

6,000 Years of Sin

Many expected Armageddon to come in 1975. Why? Because 1975 was said to mark the 6,000th year anniversary of Adam's creation. The thinking was that there would be 6,000 years of sin followed by Armageddon and then 1,000 years of Christ returning things to perfection. (Re. 20:4-6) Making a total of 7,000 years, or one week in God's eyes. (2Pe. 3:8)

Now nowhere does the Bible say out-rightly that there would be a week of imperfection before Christ hands it all back to Jehovah. (1Cor. 15:24-28) But if you look at how a week is used in the Bible you can understand the source of their reasoning.

(Leviticus 12:2) "Tell the Israelites, 'If a woman becomes pregnant and gives birth to a male, she will be unclean for seven days, just as she is in the days of the impurity when she is menstruating.

(Leviticus 13:5) The priest will then examine him on the seventh day, and if it appears that the infection has stopped and has not spread on the skin, the priest will quarantine him for another seven days.

(Leviticus 13:21) But if the priest examines it and sees that there is no white hair in it and it is not deeper than the skin and appears faded, the priest will then quarantine him for seven days.

(Leviticus 13:26) But if the priest examines it and sees that there is no white hair in the blotch and it is not deeper than the skin and it is faded, the priest will then quarantine him for seven days.

(Leviticus 14:8) "The one cleansing himself must wash his garments and shave off all his hair and bathe in water, and he will be clean. Afterward, he may come into the camp, but he will dwell outside his tent for seven days.

(Leviticus 14:38) the priest will then go out of the house to the entryway of the house and quarantine the house for seven days.

(Leviticus 15:13) "When the discharge stops and the person becomes clean from it, he will then count seven days for his purification, and he must wash his garments, bathe himself in running water, and he will be clean.

(Leviticus 15:24) And if a man lies down with her and her menstrual impurity comes on him, he will then be unclean for seven days, and any bed on which he lies down will be unclean.

(Leviticus 15:28) "However, when she is clean from her discharge, she will count for herself seven days, and afterward she will be clean.

(Numbers 12:14, 15) Jehovah replied to Moses: "If her father would spit directly in her face, would she not be humiliated for seven days? Let her be quarantined for seven days outside the camp, and afterward she may be brought back in." ¹⁵ So Mir'i'am was quarantined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not break camp until Mir'i'am was brought back in.

(Numbers 19:11) Anyone touching any dead person will be unclean for seven days.

(Numbers 19:14) "This is the law that applies when a man dies in a tent: Everyone who enters the tent and everyone who was already in the tent will be unclean for seven days.

(Numbers 19:16) Everyone in the open field who touches someone killed with the sword or a corpse or the bone of a man or a burial place will be unclean for seven days.

For a minor thing one is "unclean until the evening", but typically they are "unclean seven days".

Start

Whether or not this theory is true we do not know, but there are a couple of flaws in the 1975 date.

First, perfection was not lost when Adam was created, it was lost when Adam and Eve sinned for the first time and ate what was forbidden to them. When was that first sin? The Bible doesn't say, but we can extrapolate an approximate window of time for first sin to have happened by looking at what the Bible says happened during that time period.

Here are some of the things that happened before first sin:

- Adam created. (year one of man)
- Adam lived. For Adam to be up to the task of naming the animals, he had to have lived and learned about his world and life so that he knew enough about existence to be able to understand how the animals interacted and fit in with the world around them.
- Each animal was brought to him one at a time and he studied them and learned about them so he could give them a suitable name. "*All the domestic animals and the flying creatures of the heavens and every wild animal of the field*" (Ge 2:20) All the while Adam continued his other chores of cultivating the garden and taking care of it. (Ge 2:15)
- Adam grew to realize he was alone.
- So did God, who said this:

(Genesis 2:18) Then Jehovah God said: "It is not good for the man to **continue** to be alone. I am going to make a helper for him, as a complement of him."

For God to acknowledge the passing of time and use the term "continue", a decent amount of time must have passed. If a day to God is a thousand years to man, then an hour to God is about 41 years to man. So this indicates the passage of some time for Adam.

- Eve created.
- Adam instructed Eve of God's laws.
- Adam grew to love Eve so much that he did not want to live without her. (1 Tm 2:14)
- Satan deceived Eve.

Eve, then Adam, ate the forbidden fruit. (First sin)

Genesis 5:3 says that Seth was born when Adam was 130 years old, so here is a list of things that happened after first sin, but before Seth was born:

- Adam and Eve put out of the garden of Eden.
- Cain conceived and born.
- Abel conceived and born.
- Cain and Abel grew up, one to become a farmer, the other a shepherd.
- They both became spiritually mature enough for a desire to offer sacrifices to Jehovah to form in them. (There was no law requiring sacrifices.)
- Cain grew jealous of Abel and killed him.
- Now Genesis 4:13-15 tells of Cain's concern that others who come across him might kill him. If the only other people alive at the time were Adam and Eve then his concerns would seem unwarranted. So it seems there were others around too. Which also adds time for their coming into existence and maturing.

