

The Other Side Of The Holy Cover
Hundreds Of Bible Based Articles

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Introduction

This book is a collection of articles that I have been writing since being baptised into the Church Of God. I was baptised in 1985. By that time I had already spent six years reading the Bible from cover to cover several times and had read and studied Worldwide Church Of God publications including the Plain Truth back issues to early 1983, some Good News Magazines and most of their advertised booklets. I had also done a Bible study course.

I am not trying to start a new church, establish new fundamentals or redefine what is well established. United Church Of God, An International Association, that I am a member of, has all the fundamental and main doctrines well explained in their literature and it is available to the public free of charge upon request. See www.ucg.org or www.ucg.ca

There are 204 articles here that range from one line to 49 pages in length on many Biblical topics. Many of them deal with personal struggles in trying to settle perspectives entertained by certain people I have encountered by relying on the Bible as the basis for beliefs. Some articles explain scripture. Many use scripture to explain things.

2 Corinthians 6:18–7:1 (NKJV)

"I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Hebrews 9:14 (NKJV)

how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

James 4:8 (NKJV)

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Psalm 12:6 amplified

The words and promises of the Lord are pure and sure words and can be trusted, they are genuine, He speaks no careless words, like silver refined in an earthen furnace, purified seven times over.

I hope that my knowledge and writing skills have improved through the years. I think they have.

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## About Bible Timelines

(2013 revised April 29, 2014)

I have seen a number of Bible timelines. Some can be viewed on the internet. I even have some hard copies in my possession. They all have one thing in common, they contain errors. There are other Timelines that do not use the Bible as a source of information.

I recently did a study and determined some of the key dates in Biblical history. My findings have been verified by a few but most published Timelines disagree. I cannot tell you why they contain error but I will say that it appears to be deliberate in some cases.

The following figures are subject to a little error since the Bible only reveals the age of the fathers in years and not in days, months and years. If we were able to take into consideration the months and days we might derive slightly different sums.

Adam was created. (Genesis 1:26,27 and 2:7)

1558 years later Shem was born. (Genesis 5 and 11:10)

1656 years after Adam was created the flood came. (Genesis 7:6, 11)

1948 years after Adam was created, Abraham (Abram) was born. (Genesis 11:10-26) The exact age of Terah when Abraham was born is not given. This allows for a little leeway of perhaps a year or two in the dates. I used 70 as the age of Terah when Abraham was born.

2028 Abraham is 80 years old, +/- 5 years, when God made a covenant with him. (Genesis 15:18 and Galatians 3:17)

2238 years after Adam was created, Jacob and company arrive in Egypt. (Gen. 47:5,9 and Gen. 21:5, 25:26)

2255 years after Adam was created, Jacob dies at the age of 147. (Gen. 47:28)

{2668 years after Adam was created, Israel leaves Egypt after a 430 year stay. (Exodus 12:40-41) This may be inappropriate use of the 430 year period.}

2458 years after Adam was created, Israel leaves Egypt. (Galatians 3:17, Genesis 15:18 and Exodus 12:40-41) (2028 + 430 = 2458)

2938 years after Adam was created, 480 years after leaving Egypt, Solomon begins the construction of the Temple. (1 Kings 6:1)

According to some Timelines the dates given for Solomon beginning to build the Temple are years 1015 BC, 967 BC, 966 BC, 961 BC, 960 BC, 916 BC.

Dates derived for the Reign of Solomon are 1019-979 BC, 971-930 BC, 970-931 BC, 920-880 BC according to other sources.

These dates are apparently derived by scholars. So you can see that scholars disagree with each other quite a bit. For my exercise I chose the year 965 BC as the year that Solomon began to build the Temple. This is 50 years away from the earliest date and 50 years away from the latest date that the scholars determined.

Using this date we can determine the date of the creation on Adam as 3903 BC.  $(965 + 2938)$  with a plus/minus factor of 55 years,  $\pm 5$  years for the date of the covenant and  $\pm 50$  years for the date the scholars determined.

6000 years from Adam brings us to the year 2098 AD  $\pm 55$  years, since there is no year zero  $(6000 - 3903 + 1 = 2098)$ .

