

It's later than you think

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For Discussion: Lee Brainard: When the “Gods” Broke the Calendar

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What evidence is there that planet Earth once took 360 days to orbit the Sun instead of 365¼ days?

The biblical record...

Genesis 7:11 – *In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.*

The waters on the earth receded enough after 150 days that the arc rested on dry ground...

Genesis 8:3-4 – *And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.*

From 17th day of the 2nd month to the 17th day of the 7th month represents exactly five 30-day months.

- 5 months x 30 days = 150 days

If God’s creation was “very good” per Genesis 1:31, what makes more sense, a 360 or 365¼-day year?

The 360-day year has significant more symmetry revealing more order in creation...

- The Moon taking exactly 30 days to orbit the Earth, the Earth taking exactly 360 days to orbit the Sun.
- The 360-day year was made up of twelve 30-day months
- There would be 180 days from winter to summer solstice, 90 days between the equinox and solstice.

Why might we go from a “very good” 360-day year to as less ordered 365¼-day year?

The fall... this is one more consequence of mankind’s sin, the calendar being somewhat short of “very good.”

- Even the orbit of the moon is no longer ordered by 30 days: it now takes 29.5 days to go from one new moon to the next new moon

Is there any extra-biblical evidence that Earth once had 360-day years?

A lot: Sumerians (~2,000 BC), Babylonians (2,000-1,500 BC), plus the Incas, Mayans, Egyptians, Assyrians, Arabs, Chinese, Japanese, Greeks, Romans.

- The Veda texts of ancient India: “The moon waxes for 15 days and wanes for 15 days; the sun moves north for 180 days and moves south for 180 days.”

Why did ancient civilizations use a 360-day calendar when we use a 365¼-day calendar today?

The conventional wisdom is that we are more advanced today and better able to measure exactly how many days there are in a year. (HOGWASH!)

- The Sumerians (~2,000 BC) applied advanced algebra to accurately predict the orbits of the planets.

What would cause the year to change from 360 days to 365¼?

The Earth’s orbit around the Sun would have to slow down. There was indeed a cataclysmic cosmic event that happened around 701 BC...

2 Kings 20:9-11 – *Then Isaiah said, “This is the sign to you from the Lord, that the Lord will do the thing which He has spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees or go backward ten degrees?” And Hezekiah answered, “It is an easy thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees; no, but let the shadow go backward ten degrees.” So Isaiah the prophet cried out to the Lord, and He brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down on the sundial of Ahaz.*

The king of Babylon asked Hezekiah about the wonder (miracle) that had occurred in the land (2 Chron 32:31).

- Either this was the sundial going backward or 185,000 Assyrian soldiers threatening Jerusalem being killed.

What could the sundial going backward 10 degrees (or steps) represent?

This would not be a fixed sundial but an analemmatic sundial in which the gnomon (shadow-casting post) moves based on the day or week of the year. Thus, a 10-step change would indicate 5 days being added to the year.

What catastrophic event would cause the Earth to slow down in its orbit around the Sun?

It is believed that Mars and Venus once had elliptical orbits like comets thus interacting with the other planets including Earth. This is where the myths of the gods interacting with each other came from since they were associated with the planets.

- An elliptical orbit gave them an electrical charge based on their proximity to the Sun.
- Venus and Mars would discharge an electro-magnetic lightning bolt when in proximity to another planet.
- This resulted in the “thunderbolt of Jupiter” myth

What evidence is there that Mars once interacted with Earth?

The two greatest canyons in the Solar System are on Earth and Mars... the Grand Canyon in Arizona and the Valles Marineris on Mars which is 10x larger.

- Where is all the dirt that was removed from the Grand Canyon? It's not downstream.
- It's plausible that an electro-magnetic discharge happened between Mars and Earth to draw the material from both canyons out into space.

What does the scientific world think of these theories?

Most go with the conventional wisdom ignoring the inconvenient facts that don't fit. According to Lee Brainard, about 5% of cosmologists have embraced the concept of the Electric Universe...

- The Electric Universe model is an alternative cosmology proposing that electromagnetism and plasma behavior—rather than gravity alone—shape and power the cosmos. Mainstream astrophysics reject it as pseudoscience, but proponents argue it better accounts for large-scale structures without invoking dark matter or dark energy.

Why does it matter whether we have 360-day years or 365¼-day years?

It sort of complicates any kind of date setting when it comes to future prophetic events.

Why does God not want us to calculate when prophesied future events will happen?

God wants us to live every day in expectation of the Lord's return for us...

Matthew 24:36 – *of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only*
Jesus in His self-limiting mortal humanity did not know, but more importantly, this reflects the custom of the Bridegroom going to get His bride upon getting the go-ahead from His Father.

