

## When Satan Can Tempt No Longer

It was on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of creation week that the Father and His Son made man in Their image, Genesis 1:26, 27.

The holy pair were given conditional immortality, which if proven faithful and obedient, their test of obedience, would one day, have been removed.

However in Genesis 3:6, only 35 verses later, Eve transgressed. 35 verses from creation to transgression gives one the idea that maybe they were not alive very long before they made their irreversible choice.

In Genesis 3:24 they were driven from their edenic home, not yet fully aware of the enormity of their sin, nor the magnitude of what it would cost their Savior to make redemption.

Do we know how old they were at this point of their existence, without speculating, rather using revealed information? The answer is yes, and we will discover their exact age in this study. We are well aware of their fall and banishment from the Garden of Eden and the sad history of God's church for the next four millennium.

In Satan's attempt for domination and complete control of the hearts of mankind, he especially attacked and ultimately killed God's Son. Unable to be victorious over Christ, he continues to attack God's Law; His Sabbath and especially His Church. We know that at some point, Satan will not be allowed to tempt another human being any longer, until the conclusion of the millennium following Christ's return. What we don't seem to know is when that point has been reached. Can we know the season and the year that Satan will be out of business? I believe the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy have revealed enough to establish that answer as a fact.

What is IMPORTANT here and needs to be understood by everyone, is that this study is not setting a date when Jesus will come. That is unknown and no man can set a date for Jesus to come. Is that clear?

**“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.”** Matthew 24:36.

The redeemed will not know the day and hour of Christ's coming until the final of the plagues. We are told this, *“The voice of God is heard from heaven, declaring the day and hour of Jesus' coming, and delivering everlasting covenant to His people. Like peals of loudest thunder His words roll through the earth.”* {Mar 287.2}

**So please understand, this study is not about when Christ will come. I hope that is clear. It is about when Satan's allotted time to prove his charges against God would be concluded.**

What we want to find out is when the 6th millennium after transgression ends and the 7th millennium begins, for you see Satan will not get one second of time to tempt anyone in that seventh millennium. That's his time to contemplate what his rebellion cost,

and what he once had and forfeited. To arrive at the answer to this problem, there are certain questions we would like to find the answers to.

1. When did God create the Earth?
2. How old were Adam and Eve when they sinned?
3. At what point was eternity interrupted in earth time, and when did Satan's allotted time begin?
4. What is the millennial week of time?
5. How many generations were there before the cross and how many subsequently? (A Bible generation being 40 years)

We will get to all the answers, not necessarily in the order listed. Starting with question #1. When did God create the Earth?

According to "The Annals of the Old Testament," the 1650 classic by James Ussher, Church of Ireland, Archbishop of Armagh; God began the creation of the world at nightfall on the evening of Saturday, October 22, in 4004 B.C. His establishment of October 22<sup>nd</sup> is interesting, and perhaps coincidental, but I do not think that date is necessarily in stone. In my own personal studies, I do believe we would be okay with just saying the fall of 4004 BC.

There are many within Adventism that embrace 4004 BC as the acceptable year of creation. That would support many of Ellen White's quotes regarding the 4,000 and 6,000 years.

The book written by G. Edward Reid, "Even at the Door." is most interesting as it deals with the "Great Week of Time." On page 157, the author quotes Warren H. Johns, seminary librarian at Andrews University as follows, "Having recently completed an examination of all 2,500 references to Biblical chronology made by Ellen White, I can state unequivocally that her chronology matches that of Archbishop Ussher more closely than perhaps any other of the dozens of chronologies in use in the nineteenth century. ... For her as for Ussher there were exactly 4,000 years between the creation of man and the birth of Christ.

According to Ussher, Sister White, and many theologians who agree, the fall of 4004 B.C., would have been the time of creation. Adding 4,000 years to the fall of 4004 BC would give us the fall of 4 BC. The birth of Christ, most likely mid to late October, as the climate made it almost impossible for shepherds to be out grazing sheep much later than that.

