Chart 17** again.

The Jews are 'being revived after two days' (2,000 yrs) and, when the 'third day' starts, they will 'be raised up'. **Glory!!**

The Barren Fig Tree

Now, having got to a date in October AD 33 where do we go from here? Well, did Jesus ever speak about cutting anything off, or cutting it down? Yes, He did. Do any of you know where? Let's go to Luke 13:

Luke 13

6. He spake also this parable; a certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

7. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on **this fig tree**, and find none: **cut it down**; why cumbereth it the ground?

8. And he answering said unto him, Lord, **let it alone this year also**, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:

9. And if it bear fruit, well: and **if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down**.

Here we have Jesus talking to the Holy Spirit in this parable. Jesus had been labouring over the Jews for three years at this point, and wants to 'cut the fig tree down'. But the Holy Spirit said "let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilise it. And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, then after that you can cut it down."

Give it another year. If it still doesn't bear any fruit, then cut it down. But let's hope that it does!

The Holy Spirit didn't want the Jews cut down then, because Jesus had to die. But because they rejected Him, and rejected the great salvation that He wrought for them, they were cut off on 12th October AD 33 and we were grafted in, the gentile believers.

So, we have some more time periods!! We have **3 years + 1 year**, making **4 years**.

So, by simply using the 354-day year we can work out the dates.

An aside – we used 12th June 1933 as the starting point. However, do you remember when the calendars were corrected by 10 days by Pope Gregory in AD 1582, when 12 days should have been dropped? As a result our calendar is still two days out and 12th June 1933 should really have been called 14th June 1933. As long as we know this and take it into account when calculating it doesn't make any other difference.

So, by going back a year (354 days) from the time that they were cut off we get back to October 23rd AD 32. This was **the date** that Jesus had this conversation with the Holy Spirit and they decided to give the Jews another year.

Another aside (not on the DVD). Remember a very important point here. God knows everything by foreknowledge but He has given man freewill, and He doesn't interfere with that. However, He **does** know the choices you are going to make. So He knew that they would kill Stephen on 12th October AD 33, even though during that time He would die for their sins, at the pivotal point of Redemption Chronology, and that they had a chance to repent of what they'd done. There's a lot of meat in here. As I've said before, what a shame we have to study chronology tonight when there are so many deep spiritual matters that we could ponder on! But what I've found is that unlocking chronology turns the key to help us unlock so many deep spiritual truths and that it's worth getting the patterns and the dates established, as this locks these truths into such a deep framework of spiritual reality; and it really is an 'honour of kings' to search out these matters. They are all there for us anyway, but they are hidden from the world. They are there for **us** to discover and see.

This is particularly true of Jesus' life, as he perfectly fulfilled all the Jewish Feasts on all the correct days, as you'd expect Him to. But the glory of understanding what the feasts were all about is marvellous. It's all in 'The Restored Vision' by AE Ware, and is also covered in Frank Paine's book 'Miracle of Time'. We'll be finishing the Introductory Course tonight, I think six sessions is enough for an introduction, and we are getting to some critical dates now, but if I get the chance to cover Jesus' life and other dates in Bible history in a subsequent course then it would be great to share these things with you. There is absolute glory there.

However, back to these four years. We've seen the last one, so all we have to do is to go back the previous three years that Jesus had been working on the Jews. And where does that get us back to? It gets us back to the start of His ministry. All we need to do is to go back three years of 354 days from 23rd October AD 32. This comes to 2 years and 332 days to go back, and this brings us to:

26th November AD 29 — which was the day Jesus started His ministry.

Now, we've not been out of the Bible to get here. The years 1914, 1917, 1923 & 1933 were all based on Grattan Guinness's interpretation of Daniel's 70 weeks. And we've just used Bible years of 354 days to go back in time to get these dates. It's all based on the Bible. But, do you see that now we can begin to PRECISELY date the major events of the Bible? Just by using the principles and patterns we've established and by using the dates we've discovered so far. Now, do we know how old Jesus was when He started His ministry? Let's go to Luke 3, verse 23:

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

Now, without going into a large amount of detail, the word translated '**about**', in the context it is given, actually means '**exactly**' and does not give any question of doubt, or inexactness, at all. In fact the Revised Version, which is inherently more accurate than the old King James Version, says:

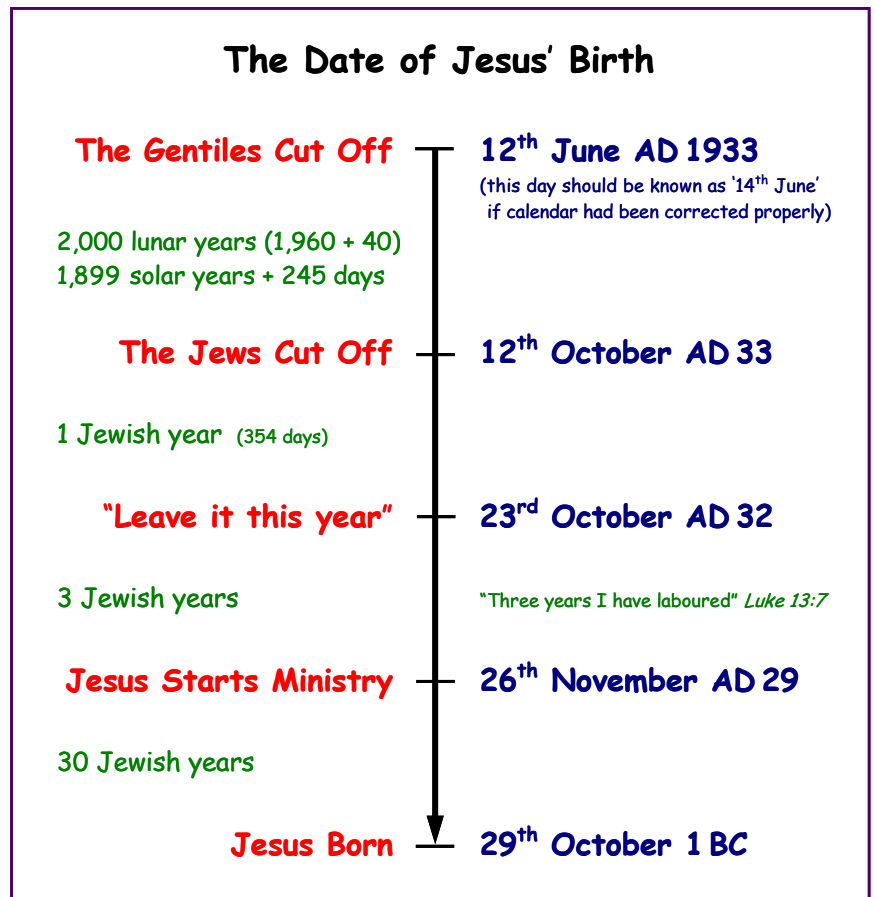
And Jesus himself, when he began to teach, was about thirty years of age,

And the emphasis puts it such that it would not be incorrect to say "Even Jesus, when he began to teach, was about thirty years of age." That is, the emphasis is on the word '**himself**' and not the word 'about'..... so: **even Jesus was also 30** when He began to teach.

So Jesus was 30, and in fact the emphasis was on the fact that as soon as he had reached 30 He began to teach. So it was his birthday (*in lunar years*). I can go into this in more detail afterwards if you need further information. What actually it was doing was drawing emphasis to the fact that Jesus was a priest. He didn't start his ministry before he was 30, but **as soon as he was 30** he began to teach and perform miracles as part of His ministry. So he fulfilled the pattern as a priest, for all to see. The moment he became 30 he began to function as a priest. Now, as we've seen, these years were measured in lunar years of 354 days.

26th November AD 29 was therefore the 30th birthday of the Lord. So let's go back 30 years: 30 x 354 days — this comes to 29 solar years and 29 days.

So now we can take 29 years and 29 days away from 26th November AD 29 to find the year of His birth. So first let's take away the 29 days. 29 days from 26th November comes to 29th October. Now take off 29 years from AD 29. Where do you get to? You don't get to year nought — there is no 'year nought', remember. The calendar, when put in place, went straight from 1 BC to AD 1.



So the birthday of the Lord, in the Julian Calendar in use by the Romans at the time, was:

29th October 1 BC — which was a Friday

It was also a very important time of the year — it was the Feast of Tabernacles that year.

Do you remember the scripture: "He came and tabernacled amongst us"? John 1:14

The Amplified Bible says:

And the Word [Christ] became flesh and **tabernacled** — fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile — among us; and we [actually] saw His glory — His honour, His majesty; such glory as an only begotten son receives from his father, full of grace and truth.

Strong's: |G4637| **pitched {his} tent** |G1722| **among** |G2254| **us**

OF COURSE!! The Lord Jesus was born at the **Feast of Tabernacles!!** He **had** to be!! He fulfilled **all** the Scriptures, he was the ANTI-TYPE, that is, the **real thing**. All the types and feasts looked forward to Him. What's the point of a type if it doesn't have an anti-type??

