

Time is of the Essence!

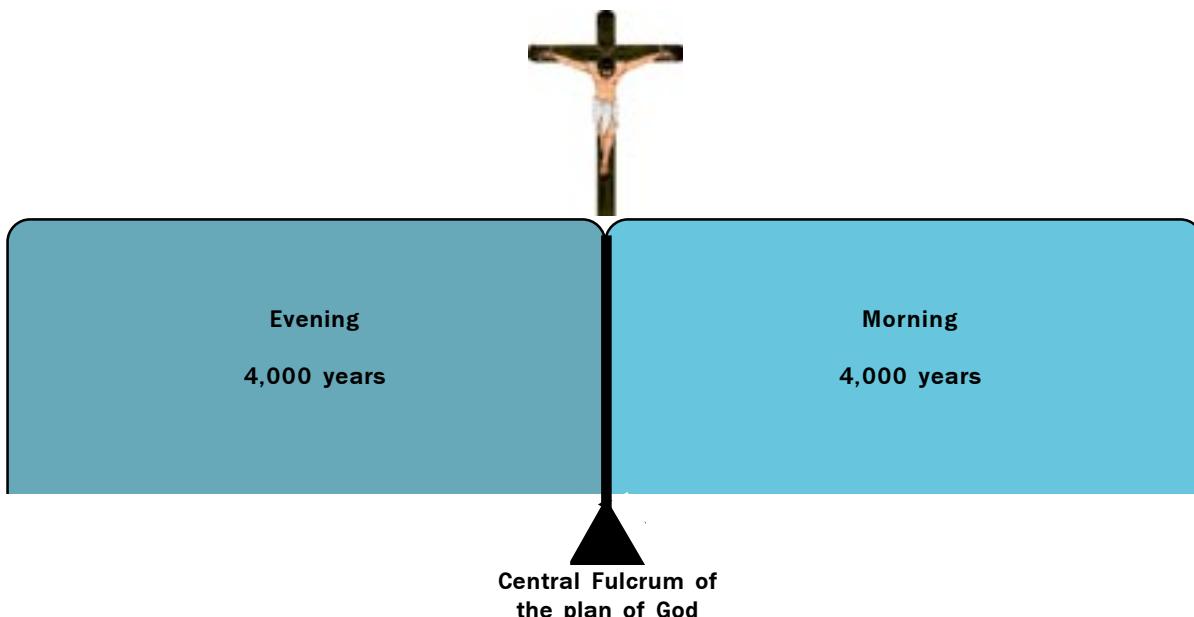
We often hear the phrase “Time is of the essence.” It usually means that time is not only an important factor in the current situation, but it also suggests that we’d better get off our duff and *do something* about it.

But today, I’m going to greatly expand the meaning of this phrase until it includes the great expanse of time from a God’s-eye-view. And, yes, it is “of the essence” because we are living today in a time-transition that is world-changing in its scope, and life-changing in its consequences.

Usually any discussion of time begins with the large, all-inclusive view, and then refines its scope down to its minute parts. But today let’s go the opposite direction. It may be more meaningful to get the pieces first, and then see how these little pieces fit into a grand and beautiful mural, revealing the awesome mind of its Creator.

The great pivotal point in all of history and prophecy was 3:01 in the afternoon of Nisan 14, 3793 (Hebrew time), when Jesus hung upon the cross and said “***It is finished.***” At that moment in time, the full moon began to eclipse (3:01 UT). When the moon rose over Jerusalem that night, it was still in eclipse for 17 minutes.

A moon eclipse is governed by three things: the positions of the earth, the moon, and the sun. The precise coordination of position of the earth, moon and sun with the death of Jesus had to be planned prior to the creation and setting into motion of these three orbs. It is difficult to wrap our minds around the precision with which our Creator devised His glorious plan. No wonder – NO WONDER – that moment in time was the precise center of the Creator’s plan. It was the central fulcrum upon which all the rest of His plan was firmly balanced. The simple – and very inadequate – graphic below gives us a visual picture of its awesome reality.



That the moon began to go into eclipse at 3:01 in the afternoon (UT) is an astronomical fact. It cannot be changed or altered. But, just to show its awesome reality we are given confirmation by the Gematria of the Biblical text. The hill on which he hung on the cross was called Calvary, which in the Greek text of the New Testament has a number value of 301. It was a moon eclipse, and we also find that the word “***moon***” in the Greek text has a number value of 301.