Now let us look at the concept of a millennial week of time, and soon we can tie this all together.

God reckoned a day as a thousand years based on: Psalm 90:4 "For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night." This passage draws a correlation between a millennium and the day from God's perspective. It is strictly literal and not prophetic. David's intent was clearly that God does not reckon time as do humans and that is how most understand that principle.

It is interesting to note that Adam died at age 930, lacking seventy years of one thousand years; for one thousand years are as one day in the recorded testimony.

The Lord said: “... **for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**” Gen. 2:17. For this reason Adam did not complete the first millennial day; for he died during it. The oldest living human being ever was Methuselah, son of Enoch, who died at the age of 969, 31 years short of 1,000 years. He died the year of the flood, but not in the flood. Noah was 600 years old when the flood occurred and he lived 950 years total, just 50 years short of a millennial day, Gen. 9:29. As man adopted a flesh diet, his lifespan rapidly declined. Abraham was 175 and today 100 is considered a long life.

We also read in: 2 Peter 3:8 “**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 correlation between ‘a millennium’ and ‘the day’ could just be hyperbole; or could there be even more to it? A millennial day equaling a thousand years would not speak that much to us if it were to stand alone; but what about a millennial week?

A millennial week of time is not new information. A few of our pioneers wrote about it. A millennial week would be a period of seven millennial days or 7 periods of 1,000 years or 7,000 years.

J. N. Andrews was a pioneer Adventist theologian and missionary. Andrews University is named after him. Andrews could read the Bible in seven languages and could reproduce the New Testament from memory. In 1867 he was the third General Conference president for two years. He made significant contributions to the SDA doctrines. Also he was the editor of the Review and Herald for ten months while Uriah Smith took a leave of absence for health reasons. Brother Andrews wrote a series of six articles for the Review that carried the title “THE GREAT WEEK OF TIME or THE PERIOD OF SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS DEVOTED TO THE PROBATION AND THE JUDGMENT OF MANKIND.”

It is very important that everyone understand this premise about this writing. “When Satan Can Tempt No Longer” is not a prophecy regarding time as we will be discussing only literal time. **IT IS NOT A PROPHECY AT ALL. IT IS NOT DATE SETTING; IT IS NOT NEW LIGHT; IT IS NOT A DOCTRINE AND IT IS NOT NEW.** “When Satan Can Tempt No Longer” is using known information found in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy and connecting the dots. There are many time prophecies in scripture, and thank God for them.

Based on God’s word, we can be sure that there are NO time prophecies extending past the fulfillment of the 2300 year prophecy which was concluded in 1844. In fact Revelation chapter 10 applies to the Advent movement when the little book mentioned pertains to the Daniel prophecies in which Gabriel had told Daniel to seal the book until the time of the end.

Jesus said Himself in Rev. 10:6, “... **that there should be time no longer:**” I would not want anyone to hear this study thinking Pastor Vaughn is predicting such and such will happen at such and such time, for we are speaking literal time only and not prophetic time. Is that clear? Now let us move on to find when Satan’s allotted time began and when it will end.

Facts that we do know: the holy pair were created in the first millennial day, the fall of 4004 BC, on the 6th day of creation and they were created sinless. The next thing we know is that there was a year, day, hour and minute that Eve committed the first transgression at the forbidden tree, in spite of God's clear instruction. which Eve recited to the serpent in Genesis 3:3 "**But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.**"

We need to examine some clues that will lead us to a discovery of when the transgression happened, which would have marked the beginning of Satan's 6,000 years of allotted time.

How do we know that Satan's allotted time is Six Thousand Years? Here is a supporting TIME SPECIFIC S.O.P. quote where Ellen White was talking about the time after his allotted time has ended, "**Satan's work of ruin is forever ended. For six thousand years he has wrought his will, filling the earth with woe and causing grief throughout the universe.**" {GC 673.2}.

