## HOW TO VERIFY THE CHRONOLOGICAL SOLUTION

There are few serious attempts to reckon with the chronology of the bible. What one finds is usually pious fraud, confident ignorance or higher critical skepticism. Therefore, I propose twelve tests to confirm that this book contains the one and only truly exact solution.

- The first principle of confirming and constructing the true chronology of the world is to arrange all the data in the bible into one continuous series of charts or tables. A chronology that is not, or cannot be so presented, is <u>worthless</u>.
- The second test is to look up all the Biblical texts establishing the transition points in the chronology to verify that the numbers are computed correctly.
- 3. The completeness test. The more data the chronology correctly explains, the more worthy of consideration.
- 4. Valid predictions. Does the chronology predict results that have been or can be confirmed by others. The correct date for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of Eli is 1181 B.C. (see page 150), which is exactly the same date that Willis Judson Beecher stated in his chronology in 1907 (Beecher 252.14, pg. 107). Also F.H. Clinton's date of creation 4138 is only two years off the mark.<sup>252.28</sup> And the *anno Dei* reckoning of the 480 years of 1 Kings 6:1 has been recognized by many others and computed the same way.
- There are certain checks that can be applied that all other chronologies have failed.<sup>9</sup>
  - a. Verify that the 390 years of Ezekiel 4:5 are all accounted for during the periods of Israel's sin.<sup>10</sup>
  - Verify that there are exactly 40 years of sin for Judah after Israel was exiled.
  - c. Do an additional check to find that all the years from the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jeroboam I to the date of the prophecy of Ezekiel 4:5 are exactly **390** years.<sup>11</sup>
  - d. Verify that within the **390** and **40** years periods are exactly **70** land Sabbaths that Israel did not keep. <sup>12</sup>
  - e. Verify that Hezekiah's Jubilee is synchronous with the Entry into the land, and Saul's Jubilee in his second year. Further, verify that the Jubilee is synchronous with creation and that Joseph's famine is synchronous with the sabbatical periods and the Jubilee at the end of it.
- 6. There are other checks that can be performed that many chronologies have failed:
  - a. Verify the Isaiah 7:8 prophecy that there would be 65 years from the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Ahaz until Ephraim was "no longer a people," which was fulfilled in 673/72 when Esarhaddon exiled Ephraim and Manasseh, king of Judah, in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of Manasseh, which is yields 24

<sup>8</sup> The summary charts found in many bibles and reference works do not qualify as complete. A complete chart allows one to actually count out the eras and years mentioned in biblical texts. The reason for this is that potential problems in chronology can be easily hidden without such year by year enumerated charts. However, with the charts they are easily spotted. A fly by night, fraudulent chronologist, cannot produce a detailed and consistent chart that a little checking will not expose.

<sup>9</sup> These tests are explained in "Mapping The Highway of Biblical Time" starting on page 15.

<sup>10</sup> This is not the same as the division of the kingdom era. These 390 years must be located as the sin of all Israel without Judah. Israel was exiled in 720 B.C. Also, none of the *anno Dei* years may be counted as part of the 390 years of sin.

<sup>11</sup> This is a secondary fulfillment of the 390 years.

<sup>12</sup> These 70 broken land Sabbaths were the basis for the 70 year exile of the Jews in Babylon.

- years needed for the sin of Judah from Manasseh's reign.
- b. Verify that years **15** and **16** of Hezekiah are a sabbatical and Jubilee year.
- Verify that the 450 years of Acts 13:20 are the exact sum of years of the oppressions and Judges until Samuel the prophet
- Verify that the 300 years of Judges 11:26 are all accounted for.
- 7. There are prophetic verifications.
  - Verify that the sabbatical periods agree with Daniel's famous prophecy.
  - b. Verify the Sign of Jonah.
  - Verify that the literal interpretations of Revelation and Daniel accord with all known facts.
- 8. Verify the mysterious meaning of Nebuchadnezzar's madness and what it means for the restoration of Babylon (page 84).
- 9. Additional tests:
  - a. Check to see that the 70 years in Zechariah 1:12 and 7:5 actually work out to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year of Darius.
  - b. Does the chronologist engage in speculation by rearranging Persian kings to try to make the numbers "fit"? Does the chronologist shorten the Persian period?
  - Does the chronologist make any assumptions that prevent an exact solution?<sup>13</sup>
- 10. Daniel 9 Test:
  - a. Does the chronologist explain the meaning of the "seven sevens"?
  - b. Does the prophecy begin with the rebuilding of Jerusalem?
  - c. How does the chronologist deal with the "everlasting righteousness" of Daniel 9:24?
- 11. Passion Tests:
  - a. Does the chronologist account for "three days and three nights"?
  - b. Is the date of the Passover date validly calculated for the crucifixion year?
- 12. The End of Days Test:14
  - a. Does the Chronologist's solution to biblical chronology have anything to do with The Almighty's plan for the end of days? Is there anything to be gained except a dead historical orthodoxy?
  - b. Is there any prophetic validity in the chronologist's results for the restoration of the kingdom of Israel, and the times and seasons that The Almighty ordained in His word? Does the chronology hold out hope for the Almighty's intervention again in the end of days?
  - c. What is the probability that the biblical chronology is the result of human engineering?<sup>15</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> For example, Jones (253.67, chart 4) shows multiple overlaps among judges and servitudes. The placing of the overlaps are arbitrary, and follow no firm rule. This prevents an exact solution and actually contradicts Judges 3:11, 3:30; 5:31; 8:28. These are 40, 80, 40, and 40 years respectively. Jones overlaps the 8, 18, 20, and 7 year oppressions into these periods. But the plain sense of "And the land had rest" is that it was free from oppressions that the people kept the Sabbath years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> And this test is the test of all tests. The results of this test must be left for the heart of the reader to judge and the test of future time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> The answer is zero. See Table 5, 234.5, and following tables.