The hill that came to be called Calvary was once called Moriah – the location where Abraham had offered Isaac in sacrifice. In later years a portion of that hill was owned by a man named Ornan, whose number value is 301, and was used as a threshing floor. It was purchased from Ornan by King David with the prospect of one day building the temple there. Its rocky summit became the foundation of the temple that David’s son, Solomon, built. Thus it began to be known as the “***foundation***,” whose number value is 301. But most often, this foundation of the temple was simply called “***the Rock***,” whose number value is also 301.

That Jesus was crucified on this same hill and died at 3:01 on the afternoon of Nisan 14, 3793 (Hebrew time) is most significant. It precisely defines the exact center of the 8,000-year plan of God for man. There is no way it could be just a random coincidence – it bespeaks of precise planning from before the earth, sun and moon were put into motion.

Having found the precise middle of time to the exact hour, minute and second, let’s observe how other portions fit into this master pattern with equal precision.

Having found the center to be Nisan 14, 3793 Hebrew time, which translates to April 3, A.D. 33 Julian time, or April 1, A.D. 33 Gregorian time, it is a matter of simple arithmetic to add 2,000 years and arrive at the date, Passover 2033, Gregorian time. But why 2,000 years? It was not a random choice. The scriptures abound with inferences to a 2,000-year span between the first advent and the second advent of Jesus. One of the most obvious is the promise God gave to the prophet Hosea that Israel would be restored “***two days***” after it had been “***torn***” by the Lion – and on the “***third day***” would be lifted up and made whole. Not only does He define the “***two days***” (2,000 years) but amazingly God has hidden within the text the precise fulfillment – 2033. Here is this amazing prophecy, spoken by God himself.

“For he has torn, and he will heal us. He has stricken, he will bind us up. After two days, he will bring us to life. In the third day he will raise us up and we shall live before him. Then we shall know, we who follow on to know the Lord. His going forth is established as the

dawn; and he shall come to us as the rain, as the latter and former rain to the earth. O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your goodness is like a morning cloud, and it goes away like the early dew.

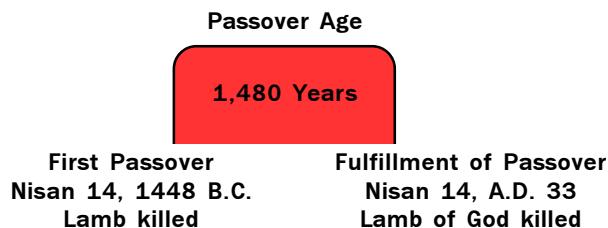
The portion of this scripture underlined in black has a total Gematria value of 2033. And amazingly the portion underlined in red has a Gematria value of 5793. The year 2033 on the Gregorian calendar is the same year 5793 on the Hebrew calendar. Both define the same point in time – which is precisely 2,000 years from the death of Jesus – 2,000 years forward from the center of the 8,000-year plan. Both are clearly identified by the surface text.

Now let's look at a function of the laws that God gave to Moses which precisely defines this 2,000-year Age and its purpose. Yes, it was a pre-planned Age.

God told Moses: "***Three times a year you are to celebrate a festival unto me.***" There were other feasts and holy days, but these three special festivals required bringing a gift to the Lord – at which time all adult males were to present themselves, with their gift, to God. The three special festivals were Passover (Unleavened Bread), Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), and Feast of Ingathering (Tabernacles). Antitypically they successively cover a period of 4,480 years. Let's take them in their order of occurrence.

First came the Passover, which was the day preceding the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The first Passover was on Nisan 14, 1448 B.C., when each household offered a lamb to be killed and whose blood was sprinkled around the door frames of their houses. Those within the house were spared when the "death angel" passed through that night, picturing, of course, those who are "under the blood" of Jesus. The lambs were to be killed "***between the evenings,***" which began at 3:01 in the afternoon of Nisan 14, 1448 B.C. Precisely 1,480 years later, the fulfillment of this type was firmly set into place on the afternoon of Nisan 14, A.D. 33 at 3:01 in the afternoon, when Jesus hung on the cross and said, "***It is finished.***"

The first event (type) and the second event (antitype) marked the beginning and the end of a 1,480-year span of time. The day was called "Passover" and in the Hebrew text of the Old Testament has a Gematria value of 148, subtly identifying the length of the Passover Age – 1,480 years – at the end of which, Christ, whose Gematria in the Greek text of the New Testament is 1480, fulfilled the type. Below is a small graphic of the Passover Age.