There are 42 quotes in the Spirit of Prophecy regarding six thousand years. In some of the quotes God's prophet would say more than six thousand years. Here is an example: "*More than six thousand years of continual practice has greatly increased his skill to deceive and allure.*" {ST, September 29, 1887 par. 2} It is important to note that at the time that article in the Review was written, it had only been 5,890 years from creation. So, this would indicate that she was referring to a time which began in heaven.

We have established that Adam and Eve were created on the 6th day of creation; in the fall of 4004 BC. As previously mentioned, the account of their creation is in Genesis 1:26, 27.

The account of their fall was in Genesis 3:1-6, some 30 verses later. Now this gives an illusion that their fall was shortly after their creation. The angels had clearly warned the holy pair of the adversary. So ignorance was not an excuse then, and certainly it is not an excuse today.

So there had to be a longer period of time from the 6th day of creation until the transgression; but how long? Here is where this study gets really interesting. Evidence shows that God had given Satan exactly 6,000 years to prove his accusations against God in the full view of the loyal angels and all the unfallen worlds in the universe. This is a key point: Satan's allotted time of 6,000 years could **NOT** have begun **UNTIL THE PAIR SINNED.**

© \Now stay with me because in a few minutes I am going to reveal the fact that we can determine just how old Adam and Eve were when they sinned, using **known information.** Before I go there, I want to look at some specific events that occurred in the millennial week, and certainly this is only a short list.

In that first millennial day, 4004 BC to 3004 BC, saw the creation of the world and Adam and Eve.

Their subsequent transgression, and the institution of the system of animal sacrifice, that pointed to Jesus, which was instituted **immediately after the fall and banishment.**

In 3017 BC, Enoch at the age of 365 was translated and God took him to heaven.

In the second millennial day, 3004 BC to 2004 BC, there was the great flood in 2348 BC, which was 1,656 years after creation destroying the ante-deluvians. The earth is forever changed from its original beauty.

In the third millennial day, 2004 BC to 1004 BC, Abraham is 100 years old when Isaac is born, 1,956 years BC, which was 2,048 years after creation.

In 1775 BC, Joseph, aged 30, was elevated to a position, second only to Pharaoh in Egypt.

In the fourth millennial day, 1004 BC to 4 BC, four successive world empires ruled the world. Babylon ruled 605 - 539 BC. Next Medo-Persia overthrew Babylon. Medo-Persia ruled 539 - 331 BC. Next Greece overthrew Medo-Persia. Greece ruled 331 - 168 BC. Next Rome overthrew Greece. Rome ruled 168 BC – AD 476.

Jesus was born in the fall of 4 BC. He was born when the 4th millennial day ended and the 5th millennial day began. Was He born a sinner? No. Did He ever commit a sin in His entire life? No. When did He become sin? Jesus became sin on the cross.

When did Jesus begin His earthly ministry? He began His ministry when He was anointed at His baptism in the fifth day of the millennial week, which stretched from the fall of 4 BC to the fall of 997 AD. Jesus was baptized in the fall of 27 AD when He was aged 30. Jesus was crucified in the spring of 31 AD. This is a critical date. How old was He when He was crucified? He was 33-1/2. Keep 33-1/2 in your mind and we will come back to it shortly. In 31 AD Jesus ascended to heaven as our High Priest. He ministered in the Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary for 1,813-1/2 years.

Also in the 5th millennial day, the anti-Christ rose into power in 538 AD. Pagan Rome became Papal Rome and the long line of Caesars became a succession of Popes.

In the 6th millennial day, Fall 997 AD to fall 1997 AD, the 16th century Reformation began. One of its most telling reformers was Martin Luther. In 1798, the anti-Christ Beast power receives the deadly wound. General Berthier acting under orders of Napoleon, marched into Rome and took the Pope prisoner, where he died a year later in captivity. So the Papal reign of 1,260 years came to an end as the Papacy received a deadly wound described in Revelation 13:3.

