

Real Prophecies or Unfounded Speculations?

According to the first chapter of the Bible, God made this world in 6 days and then rested on day 7 (Genesis 2:2). The number 7, found in numerous places in the Bible, corresponds to that which is complete.

In 2 Peter 3:8, the Apostle alerts us to pay close attention to this: ***One day is with the Lord as 1,000 years, and 1,000 years as one day.*** Now, compare the 7 days of creation when God completed His work, with the 7,000 years during which God will complete His even greater work than creation, that is, redemption. Figuring from Adam's age, given in Genesis 5:3 as 130 years, and adding the years indicated in many places, we find that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born precisely 4,000 years after Adam; the equivalent of 4 days of 1,000 years. Remarkable!

The year one, as we understand it, is the first year of the Roman calendar. According to most Biblical scholars, Jesus was born in -4 and died and rose again in the year 29 of our era (He would have been 33 years old). It sounds ridiculous to say that Jesus was born in 4 B.C, before the so-called Christian era, but that's the truth! Keeping these dates in mind, year 2024 (at the time of this writing) marks almost 2,000 years since the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Adding these 2,000 years to the 4,000 that went before, gives a total of 6,000, or the equivalent of 6 days. That means that there remains 1 day of 1,000 years (the period of God's rest), to complete the total of 7,000. This matches perfectly with the Bible prophecies that speak of a 1,000 year reign of justice and peace. This millennium of the Lord Jesus will be established by Him, and, we believe, very soon.

The Bible clearly declares that there will be a time of tribulation before the Lord Jesus appears to establish His millennial reign. That day must be very near! I have no specific date to propose, but I want to make you aware of the imminence of these unfolding prophetic certainties. Current events around the planet are converging towards the Great Tribulation where Israel will have a prominent place. This nation is foreseen as abandoned by its Western allies, to find itself alone at the end, in order that Romans 11:26 will be fulfilled: ***There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer (Jesus Christ).*** The current situations in Ukraine/Russia and Israel/Hamas, not to mention all the violence and corruption increasing everywhere, show how things are shaping up towards the great tribulation just over the horizon.

Carefully consider the following: People all over the world want to live in security and peace, but their leaders are incapable of delivering. And even when they may think it has been achieved, it will soon be revealed as a mistake of disastrous proportions. 1 Thessalonians 5:3 says: ***When they shall say, Peace and Safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them.*** The return of the Lord Jesus Christ for His own seems imminent, thus accomplishing His words in John 14:3: ***I will come again and receive you unto Myself.*** I'm ready! How about you?

The Apostle Peter in 2 Peter 1:19 tells us: ***We have also a more sure word of prophecy, whereunto ye do well to take heed,*** not paying attention to this would then make us ***willingly ignorant*** (2 Peter 3:5). Rather, let us be among those who ***know these things in advance*** (2 Peter 3:17). Be warned! You have the opportunity, right now, to call upon the name of the Lord Jesus, and put your confidence in Him, because: ***Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved*** (Romans 10:13).

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