The presentation to God was the life blood of Jesus Christ.

Immediately following the Passover Age, and beginning on Nisan 16, A.D. 33, began the Pentecost Age. It was the second time during the year when the adult males were to present themselves to God with a gift.

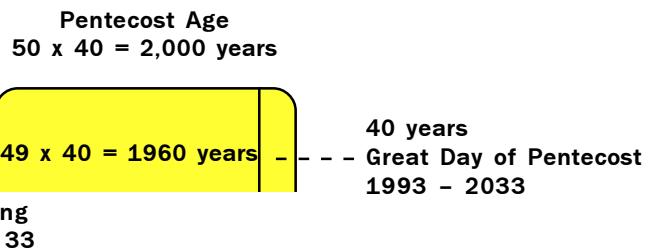
“Celebrate the Feast of Harvest (wheat harvest) with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field.” (Exodus 23:16)

“Count off fifty days up to the day after the seventh Sabbath, and then present an offering of new grain (wheat) to the Lord. From wherever you live, bring two loaves made of two tenths of an ephah of fine flour, baked with yeast, as a wave offering of firstfruits to the Lord.” (Leviticus 23:15-17)

In the New Testament this celebration was called Pentecost – meaning fifty – because the day of the presentation was fifty days after the day of firstfruits of the barley harvest.

Although this law of the Feast of Harvest was given to Moses within the first year after leaving Egypt, they were not able to “keep” it until 40 years later when they entered the promised land. Thus, in the antitype, each “day” would represent a span of 40 years. Thus, in the antitype, we would count 49 periods of 40 years (1960 years) and the following 40-year “day” would be the antitypical Day of Pentecost. Thus the entire fifty-day count would span a period of 2,000 years. Since the count began in the spring of A.D. 33, counting the fiftieth “day” would bring us to the spring of 2033. Forty nine of these “days” would bring us to the spring of 1993, which would be followed by the fiftieth “day” (1993 – 2033).

At the time the type was established with Moses, it was the 52nd day from the killing of the Passover lambs – when the Law Covenant was given to him on Mt. Sinai. That Law Covenant was, in reality, a marriage covenant between God and Israel. Thus, in antitype, the “day” of Pentecost is the great wedding day – a 40-year period from the spring of 1993 to the spring of 2033. The simple graphic below illustrates this.



The third time during the year when the adult males were to present themselves to God, with a gift, was on the Feast of Tabernacles. It also pictures an age in God's plan – the Millennial Age. This occasion was also called the Feast of Ingathering, celebrating the ingathering of the summer fruits, culminating with the grape harvest.