From where do we get the doctrine of imminence for the rapture?

The Apostle Paul certainly hoped that he could be taken from his mortal body in the rapture...

1 Thess 4:17 – *Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air*

The reason for the doctrine of imminence for the rapture is that it is strong incentive to live holy lives...

1 John 3:2-3 – *we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

No Christian wants to be engaged in an activity they would be embarrassed by if they know that they may find themselves in the presence of Jesus with the next breath.

Why did Jesus command His followers to “watch” for His return if we cannot know the day or hour?

Matthew 24:42 – *Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming*

God wants us to live being ready for His return. And, we can know the “season” of His return...

1 Thess 5:1-4 – *But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night... But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.*

How do we know we're in the season of the Lord's return?

- Israel back in the land, revival of the Hebrew language, worldwide antisemitism
- Technology setting the stage for the mark and image of the Beast, nuclear weapons, global communications, altering human DNA
- Alignment of the nations, Islamic influence, globalism
- Precarious economy, the rise of socialism
- Apostasy of the Church
- Wars, rumors of war, earthquakes, unprecedented weather
- The fullness of time...

How many years of human history will a biblical worldview lead you to conclude?

There is a pattern established by God...

Exodus 20:11 – *For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day.*

How may we apply the pattern established by the creation week to the period of human history?

Given that "*a day is like a thousand years*" per 2 Peter 3:8, which echoes Psalm 90:4... this leads us to believe that there will be 6,000 years between Adam and the Lord's return to establish His Millennial reign of 1,000 years followed by the Eternal State... 7,000 years total.

- This is reinforced by there being ~2,000 between Adam and Abraham, ~2,000 years between Abraham and Jesus, and we are coming up on ~2,000 years since Jesus went to the cross.

If Jesus went to the cross in 33 AD, why is 2033 significant?

That will mark 2,000 years of the Church Age and the conclusion of 6,000 years since Adam and Eve.

Would the 7 years of the Tribulation better fit inside the time of the Church Age or after it?

While it is controversial, most dispensational premillennial believers see the rapture happening before the 70th Week of Daniel... so the Tribulation would occur after.

- If we are to have ~2,000 years of the Church Age, the rapture could not occur until after 2033.
- So, we have to wait 7 more years until the rapture?

What prophecy gave us the time of Jesus' first advent?

Daniel 9:25 – *Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks*

The 69 weeks of years in Daniel or 483 years was fulfilled between Persian King Artaxerxes commanding Jerusalem to be restored until Messiah Jesus was "*cut off*" by dying on the cross (Daniel 9:26).

- This 483 years equates to 476 365¼-day-years using a 360-day/year calendar: $69 \times 7 \times 360 = 173,880$...
 $173,880 / 365\frac{1}{4} = 476$

We know when this command was given:

Nehemiah 2:1-6 – *And it came to pass in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes... And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, that I may rebuild it." ...So it pleased the king to send me*

We know from secular history sources that this declaration was made in 445 BC. So, do the math: $445 + 476 = 31$ AD.

- Given that Jesus was actually born about 2-to-4 BC and there was no year zero, this points to ~33 AD when scholars say that Jesus went to the cross.

Which would be more important in determining when key events happen in human history, days or years?

While the Daniel 9 prophecy is speaking of 69 weeks of years, you have to calculate the number of days involved to convert from the 360-day "prophetic year" to the current 365¼-day current calendar year for this to work out... so it is the days that are more important!

How many days are represented by 2,000 years using the original "very good" 360-day calendar?

$$2,000 \times 360 = 720,000$$

How days are represented by 2,000 years using today's 365¼-day years?

$$2,000 \times 365\frac{1}{4} = 730,500$$

How many years difference is there for 2,000 years between the 360-day and 365¼-day calendars?

- $730,500 - 720,000 = 10,500$
- $10,500 / 360 = 29.17$
- So, 2033 on today's calendar is really more like 2062 using a 360-day calendar
- And the 1993 years since the cross using today's calendar is really $2026 + 29.06 = 2055$

What does applying the 360-day calendar to where we are at today tell us?

It has effectively been 2022 years since Jesus went to the cross... well beyond the ~2,000 years we would expect for the Church Age based on the pattern established by God.

- Jesus didn't return for us 22 years ago because in His mercy, He's bringing more people into His family.
- But, we are well into the season where we should expect the Bridegroom's return for us!

What applications do we see from our discussion today?

- All things have not continued *as they were from the beginning of creation* (2 Peter 3:4).
- We are further into God's redemptive plan for humanity than we realize.
- We are firmly in the season of Jesus' return!