Chart 18 shows the timeline back from 12th June 1933 to 29th October 1 BC.

The End of the Beginning

Now we have these dates we can begin to work out all the important dates of Scripture. This is the end of an '**Introduction to Biblical Chronology**'. From this basis and understanding it would be possible to begin to study the chronology of the major events in the Bible. But that is beyond the scope of this **introductory** course!!

See the copy of the big 'Chronology of The World' Chart

Also discussed: the timing of the Last Supper (Jesus' Passover), the Jews' Passover (the following day), the Crucifixion and Resurrection, the Firstfruits, the 'First of the Sabbaths' and the time in the grave. Then the days in the Garden of Eden, the time of testing before the fall and the witness of the moon in determining the first minute of creation at 6pm on 3rd March 4075 BC — it was a 'New Moon' at **exactly** six o'clock that evening!! (Even though the moon itself wasn't created for another 4 days.) This is obtained by assuming that Adam and Eve fell on the 40th day of their testing period. Jesus was tested/tempted for 40 days and passed. Hallelujah!

The day Adam and Eve were created they would have seen the moon as a witness in the sky all of that first evening, as the 7th day opened (at 6pm). It would have appeared as a 'first quarter' in the sky (i.e. 'half' the moon's face would have been visible all afternoon) and it would have been **very prominent** in the middle of the sky at sunset, then setting at midnight. God plans EVERYTHING perfectly; we can trust His timing completely!!



Another aside (*only partly on the DVD*). In a nutshell, Daniel foretold **70 weeks** of years — that's our pattern of 490 years again, and it was designed to be the last 490-year period up to the year of the crucifixion, which would herald the end of the Law, the end of the Jewish Age and the start of the Church Age. And, after accepting their Messiah, the Jews were supposed to become born again believers and be the Church but they rejected their Messiah — and so, as we saw before, the Gentiles were grafted in.

Now the prediction in Daniel 9:24-27 was for **62 weeks, 7 weeks & 1 week**. That's **69 weeks plus 1 week, or 70 weeks** altogether. That was the timescale planned for Redemption. Now God knew what would happen, but His perfect Will was for the Jews to all be saved at this time. However, He doesn't go against His law of free will.

Now, if you work out the dates you will see that it was 69 weeks of years, or 483 years from Daniel to the start of John the Baptist's ministry. So Daniel's last 'week of years', that is, '**Daniel's 70th Week**', the last seven years making up the 70 weeks of years, started with John the Baptist. Now, halfway through this week — that is 3½ years in or, to be exact, 1,260 days in — we have the start of Jesus' ministry.

We've already covered the end of this period — 42 months later, when Stephen was stoned. So it was the final act, not only of rejecting the Lord as Messiah and Saviour of the world, but the final act of rejecting all that had happened by killing Stephen, the first Christian martyr, that heralded the end of the 70th week and the time that the Jews were 'cut off'. However, **GOD CANCELLED THAT WEEK**. So, instead of it being a week of blessing, culminating in salvation for all, it became a week of cursing — and that **70th week is yet to run again** (*as the Tribulation*) — with all the horrible details, sequence and timings of events as portrayed in Revelation — which again is another subject in itself, but a much easier subject than many think once you've unlocked the time patterns. (*See Roger Price's Unfulfilled Prophecy course — BBS 43-63.*)

One final thing. Why was Jesus born on a **Friday**? (And why, you will discover, were the notable events of His life all on Fridays?). The reason was that the Israelites, and finally the Jews, were not fulfilling the feasts and sacrifices properly and they kept going out of fellowship. They didn't keep the Law properly and kept going after idols. Their sacrificing and feast days became a ritual, a religion, in which their hearts weren't after God. So God said "I hate, I despise your feast days" Amos 5:21 Now, do you remember Joshua's 'long day'? When the Lord delivered the Amorites into Israel's hands Joshua commanded the sun to "stand still over Gibeon... until the people had their revenge upon their enemies." God granted his request and the sun 'did not hasten to go down for about a whole day.' Joshua 10:12-14 So they had a 48-hour day and finished the battle. However God quietly recorded it as **two days** (whereas the Jews only counted it as **one long day**) and, from that day on, His sabbaths have always been on Fridays and not Saturdays — a day before the Jews celebrate it. Jesus was born on God's sabbath, a Friday, and He died on a Friday. Do you remember that He kept **His** Passover (the 'Lord's Supper') a day early on the Thursday night (as **His** sabbath was beginning), but the Jews had to get those crucified off the crosses before 6pm on the Friday as they were about to keep **their** Passover? John 19:31