Another major event of the 6th millennial day was the Advent movement that God raised up. The gift of prophecy was given to this new church in 1844 and Jesus entered the Most Holy Place to begin the anti-typical Day of Atonement whereas on October 22, 2019, He will have been ministering there for 175 years.

Rev. 12:17 prophesied the wrath of Satan would be against the woman, God's remnant people. **“And the dragon was wrath with the woman ...”**

In our millennial week, the fall of 1997 would have been the 6,000th year from creation. But Satan is still in the deceiving business. That would be obvious since his 6,000 years of allotted time did not begin until Adam and Eve transgressed. This is the millennial week as many in the past have understood it to be, however now we want to

put some pieces of the puzzle together. Follow closely so that you DO NOT MISS THE CONCLUSION.

Jesus was born 4,000 years after Creation week, most likely 4,000 years exactly from the 6th day when sinless man was created.

So, if Jesus was without sin for 33-1/2 years, then He became sin and died on the cross, in the Spring of 31 AD, exactly 4,000 years to the moment when Adam and Eve's transgression occurred in the Spring of 3970 BC. That would mean that Adam and Eve remained sinless for 33-1/2 years after they were created. Is there anything in the Spirit of Prophecy that would be TIME SPECIFIC and may give this possibility support? Yes, and I will give you three such time specific quotations. Earlier we looked at a quote where the SOP spoke of more than six thousand years, referring to sin starting in heaven.

© In the S.O.P. there are 42 six thousand year and 41 four thousand year quotes. Most are not time specific as they might be prefaced with the words almost, nearly or more than. But I would like you to listen to the three quotes regarding four thousand years that are TIME SPECIFIC.

**First time specific quote: "And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease." In A. D. 31, three and a half years after his baptism, our Lord was crucified. With the great sacrifice offered upon Calvary, ended that system of offerings which for FOUR THOUSAND YEARS had pointed forward to the Lamb of God. Type had met antitype, and all the sacrifices and oblations of the ceremonial system were there to cease.**" {GC88 327.3} This quote would indicate that when Adam and Eve had sinned, the system of sacrifice went into effect; and continued those four thousand years to 31 AD Calvary, when type met anti-type.

**Second time specific quote: "Christ was standing at the point of transition between two economies and their two great festivals. He, the spotless Lamb of God, was about to present Himself as a sin offering, that He would thus bring to an end the system of types and ceremonies that for FOUR THOUSAND YEARS had pointed to His death."** {DA 652.2} It does not say almost, nearly or more than. As soon as sin entered the world, the sacrificial system was immediately implemented, and 4,000 years later, the sacrificial system ended at the cross with the Savior's death.

**Third time specific quote: "Satan led men into sin, and the plan of redemption was put in operation. FOR FOUR THOUSAND YEARS, Christ was working for man's uplifting, and Satan for his ruin and degradation. And the heavenly universe beheld it all."** {DA 759.3} Taken from the chapter "It Is Finished" where Jesus is crucified. This statement indicates that the system of sacrifice was initiated as soon as man sinned. Christ's anti-typical death occurred 4,000 years later.

Now listen carefully to this next quote: **"If you look to yourself, you will see only weakness. There is no Saviour there. You will find Jesus away from yourself. You must look and live; look to Him WHO BECAME SIN FOR US, that we might be cleansed from sin and receive of Christ's righteousness."** {DG146.3}

So what can we conclude from the three time specific 4,000 year statements and the final quote?