Side note: Since Cain feared he would be killed by anyone who found him, Abel must have been loved by everyone, which probably added to Cain's jealousy if he was not as well liked. Even Jehovah liked Abel, and "did not look with any favor on Cain" or his offering. (Ge 4:5)

- Cain moved away to the East, and if the events of Genesis 4:16-24 occurred before Seth's birth (verse 25) then many other things happened after first sin and before the 130 year mark.

Seth conceived and born. (year 130 of man)

It seems to me that more time-consuming things occurred after first sin than before, taking into consideration Genesis 4:16-24. So if first sin occurred between about a third to about half of the way to the 130 year mark, that would have made Adam between about 40 to 60 years old at the time of first sin. (Just my guess.)

Side note: You can't compare 40 year old Adam to any other 40 year old man. Adam was created as an adult, so at 40 years of age he had experienced 40 years of adulthood.

Date

The second flaw in the 1975 theory is the date itself.

If you look through the Chronology section of the Insight book (it-1 p. 459) you will find that Adam's creation date is derived by adding up all of the years of the listed ages of 9 consecutive men when they had their first son and the age of Noah when the flood began. (Genesis 5:1-29; 7:6) Those ages are then added together to make up 1,656 years, which is used in counting back to the date of Adam's creation.

In each account of the nine men it says that the man was a certain age when he had his first son, who had his first son when he was a certain age, and so on for nine men one after the other. The last age added was that of Noah when the flood began.

Now what are the odds that nine men in a row all had their first son on the same day that they themselves were born? The Bible tells us that the flood did not come on Noah's birthday, but two and a half months later. (Genesis 7:11) This sets the example that the ages of the other nine men weren't exact either, but were sometime within their stated age.

So the nine men had their first son some time during their listed age. It could have been early in their year, or late, or in the middle. So adding an average of six months per man would give a number much closer to reality.

With Noah's age added to the mix, that would be ten 6-month periods, which added together gives you 5 years. Adding 5 to the number of 1,656, brings it to 1,661 for counting back to Adam's creation (from a known point in history). That would push Adam's creation back about 5 years from 4026 B.C.E. to 4031 B.C.E. (October 1st). That would also put the 6,000 year anniversary of Adam's creation closer to 1970 and not 1975.

1970 (Oct 1st) to 2019 (Oct 1st) is 49 years. That is right in the center of my estimated window of 40 to 60 years that first sin could have occurred, so today we are just about in the middle of the mark for the end of the 6,000 years of sin.

Jehovah probably doesn't want us to know the exact year of Armageddon because people would do many of the same things that those who believed in the 1975 date did. Which may be why we are not provided the age of Adam at first sin even though that one act of disobedience was so monumental that it would have an extreme affect on all of humanity for thousands of years. The fact that the age of the man is recorded for so many other minor occurrences in the Bible makes the absence of Adam's age at first sin a glaring omission. So it seems to me that it was omitted on purpose.

The Last Day

Jesus refers to "*the last day*" multiple times in John:

(John 6:39-40) This is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose none out of all those whom he has given me, but that I should resurrect them on the last day.⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who recognizes the Son and exercises faith in him should have everlasting life, and I will resurrect him on the last day."

(John 6:44) No man can come to me unless the Father, who sent me, draws him, and I will resurrect him on the last day.

(John 6:54) Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has everlasting life, and I will resurrect him on the last day;

(John 11:24) Martha said to him: "I know he will rise in the resurrection on the last day."

(John 12:48) Whoever disregards me and does not receive my sayings has one to judge him. The word that I have spoken is what will judge him on the last day.

The resurrection takes place during Jesus' 1,000 year reign, and that is what Jesus is calling "*the last day*." But why does Jesus call his 1,000 year reign "*the last day*"?

- It is not the last day (era, epoch, time period) of mankind, that would be after Jesus' 1,000 year reign ends, during Jehovah's unending rule that follows.
- The resurrection will not take place on day 365 of the last year of Jesus' reign, that is to say the last 24 hour day of Jesus' 1,000 year reign.
- His 1,000 year reign is not the last time period of the rule of man, that ends at Armageddon.

So what does Jesus consider his 1,000 year reign to be the last day of? Hmm....

I am not saying that i believe in this theory, but it is interesting to think about.

If you have anything to add, please share it with me.

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