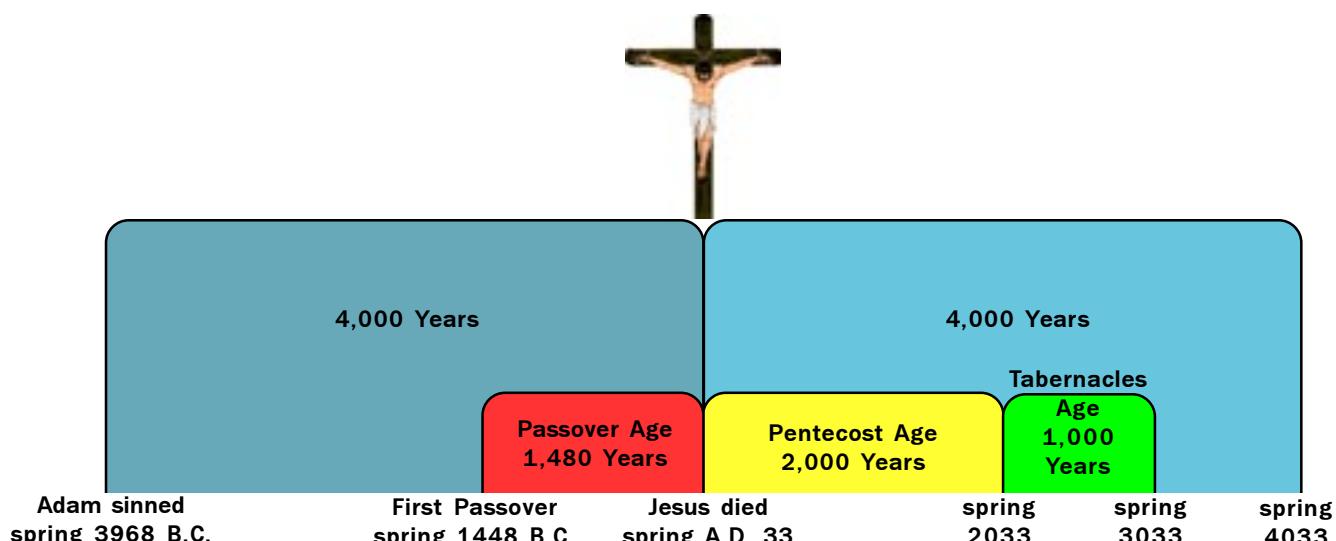
If this follows the reaping of the wheat harvest, then it could well picture the Millennial Age, during which Divine Government will replace man's governments, and righteousness will rule.

The Feast of Tabernacles was a joyous occasion. One of its features was the drawing of water, as Isaiah prophesied: "*With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.*" The water represents life and truth. It will be a time of learning righteousness: "*When the judgments of the Lord are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.*"

This age is illustrated by the graphic below.



I have shown these three great ages in God's plan separately. Now let's put them together and fit them into the great 8,000-year plan.



The Presentation and the Gift

Passover: At the end of the Passover Age, Jesus presented himself to the Father. The gift was his life. Jesus had a right to life, but he offered it as a gift, to pay the price for Adam's sin.

Pentecost: At the end of the counting of 49 days, the 50th day was the presentation to God of the firstfruits of the wheat harvest, baked with leaven, into two cakes. It is the presentation of the true church, the Bride of Christ.

Tabernacles: The presentation of every adult male to God represents the presentation of all mankind, in loving and sincere dedication to God, from hearts that have learned righteousness. The gift is the heart devotion of each member of mankind to God.

Two More Ages

We have seen the three "Pilgrim" Festivals as they fit into the 8,000-year plan of God, leaving two empty spaces in the time-line. What ages, or specific works, fill these gaps?

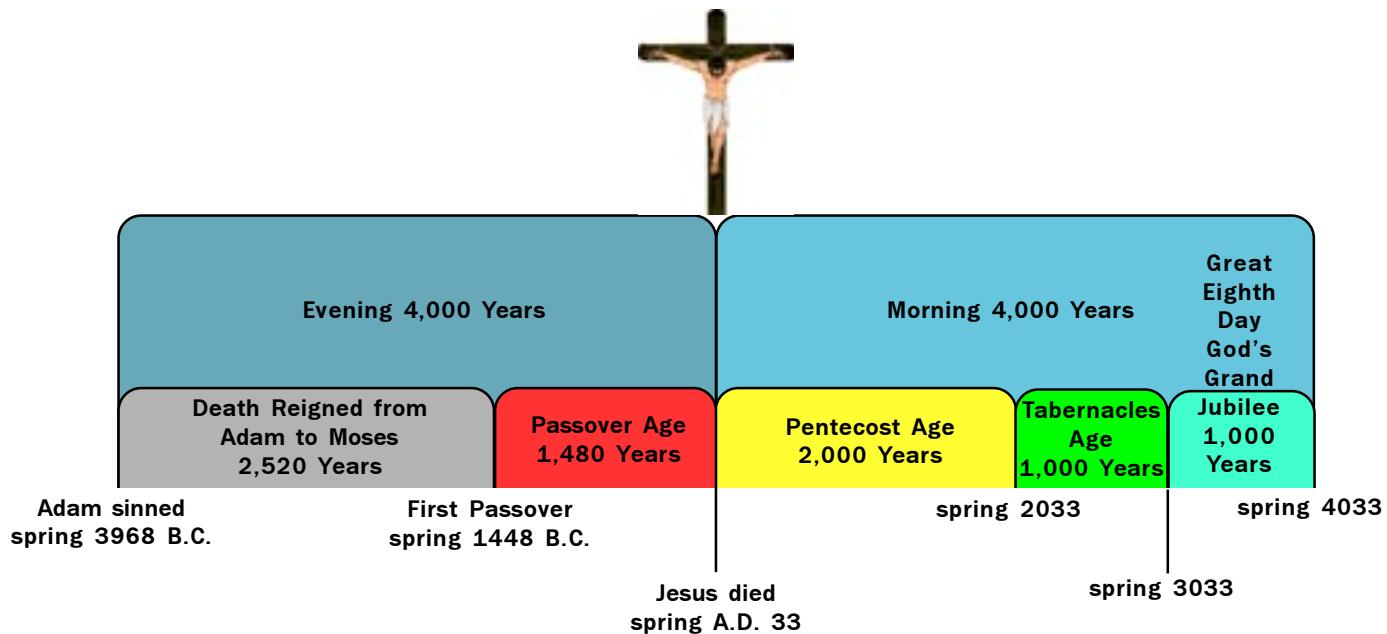
First is a gap of 2,520 years between the sin of Adam and the killing of the first Passover lamb. It includes the 1,656 years from the entrance of sin to the great flood of Noah's day, plus the 864 years from the flood to the first Passover. Add them together ($1,656 + 864$) and we obtain a total of 2,520 years – or, as the Bible calls it, "seven times." This term is used several places in scripture, and it is always associated with a period of bearing the just consequences for the sin of disobedience to God.