1. That Jesus created sinless people in the fall of 4004 BC.
2. That Jesus was born 4000 years after creation, in the fall of 4 BC, in the likeness of sinful flesh, but never committed an act of sin.
3. When Adam and Eve committed sin, the system of animal sacrifice began. They were without sin up to that point.
4. That Jesus died exactly 4,000 years after sin entered the world, thus ending the system of animal sacrifice, because He was the Lamb of God that all sacrifices pointed to.
5. Jesus was sinless for 33-1/2 years.
6. According to the SOP, when did Jesus become sin for us? Answer: On the cross, 4,000 years after sin entered the world, He became sin and the sacrificial type met anti-type.
7. How old was Adam and Eve therefore, when they sinned? 33-1/2 years old.

What does this all mean? This would mean that from the spring of 3970 BC when Adam and Eve were 33-1/2 years old, to the spring of 31 AD when Jesus died on the cross; there would have been 4 millennial days. It would have been 4,000 years completed of Satan's 6,000 years of allotted time, leaving two millennial days (2,000 years).

That means that in the spring of 2031 AD, there will not be a living person on planet earth, and Satan will NOT get one minute of time to perform his evil work in the seventh millennial day, which shall be 2031 – 3031 AD. He knows his time is short, and the message you are hearing today, he does not want God's people to know, for they just might wake up and go to work. He wants God's people to continue sleeping and believing that the end will be many decades in the future.

What this study is saying; is that his six millenniums of evil work are finished. It is not saying that that is when Jesus is coming. Jesus will have already come before then; but no man knows the day or the hour of His coming.

This is all about Satan's allotted time, using revealed information, which can also be expressed in periods of time called generations. A Biblical generation is 40 years.

4,000 years would be 100 generations from 3970 BC to the cross in 31 AD.

That would leave 50 generations or 2,000 years until 2031. By the way, in computing time, there is no zero year, 1 BC was followed by 1 AD. From the fall of man in the spring of 3970 BC, Satan was given 6,000 years which equals 150 generations, to prove his case.

In the spring of 1991, 149 generations were completed and we began the final generation. The Final Generation ends in the spring of 2031 AD, when the 6,000th year of Satan's allotted time would be complete. What has been happening between 1991 and 2019?

Amongst many things, the beast's deadly wound has been healing – The Jesuit Pope is working to bring about unification of all major denominations. When the National Sunday Law is the law of the land, the wound is healed.

Who can forget the terrorist attack on New York on September 11 2001? And the seemingly never-ending wars and the state of worldwide fear it has created!

What is yet to happen between now and the end of Satan's reign of terror? The following list is neither complete nor in chronological order:

1. National Sunday Law will be passed commencing
2. the Little Time of Trouble;
3. NSL – Last call to leave the cities immediately, but most SDA's will remain;
4. Unprepared, many Adventists leave the faith, many are already leaving;
5. Time of Trouble brings worldwide chaos;
6. Holy Spirit is withdrawn – no more restraint of evil, even good people will act out their worst thoughts;
7. Latter rain falls on God's prepared remnant people;
8. Loud cry of 3 angel's messages combines with the 4th angel of Revelation 18, will be given with great power world-wide;
9. Many of God's people heed the call and come out of the Sunday-keeping churches of Babylon and other faiths, deciding for God's Holy and blessed seventh day Sabbath and are sealed for eternity;
10. Trouble speedily increases in the world;
11. Every other living person receives the Mark of the Beast;
12. Satan personates Christ pulling off his greatest deception;
13. Sunday Law enforcement intensifies with fines and/or prison sentences;
14. No buy/no sell for Sabbath-keepers;
15. Inducements offered to Sabbath-keepers to recant and obey the NSL;
16. Large scale world-wide martyrdom including beheadings. Millions of God's people will be killed.

At a given point, the little time of trouble ends; And simultaneously probation ends for the world; marked by the fact that Jesus shall stand up and make the declaration that seals everyone for eternity: **“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.”** Rev. 22:11.

This begins the great time of trouble when God's mercy and grace have been replaced with His Justice on a rebellious people. With probation over, there is NO second chance; God's people cannot be lost and those with the Mark of the Beast can no longer be saved.