Pardon my human condition of limited knowledge but the best I can estimate is that we are in the year 5916  $(965 + 2938 - 1 + 2014) \pm 55$  years since the creation of Adam, this being April 2014 AD. This means that we may be as little as 29 years from the year 6000 or as many as 139 years away from the year 6000.

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About The Sabbath - The Fourth Commandment

(August 19, 2014)

The first time the Bible uses the word Sabbath is found in the book of Exodus in chapter 16. There it is defined as being the seventh day of the week. We know from Genesis that the seventh day was a day of rest for God.

Exodus 16:26 (NASB)

26 “Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the sabbath, there will be none.”

The last time the word Sabbath is used in the Bible is found in Hebrews chapter 4 verse 9. There it is used in a prophecy about a future Sabbath rest.

Hebrews 4:9 (NASB)

9 There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

Jesus spoke of the end times and stated that the Sabbath would still be in effect at that time.

Matthew 24:14 and 20 (NASB)

14 “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come. ... 20 “But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath;

Genesis 2:1–3 (NASB) (The first account of the seventh day.)

2:1 THUS the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. 2 And by the seventh day God completed His work which He had done; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

Exodus 20:8–11 (NASB) (The commandment for the Sabbath)

8 “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 “Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. 11 “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

The Bible is consistent from start to finish regarding the Sabbath.

Exodus 31:13 (GNB)

13 to say to the people of Israel, “Keep the Sabbath, my day of rest, because it is a sign between you and me for all time to come, to show that I, the LORD, have made you my own people.

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## Adopting The Way Of Peace

(October 2, 2014)

God says let us reason together.(Isaiah 1:18) The stubborn and defiant world will not reason. (Proverbs 12:28, Romans 6:16, Ephesians 2:2)

Jesus took the death penalty onto Himself and we should likewise bear our own cross. (1Peter 2:24, Luke 14:27) The world threatens death. (1John5:19, John 17:15, 2Corinthians 4:4)

God our Father is spirit and one of the fruits of the spirit is peace. (John 4:24, Galatians 5:22) The world is growing increasingly as against God as is possible. It is of Satan. It is evil. (Revelation 12:12, 2Corinthians 4:4)

The way of peace the world does not know. (Romans 3:17, Isaiah 59:8) This includes the leaders of the major powers.

They do not see that the required battle is spiritual between themselves and Satan. (Ephesians 6:12) When you loose your trust in and obedience to God, Satan gains ground. (Psalm 39:11) As long as we reject God, we will continue to loose our strength, our wealth and our freedom. (Deuteronomy 11:26-28, 30:15-20, Hosea 4:6, Philippians 4:13, James 2:12) God is life. (John 1:4, 6:35, 63, 8:12, 11:25, 14:6) Jesus said I and the Father are one. (John 10:30) God says choose life. (Deuteronomy 30:19)

The only way to long term peace, prosperity and salvation is through Jesus Christ. (John 14:6) In order to gain the help, protection and assurance of Jesus Christ you must accept Him as your Lord and Saviour. (John 3:16) As your Lord you must believe and obey His laws, ordinances and commandments. (1John 2:4, 5:3) As your Saviour you must have faith and trust in Him and dedicate yourself to Him. (2Corinthians 1:9-10, John 5:24, 12:44, 14:1)

To reject Jesus is to reject God. (John 12:48, Luke 10:16) Jesus said fear God who is able to destroy both body and soul. (Matthew 10:28) That means, do not fear the world. (John 16:33)

God promises the Kingdom of God to those who accept His only begotten Son Jesus onto death. (Matthew 10:22) The world is condemned. Condemned by war, disease, famine and the wrath of God. (2Peter 3:7, Matthew 24:22, Romans 1:18, Revelation 16:1)

Matthew 5:9 (GNB)

Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children!

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A Fair Chance At Eternal Life?

(June 7, 2003)

What is a fair chance? Are you being given one? If you are living in North America or Europe or many other places of prosperity, I think you are.

You have Bibles, dictionaries, concordances, books, booklets, magazines, other publications, computers, the internet, ministers and church services available to you at your discretion from which you can learn the truth.

