

# THE AGES OF THE 7,000 YEAR PLAN OF GOD

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When the God created Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Gan Eden), He ordained that from the creation of Adam and Eve to the end of the Messianic Age (Athid Lavo) would be 7,000 years of time. Before the creation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Gan Eden) was eternity past. After the Messianic Age is eternity future. Future eternity (Olam Haba) will be a return to the paradise of eternity past (represented by the Garden of Eden before the sin of Adam). Time is going forward to the past. That which was (Garden of Eden before the sin of Adam) is that which shall be (eternity future/Olam Habah).

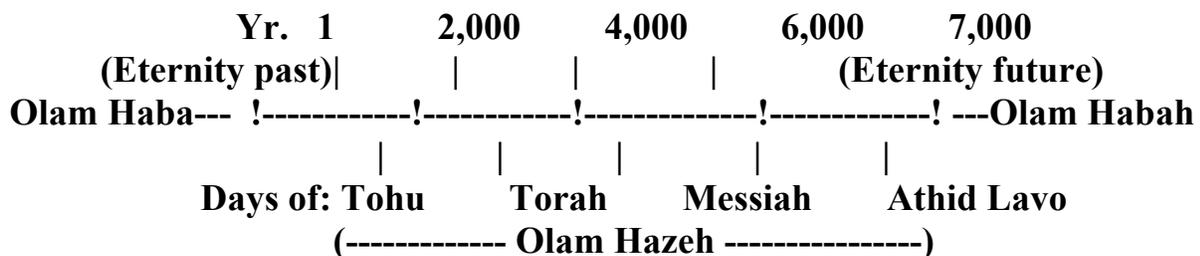
In Ecclesiastes 1:9 it is written:

*"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun."*

Traditional Judaism understands that the first 6,000 years is known as the present age/world (Olam Hazeah). These first 6,000 years are divided into three 2,000-year periods of time or ages. The first 2,000 years from the creation of Adam to the time of Abraham (Avraham) is known as the period/age of desolation (Tohu).

The next two thousand years from the time of Abraham to the expected arrival of the Jewish Messiah is known as the period/age of Torah. The final 2,000 years of time within the 6,000 years of the present/age world is known as the days of the Messiah (Yemot Mashiach).

The last 1,000 years is known as the Messianic era or the future age/coming (Athid Lavo). The 7,000-year redemptive plan of the God of Israel can be seen in the following chart.



## THE SEVEN DAYS OF CREATION: A BLUEPRINT FOR THE 7,000 YEARS OF TIME

Messianic Age (Athid Lavo). Each day in creation represents 1,000 years in time. It is also known a "The Lords Day", *which is different from* "the day of the Lord" which occurs on the the Feast of Atonement. This is based upon connecting Psalm 90:4 to the seven days of creation.

In Psalm 90:4 it is written:

*"For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night."*

In rabbinic literature, it is also taught that each day in creation represents 1,000 years of time. In the Talmud in Sanhedrin 97 it is written:

"It has been taught in accordance with the Rabbis: Just as the seventh year is one year of release in seven, so is the world: one thousand years out of seven shall be fallow, as it is written. And the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day;

"For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past".  
(Psalm 90:4): thus 'day' in the preceding verses means a thousand years)."

The traditional 7,000-year plan of God is a major concept and foundational truth in understanding Bible prophecy and eschatology (study of the last things). The rabbis of traditional Judaism understand that God gave the seven days of creation in the book of Genesis as Torah/instruction to teach His people that there are 7,000 years of time.

The Jewish view of linking each of the seven days of creation to 1,000 years of time based upon Psalm 90:4 and is restated in the extra-biblical book of Barnabas Chapter 13, verses 3-6 as it is written:

*"And even in the beginning of the creation he makes mention of the Sabbath. And God made in six days the works of his hands; and he finished them on the seventh day, and he rested the seventh day, and sanctified it. Consider, my children, what that signifies, he finished them in six days. The meaning of it is this; that in six thousand years the Lord God will bring all things to an end. For with him one day is a thousand years; as he testifies, saying, Behold this day shall be as a thousand years. Therefore, children, in six days, that is, in six thousand years, shall all things be accomplished. And what is it that he said, And he rested the seventh day: he meant this; that when his Son shall come, and abolish the season of the Wicked One, and judge the ungodly; and shall change the sun and the moon, and the stars; then he shall gloriously rest in that seventh day."*

The traditional Jewish view of each day of creation representing 1,000 years of time is expressed in the New Testament in II Peter 3:8-10 as it is written:

*"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."*

That is why God could say to Adam not to eat of the tree of Good and Evil, for in the day that you do, *you shall surely die* ("*muwth*", physical death). Adam did not die the same day but when he was 930 years. He did die still in the first 1000 years which is one day to God.

The greatest 1,000-year period of the 7,000 years of time will be during the days of the Messianic Age. This period of time follows the first 6,000 years of time known as the Olam Hazeh (the present world/age).

Being Jewish, the disciples (talmidim) of the Jewish Messiah, Yeshua/Jesus had an understanding of the 7,000-year redemptive plan of the God of Israel and knew that they were living in the Olam Hazeh (the present world/age).

By knowing that the present world/age is followed by the Messianic Age and by knowing that they were speaking to the Jewish Messiah Himself, they decided to ask Him what signs that His people should expect to see so that they would know when the present world/age was concluding and the Messianic Age was about to arrive. In Matthew 24:3 it is written:

*"When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. 'Tell us,' they said, 'when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that you are coming and that the 'olam hazeh' is ending?"*

#### **Matthew 24**

*And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.*

*"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."*

#### **The Abomination of Desolation**

*"So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days!*

*Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. Then if anyone says to you, 'look, here is the Christ!' or*

*'There he is!' do not believe it. For false Christ's and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.*

### **The Coming of the Son of Man**

*"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

### **The Lesson of the Fig Tree**

*"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. **Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.***