

The Word of God

When **Ecclesiastes 3:1-11** ... *in his time*

Chronology - the science of measuring time.

- uses regular intervals (years, months, days, hours ...) Genesis 1:14
- and assigns dates to events in proper order

Synchronism - the proper chronological account of persons or events in history.

(good) e.g. civil war - 1861-1865, Lincoln, Grant, Lee, Union army, Confederate army ...

Anachronism - placing persons or events outside of their proper order

(bad) e.g. evolution timeline - dinosaurs 400 million y ago, man 5 million y ago ... ???

" The Biblical text contains much information of a chronological and mathematical nature.

Beginning with the Creation in Genesis (chapters 1 & 2) there is a continuous unbroken line of dated events embedded with the Holy Bible that is logically followed as it spans across 40 centuries to the crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

All the chronological data is without violation, contradiction, or conflict.

This provides a harmonious systematic framework that both substantiates and establishes a number of facts: (1) the God of the Bible, (2) a Divine intellect, (3) the Divine inspiration of scripture, and (4) a reliable basis for faith in God through his word.

When the Bible text is scientifically analyzed it yields logical conclusions.

This sets the Holy writings of the Christian faith in bold relief, both totally above and apart from those of other world religions : Islam's *Koran*, the Hindus pantheistic *Veda's*, *Upanishad's* and *Bhagavad-Gita*, the *Eightfold Path* of Buddhism, the *analects* of Confucius, the Chinese *I Ching*, etc ... None of those texts allow similar formalistic scrutiny. They prove to be merely humanistic texts and their devotees are unable to defend the authority of those writings.

The Christian, on the other hand, has a reliable text that is both inspired and preserved. "

The Chronology of the Old Testament, Dr. Floyd Nolan Jones, 1993

World Book Encyclopedia (Vol 9 & 21)

Ancient history begins with the development of writing. Earliest writings have been found in Assyria, Babylon, China, Egypt and Sumeria, all ~ 2300 BC.

World History TimeLine

	<u>The Recorded Historic Era</u>			
1. Secular	the PreHistoric Era	<i>Ancient Times</i>	<i>the Middle Ages</i>	<i>Modern Times</i>
	2350 BC	500 AD	1500 AD	2000 +
	writing	fall Rome	renaissance	space age
2. Sacred	Pre-Scriptural Era	OT	NT	AV 1611
	Adam	Job	James	King James
				Rapture

1. The Pre-Scriptural Era

A. The Garden **Genesis 2:16 & 3:8**B. This Present Evil World (Gal 1:4, Gen 4), **Job 15:17-19, 8:8 + 10, 19:23, 28:12-13**2. Old Testament Revelation : *Genesis* thru *Malachi***Exodus 17:14 & 34:27, Jeremiah 30:2 & 36:2**

The Old Testament scriptures are well documented, confirmed and recognized by the Jews and Gentiles alike, i.e. historians, scholars, anthropologists, archeologists... Both sacred and secular history testifies to the Old Testament as reliable historical literature, kept by the Masoretic scribes. [the world says "the Jewish scriptures were written by good men"]

The Old testament was authenticated by our Lord.

It is written (21x OT) = quoted by Jesus twenty-one times e.g. Mt 4:4, Lk 4:4
have ye not read = asked by Jesus seven times e.g. Mt 19:4, 22:31
the scriptures = phrase used Jesus six times e.g. Mt 22:29, **John 5:39**

Jesus confirmed the three-fold division of the Jewish scrolls. **Luke 24:44**

<i>the law of Moses</i>	=	the Torah	5 scrolls
<i>the prophets</i>	=	the Nevi'im	8 scrolls
<i>the psalms</i>	=	the Kethuvim	<u>11 scrolls</u>
			total = 24 scrolls

3. New Testament Revelation : *Matthew* thru *Revelation*

Jesus prophesied of this work to his disciples in the Upper Room Discourse (John ch 14-16).

John 14:12, 16-17, 26 & 16:7, 12-15The first NT book was written twelve years later (45 AD) - *The General Epistle of James*The final book was written 51 years later (96 AD) - *The Revelation of St. John the divine*

{ NB : The NT quotes the OT 845 times; 333 quotes are prophecies of the Christ
 109 were literally fulfilled @ His 1st coming
 the remaining 224 will be fulfilled @ His 2nd coming }

The New Testament authenticates itself in many verses :

- (a) 1 Timothy 5:18 (64 AD) - *not muzzle* = Deu 25:4, *labourer is worthy* = Luke 10:17
- (b) 2 Timothy 4:13 (66 AD) - *books* = NT papyrus codices; *parchments* = OT vellum scrolls
- (c) 2 Peter 3:15-16 (69 AD) - *Paul's epistles* (NT) ... *as also other scriptures* (OT)

4. The Holy Bible : the Old and New Testaments united together in the same language

- A. the type - def: a type is a sign or a symbol or a figure of some thing or person to come is that which represents something else (Joseph is a type of Christ)

Leviticus 24:5-6 *twelve cakes ... in two rows, six on a row ...the pure table before the Lord*
:22 *Ye shall have one manner of law*

Historically, the Old Testament had 24 scrolls in Hebrew; the New Testament had 27 books in Greek. Combining them yielded a collection of 51 books in two different languages.

The King James translators *studied to shew themselves approved unto God ...and rightly divided the word of truth* (2 Tim 2:15) and the 3 divisions of 24 OT scrolls were rightly divided into 5 divisions of 39 books in English. The NT books were just translated into 27 English books. The finished product was an English Bible containing a total of 66 books (matching Lev 24:6 & 22).

- B. the time **Job 24:1** *times are ... from the Almighty ... see his days*
Psalm 90:4 *a thousand years ... as yesterday*
2 Peter 3:8 *one day is with the Lord as a thousand years*

The clues (Pr 25:2) are found in the two chapters that shew the Bible: **Exodus 16** & **Psalm 119**.

Exodus 16:5, 22, 29 *on the sixth day ... twice as much ... the bread of two days*

God's sixth day was from 1,000 AD to 2,000 AD.

Psalm 119 has 176 verses $176 = 11 \times 16$

C. the text

Numbers 33:16 The Jews have the Law after their **11**th journey in verse **16**

Deuteronomy 9:11 Chapter 9 - nine is the number of fruit.
the two tables ~ both the OT and the NT
forty x forty = 1600 in verse **11**

Acts 2:8 - 11 **16** people groups heard the word of God in their tongue by verse **11**.

1 Samuel **16** King David is anointed / 2 Samuel **11** His great fall

Romans **16** The roll call of NT saints / Hebrews **11** roll call of OT saints

1 Kings **6:11** *And the word of the Lord came to Solomon*

<u>person</u>	: type
Saul	Israel
David	Christ
Solomon	Church

Psalm **16** has **11** verses first two words : *Preserve me* ... *forever more* : last two words