

MAPPING THE HIGHWAY OF BIBLICAL TIME

Sacred times in the Bible are the pillars of biblical chronology and the spirit of prophecy. They support a unique highway by which we can walk the ages of history from the creation of the world to the New Jerusalem. David L. Cooper³² compared bible chronology to a suspension bridge — a causeway bridging a chasm. Beneath the bridge lies an abyssal chaos of eonian myth and legend. Only the bible can give sense to history and accurately chronicle its years. The alternative is darkness.

This is a bridge that is unique, as it can be traveled in two directions. The past we see clearly, but the bridge continues toward the end of days with a light blowing fog shrouding our view. This is the wind of prophecy, bearing witness to Messiah Yeshua³³, hinting where we are destined to go, and exhorting us not to abandon the way. When fulfilled, its flawless predictions reason with us to continue the path.

It is a solid bridge. The engineer built it well, and it will spare the traveler the mortal hazards of the dark and rocky crags below. At least, in going forward, if one cannot see too clearly, the road ahead is level and there is the firm guardrail at each side to guide our unclear vision.

Having been down the bridge behind us, we are confident that it will point the way to the holy mountain, wherein the King will dwell in the height of Zion. We walk past the supports, which are the Sabbatic and Jubilee years; we observe the regular spacing that keeps the smaller structures in place. We observe the golden roadway sections and subsections: days, months and years. It is a bridge built in time from Eternity to Eternity.

In The Beginning

Genesis means "beginning" and is taken from the first word of the bible, *B'raysheet* (בְּרֵאשִׁית). The Scripture is unique in that it is concerned with the finite chronology of the created world. The universe is not some eternal divine comic consciousness that evolved over aeons of time. Rather, it is the specially created masterpiece of the one and only eternal God. Therefore, its chronology is limited in time.³⁴

Christians often fall prey to secular evolutionary teaching and eastern religious³⁵ ideas about the chronology of the world. In order to elevate the creation above the Creator, these philosophers attribute *time without end* to the created world as one of the main supports for their deified *yet godless* universe. In pursuit of this goal, they have summoned or subverted the aid of the government to their cause, and have falsely called it *science*. Having gained the upperhand by trickery, deceit, and fallacious arguments, they are now in control of the public institutions, the entertainment industry, and the organs of debate.³⁶

However, the bible has not been left without a defense. Creation scientists have risen up to challenge the evolutionary world view.³⁷ They value divine revelation more than the aeonian chronological speculations of evolutionists. For the fear of YHWH is the beginning of wisdom.³⁸ Beginning with the divine revelation, Creation scientists have discovered in their researches remarkable confirmations of the biblical chronology. Having embraced the truth, they have discovered the real truths of science wherever they have the power to research. Indeed, creationists have uncovered many facts that have tipped the controversy in favor of the Bible's short chronology of the world.

Controversies are sure to arise because the Bible is a religious book, and evil naturally wishes to controvert the good, the true, and the straight. One thing that the mind of man finds hard to grasp is the ferocity with which evil fights against real truth and tries to destroy it in the Great Controversy. The irrationality of evil has no rational explanation.^{245.22} There is no diplomacy with it, but it must be refuted and then ignored until God judges it. God's people must not be taken aback by its appeasing overtures.^{245.23} They must choose to trust the Scriptures.

Moreover, God will not leave these forces in control of the world for long. While we wait for him to act, he has promised to persevere the truth among the remnant of his people.³⁹ The goal of this book is to make a contribution to the preservation of the truth. Its task is to put many controversies to rest, to solve numerous puzzles, and ascertain the divine prophetic intent. The task is to point out and explain the parts of the highway of time that may be unclear. I will start with the creation of the world and describe chronology from that point step by step up to the events that will surround the Second Coming of Messiah Yeshua⁴⁰, and the coming day when He will not only be glorified with the name above all names, but it will be acknowledged that He is the first and the last, and that besides him there is no Creator.⁴¹ To him every knee will bow, and every tongue confess that Yeshua is Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom we owe all worship, honor, glory, and power.⁴²

Creation and Six Days Earth-Normal Time

God created the heavens and the earth in six days and rested on the seventh (Exodus 20:11). "Six days shalt thou labour ... but the seventh day is the Sabbath ... because in six days YHWH made the heavens and the earth."⁴³ The reason

³² See Cooper 251.31, pg. 1.

³³ Hebrew for *Christ Jesus*. Daniel 9:24-27 contains the essence of the spirit of prophecy, which is the testimony of Yeshua. See Revelation 19:10.

³⁴ What is time? See note 244.18.

³⁵ Circular and linear time. See note 244.19. See Morris 253.84.

³⁶ The influence of the Judeo-Christian Worldview. See note 244.20.

³⁷ Review of Creationist Evidence for young earth. See note 244.21.

³⁸ Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 1:7.

³⁹ God has promised never to forget His covenant with the remnant of Israel among the nations who remember His Law (Leviticus 26:42-45). We may conclude that God provides sufficient knowledge to the remnant people in exile for salvation. We may not conclude that God's people have all truth nor may we conclude that all their beliefs are correct. If they had all truth, then they would repent of their rejections of the Law and God would restore the congregation of Israel to the purity of the faith once delivered to the saints.

⁴⁰ *Yeshua* is Jesus' Hebrew name.

⁴¹ John 1:1-3. Isaiah 44:6; 48:12-16; Revelation 1:11, 17; 2:8; 22:13.

⁴² Isaiah 45:23 and Philippians 2:10; Rev. 17:14; 19:16. See also John 20:28.

⁴³ (Exodus 20:9-11, my translation).