Thus, because of the disobedience of Adam, his posterity experienced "seven times" of the results of sin, bringing them to the typical Atonement for that sin – the offering of the lamb at the first Passover.

The Apostle Paul identified this period of time by the statement: "***Death reigned from Adam to Moses.***" (Romans 5:14) It was a period of 2,520 years.

The final age in the 8,000-year time-line is one thousand years in length. It is sometimes called "The Great Eighth Day" and sometimes it is called "God's Grand Jubilee." Both names are correct. But why? What has the 8th day to do with a Jubilee?

Usually the 8th day is not a Jubilee. A Jubilee occurs after counting 7×7 years, which is 49 years, and the following year, the 50th, is a Jubilee. The purpose of the Jubilee is for restoration of original inheritance. On the 50th year, all who had lost their inheritance of land, were restored to ownership. It was the year of restoration. However, God's Grand Jubilee is 1,000 years in length.



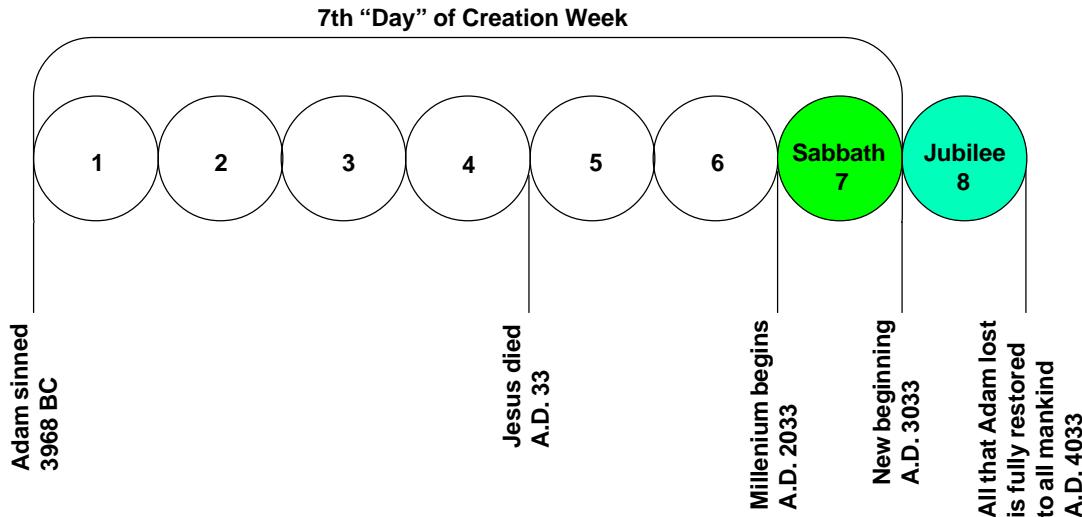
This principle of seven days in a week (the seventh being a Sabbath) followed by an eighth day (a day of restoration and new beginning), is shown with precision by the music scale. This is because man did not invent nor devise the music scale. It was the work of God. Man only discovered it. The music scale is a creation of God, in perfect harmony with His 8,000-year plan for man.