Even though the death decree is issued; the Heavenly Sanctuary is cleansed; all the forgiven sins are transferred from the Sanctuary to the head of Satan. With probation over for humanity, God's surviving people can no longer be killed, but they will go through a frightful time called “... the time of Jacob's trouble.”

All during the outpouring of the seven last plagues, God's people are protected. The plagues will culminate with the second coming of Jesus.

The seven last plagues are poured out in quick succession;

1st plague – painful boils head to toe; (Just like Job)

2nd plague – seas turn to blood and all sea life dies;

3rd plague – Fresh waters turn to blood;

4th Plague – Heat – sun 7 times stronger, still suffering from those painful sores;;

5th plague – Darkness on the seat of Beast (Rome);

6th plague – Euphrates dried up and the Battle of Armageddon rages to completion;

7th plague – Earth's greatest all time hailstorm, with hailstones weighing between 70 and 120 pounds. Also there will be a mighty earthquake, so powerful an earthquake that the Bible says in Isaiah 24:20 **“The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, ...”**

It is during the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> plague that Jesus comes for the redeemed.

Matthew 24:36 has confirmation from Jesus Himself that no one knows the day or the hour, but God will reveal it to His waiting saints before Jesus comes.

The surviving lost are destroyed by the brightness of His coming.

Romans 9:28 tells us, **“For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.”**

So the truth is that Jesus can come well before 2031. We know just how He will come, we just don't know when. The fact of the matter is, we are running out of preparation time.

{GC 673.2} says this, **“Satan's work of ruin is forever ended. For six thousand years he has wrought his will, filling the earth with woe and causing grief throughout the universe.”** That would have been from 3970 BC to 2031 AD. Not one living human being will be left for Satan to tempt.

What is it that is slowing the work down? Preparation time is running out and soon the little time of trouble will begin. **“Satan sees that his time is short. He has set all his agents to work, that men may be deceived, deluded, occupied, and entranced, until the day of probation shall be ended, and the door of mercy be forever shut.”** {RH, March 14, 1912 par. 6}

Because of delay, will God intervene?

**“When divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble. God will employ agencies whose origin man will be unable to discern. Angels will do a work which men might have had the blessing of accomplishing had they not neglected to answer the claims of God.”**--1SM 118 (1885). {LDE 207.3} This is a very important quote because God wants His church to do the work; however God will employ angels to do the work when our neglect fails to. As I said before, Satan will not get one hour, not one minute, not even one second in the seventh millennium to tempt a single soul.

6,000 years of the Great Millennial Week of Time is nearly finished. Satan has presented his evidence as to what he stood for. Revelation 20:1, 2 says, **“And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years ...”** He is bound by a chain of circumstances. He cannot leave planet Earth. The sun has burned out and it is both dark

and cold. There are no living human beings on the planet to tempt; there is only the lost who are either in their graves or they are where they died during the plagues. And that will be His condition from Spring 2031 to Spring 3031 AD.

I close with this quote from the SOP: ***“Those who walk even as Christ walked, who are patient, gentle, kind, meek, and lowly in heart, those who yoke up with Christ and lift his burdens, who yearn for souls as he yearned for them--these will enter into the joy of their Lord. They will see with Christ the travail of his soul, and be satisfied. Heaven will triumph, for the vacancies made in heaven by the fall of Satan and his angels will be filled by the redeemed of the Lord.”*** {RH May 29, 1900}

In this final generation, God’s church, you and I, have the awesome privilege to vindicate God’s Character; His Government; His Law; His Authority; His Throne; His Fairness; His Sabbath; and His One True God status, before the unfallen angels, the unfallen worlds and the whole of creation. More important than being saved, should be our desire to be God’s Vindicators.

In the 7th millennium God’s true church of all the ages will be with Jesus, enjoying the fruits of loyalty and obedience. **“... and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”** Revelation 20:4

AMEN.

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