God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth. John 4:24
Truth is learned by all the above mentioned ways.

Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened. Matthew 7:7-8
The New American Standard Bible, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.

God has created you with freedom of choice. You have freedom to search, research, read, study and a memory to remember by.

Be joyful always; 17 pray continually; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. 14 For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it. Matthew 7:13-14
The New American Standard Bible, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.

For many are called, but few are chosen. Matthew 22:14
If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. John 14:15
The New American Standard Bible, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.

But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:22-23
If you are reading this brief discourse I believe you are being given a fair chance at eternal life.

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## **A Few Thoughts**

(May 4, 2007)

The Feminist and The Gentleman

He held the door for her. She took the lead and never looked back.

The Tycoon and The Simpleton

The tycoon inspired everyone to work hard and they eventually blew up the world. The simpleton ate fruit from the trees and the world went on.

The Pseudo Christian and The Christian

The Pseudo Christian taught believe lies and go to heaven. The Christian taught believe the truth and enter the Kingdom of God.

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A Final Appeal

(November 18, 2012)

Come out of her MY people. You must not take part of her sins and you must not share in her punishment! (Revelation 18:4)

There are none so blind as those who will not see. The most deluded people are those who choose to ignore what they already know. Don't all the Bible totters know that the Bible is the word of God and cannot not be broken and will not pass away until every bit is fulfilled or accomplished. (see Matthew 5:18)

The whole world is deceived by the works of Satan and his demons. (see Revelation 12:9)

How does one awaken a people out of darkness, confusion and thorough deception? Is it even possible? Look at what extremes God has to go to in order to teach people or turn their hearts away from hypocrisy, falsehoods, lies and deceptions and to Himself and His Son Jesus. He has tried cursings and blessings, most often nothing seems to work.

This call from God for people to come out of her is for the last days. It is a final appeal or rather commandment. It is the last warning. It is found in the book of Revelation in the 18th chapter, near the end of the book. This book of Revelation is full of end time prophecy, the end of the age of man's rule and Satan's rule and the onset of the Kingdom of God with Jesus as the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

John 12:44-50 (NASB)

And Jesus cried out and said, -He who believes in Me does not believe in Me, but in Him who sent Me. And he who beholds Me beholds the One who sent Me. I have come as light into the world, that everyone who believes in Me may not remain in darkness. And if anyone hears My sayings, and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. He who rejects Me (The Lord of the Sabbath. Matthew 12:8), and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him (Mathew 12:27); the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day. For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me commandment, what to say, and what to speak. And I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.

And who is she that Jesus tells the people that they must come out of? It is the fallen Babylon the great (Revelation 18:2). Babylon the great is the Mother of harlots and abominations of the world (Revelation 17:5). Mother here refers to a religion. What one religion is great in the world today? It is the Roman Catholic Church, it has over a billion members. Which church has many offshoots? It is the Roman Catholic Church. The harlots are the many other denominations that follow the main lead of the Roman Catholic Church of using the Bible and the name of Jesus in vain to mask a myriad of abominations. Abominations would include any lie, contortion of the truth or deception

devised by any man or member of any of these organizations and the pagan festive observances that they adhere to. (For clear detailed insight into this pagan religion read *The Two Babylons* by Alexander Hislop or *Babylon Mystery Religion* by Ralph Woodrow also *From Sabbath To Sunday* by Samuele Bacchiocchi and *Holidays or Holy Days: Does It Matter Which Days We Keep?* By United Church of God (UCG)). Islam would also fit the description of the abominations of the world.

Evil dominates for now but good will soon conquer evil because God is good. (Matthew 19:17)

A few might believe the words written here and turn to the ways of God. Most however will need to see Babylon actually fall before they believe and change their ways. God knows their stubborn hearts and knows what it will take to convince them and convert them. Even still, I fear, there will be some who will not repent.

Remember what Jesus said -On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it. (Luke 11:28)

Revelation 1:3 (NIV)

Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

The broad road of the main religions of this world are not the way to go. The teachings of Jesus the God of the Old Testament and the rest of the Bible are.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NASB)

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

John 3:36 (NASB)

He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

Matthew 7:13-14 (NASB)

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