The music scale is in groups of sevens – seven tones, followed by an eighth, which is the first of the next set of seven. Thus the eighth becomes number one of the next set. We call it an octave, meaning eight, but the eighth note is really the beginning of the new octave. It is a new beginning. And that is exactly what the number 8 means in the Gematria of the Bible. The first note of an octave is the same as the eighth note, but the eighth note is a higher pitch. So note number 1 means a beginning, and note number 8 is a new beginning.

The beginning and the new beginning have to do with man's creation and ultimate salvation and restoration, through Jesus Christ, whose number is 888.

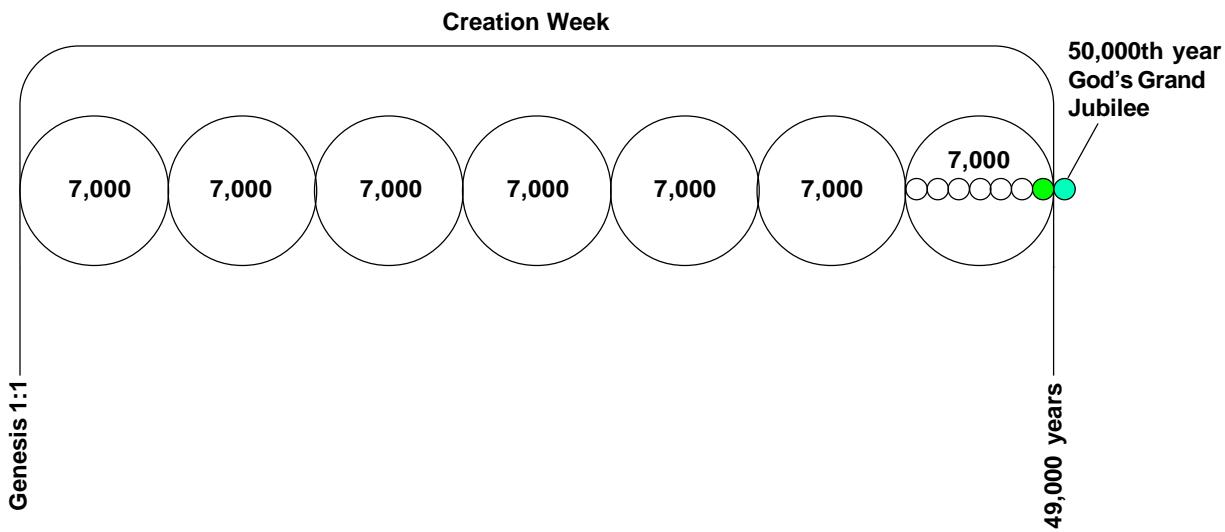
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When considering the grand octave of salvation we must begin with the time when sin entered, for it is counting man's right to life – his sin and his redemption. So this grand octave is all about salvation. Let's view it as a series of 8 circles, each representing one "day" of man's existence on earth. Each "day" represents 1,000 years.



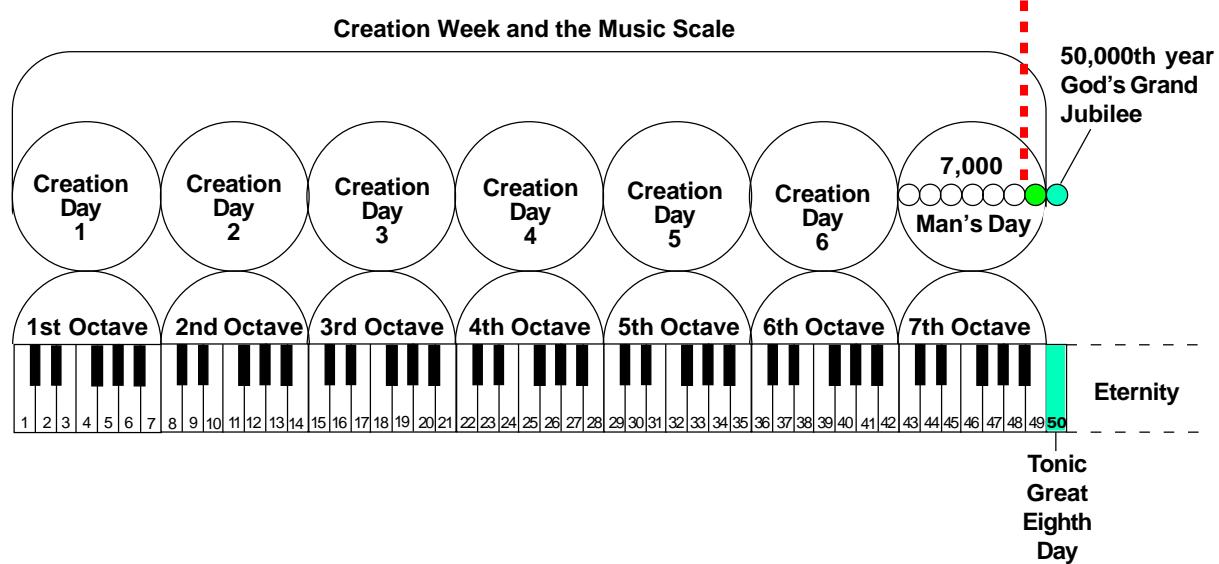
God's pattern of time is simple, yet profound. He pictured this simple pattern in the Law that He gave to Moses, telling him that work would be for six days, followed by a Sabbath of rest. And every 50 years the Sabbath would be followed by a Jubilee. And the same principle of the octave applies to the Jubilee – the 50th year is the Jubilee, but it is also the first year of the next Jubilee Cycle. Again overlapping the 1 and the 8. This is God's pattern of time. It applies to the week and to the Jubilee alike.

And it is positively amazing to realize that this same God-given pattern applies to the creation week as well – and in so doing, God has synchronized His time so magnificently that His Great Eighth Day, following Earth's Great Millennium, is also His Grand Jubilee of Creation. They become one and the same "day" one thousand years in length. To illustrate this remarkable pattern I show below a graphic of the six creation "days" which are each 7,000 years in length, followed by the 7th "day" in which God rested from his work of creation, totalling 49,000 years, immediately followed by a 50,000th "day" which is 1,000 years in length. The whole of the diagram above fits into the 7th circle below.



Amazingly, the music scale can be overlaid on this diagram and it will fit precisely with seven octaves, followed by the all-important “tonic” note (the restoration note) which satisfies. That “tonic” note, which restores the human ear back to the sound of the beginning note, is the exact same principle and purpose of the Great Eighth Day – God’s Grand Jubilee. It is for the purpose of restoring to Adam and all of his posterity, all that he had lost at the beginning.

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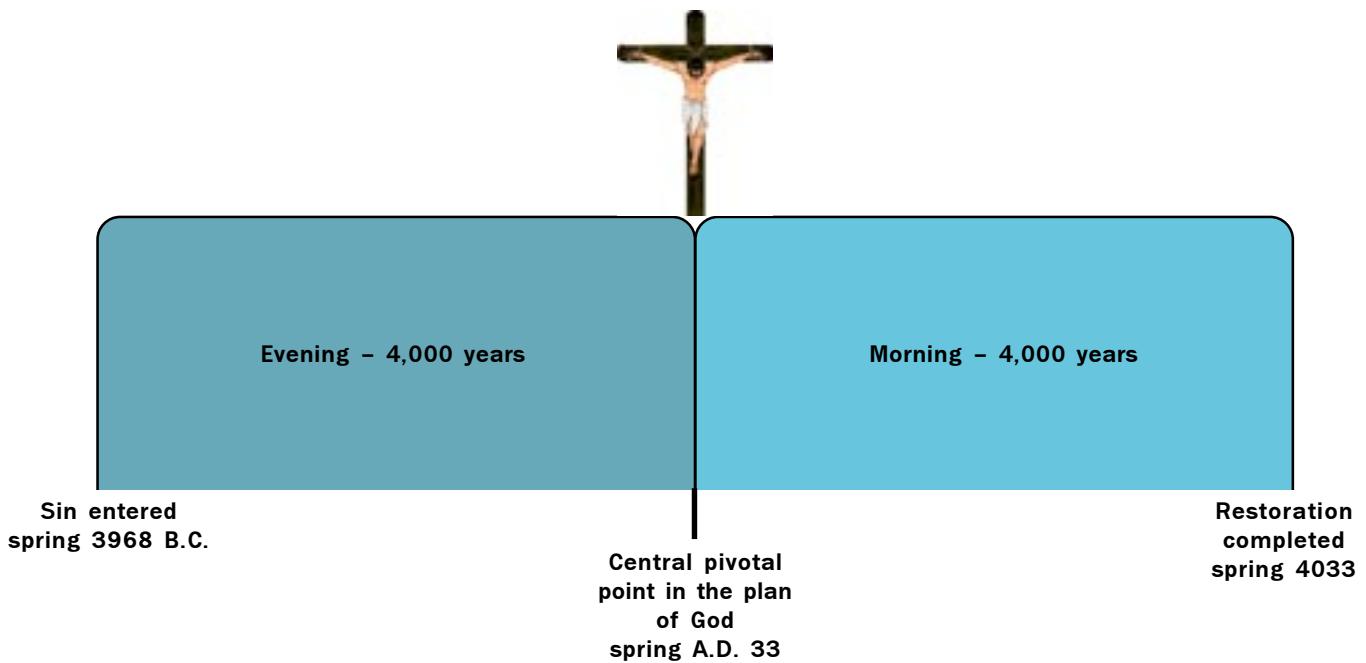
In the beginning Adam had perfect human life, a perfect home in which to live, and sonship with God. His garden home occupied one spot on this vast globe. But when all that he lost will be restored, it will fill the earth. And most importantly,

all mankind will once again be in a “sonship” relationship with their Creator – just as at the beginning.

Mankind will have learned the sad, horrible, terrible, nightmare of the consequences of sin. It will be a lesson that will last forever, never to be repeated – yet, never to be forgotten. The “smoke” of that fiery 6,000 years of experience with sin will forever rise in their memory as a token of respect for the righteousness of God’s Law. But I think, by then, all mankind will have such a profound love for God and His principles of righteousness, that they will delight in obeying. I think they will be like King David felt when he said, ***“I delight to do thy will, O God, thy law is written in my heart.”***

And so the great octave of God’s plan for man will have reached its “tonic” note – that soothing, comforting, “restoration” note, satisfying all the desires of the human heart.

Looking back over the great 8,000 years we observe something astonishing. Precisely in the middle, dividing evening from morning, is the day that Jesus hung on the cross and uttered those immortal words, ***“It is finished.”*** At that moment in time he became the pivotal point in the entire plan of God for the salvation and restoration of man.



Time is of the Essence!

Why is the time-line of God’s 8,000-year plan important to us today? Because we are living in a very special time, approaching the overthrow of man’s governments and the establishing of Divine Government in the earth. Time – for us – really is “of the essence.” To many it is a very fearful time. We see nations crumbling,

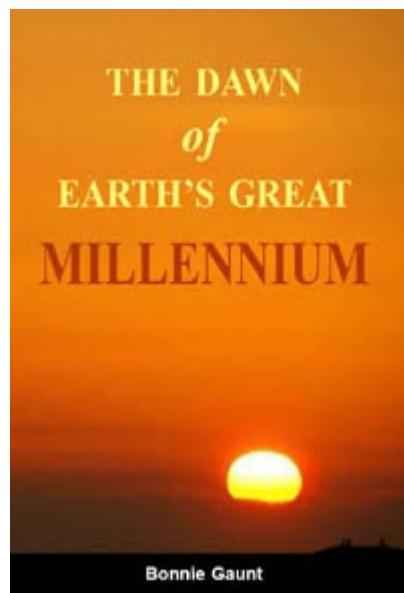
personal responsibility and integrity crumbling, the morals of society crumbling, the earth itself literally crumbling because of earthquakes, floods, drought, famine, greed, and changing weather patterns.

Yes, time right now is of the essence! Let us look to earth's new King. The sunrise of God's Millennial Kingdom is at the door – and we are standing on the threshold!

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