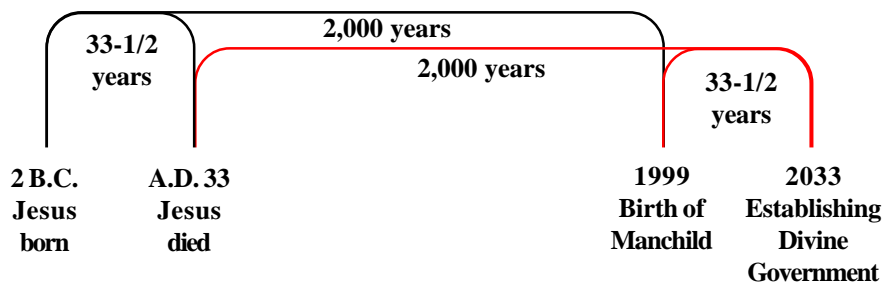


More on 1999 and 2033 as Found in the Prophecies of Haggai and Zechariah

In the previous study we looked at the very important dates – 1999 and 2033 – from the prophetic Psalms. Basically it was observed that Rosh Hashanah 1999 was 2,000 years from the birth of Jesus; and Passover 2033 will be 2,000 years from the death of Jesus. In both cases the interval between is 33-1/2 years.



Today we are living in the second 33-1/2 year period – the one that defines the return of Jesus and the setting up of Divine Government in the earth. It is the time of the birth of the Manchild of Revelation 12, and also the cutting of the Little Stone from the Mountain and hurling it at the ten toes of the great image of man’s governments. (The Manchild and the Little Stone are illustrations of the same thing: Divine Government as is embodied in Jesus Christ and his Bride.)

Today our study will be from the prophetic books of Haggai and Zechariah, and the building of the Second Temple under the leadership of Joshua and Zerubbabel. Their parallel to our day is striking!

Joshua (Jeshua in the KJV) was a priest; and Zerubbabel was of the royal line – kingship. It was under their leadership that the Second Temple was built. Together they are symbols of Jesus as King and Priest (like Melchizedek, who was a priest and a king).

“Listen, O high priest Joshua and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come.” (Zechariah 3:8)

Together, as Priest and King, Joshua and Zerubbabel built the Second Temple. It is symbolic of the building of a greater Temple.

“So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on

the house of the Lord Almighty, their God, on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month (on the civil calendar) in the second year of King Darius (the Mede).” (Haggai 1:14)

The date would have been spring of 537 B.C.

Just about a month later the foundation was laid, but it looked insignificant to the people who remembered the glory of Solomon’s Temple. Then God told Haggai that the glory of this Second Temple would be much greater than the glory of the first temple. How could this be? Just looking at its smallness caused the people to weep who had seen the magnificent glory of Solomon’s Temple. Then God opened the eyes of Joshua and Zerubbabel and revealed to them the symbolism.

“ ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the Lord Almighty. ‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace,’ declares the Lord Almighty.” Haggai 2:6-7

This is a fabulous prophecy! It is telling us that this seemingly inferior temple is symbolic of a magnificent Temple that will far exceed Solomon’s Temple in glory and beauty. And beneath the surface text is hidden the dates when this will happen and the length of time between the two events. It’s all there in this one magnificent statement by the Almighty God. There is no way that the prophet Haggai could have manipulated the text to give us these time elements. They speak of a Master Mathematician who designed a pattern from the beginning and fulfills each detail in its due time.

Now I will quote this magnificent prophecy again, but this time I will show these remarkable time elements from the Gematria of the Hebrew text. Especially notice how these dates and quantities of years between events overlap and intertwine to identify the time of the fulfillment of the prophecy. They are unique to this prophecy. Here is the color code for identification:

2548 – a quantity of years: highlighted in Yellow

2000 – a quantity of years: highlighted in Light Blue

1999 – a date (Gregorian): underlined in Red

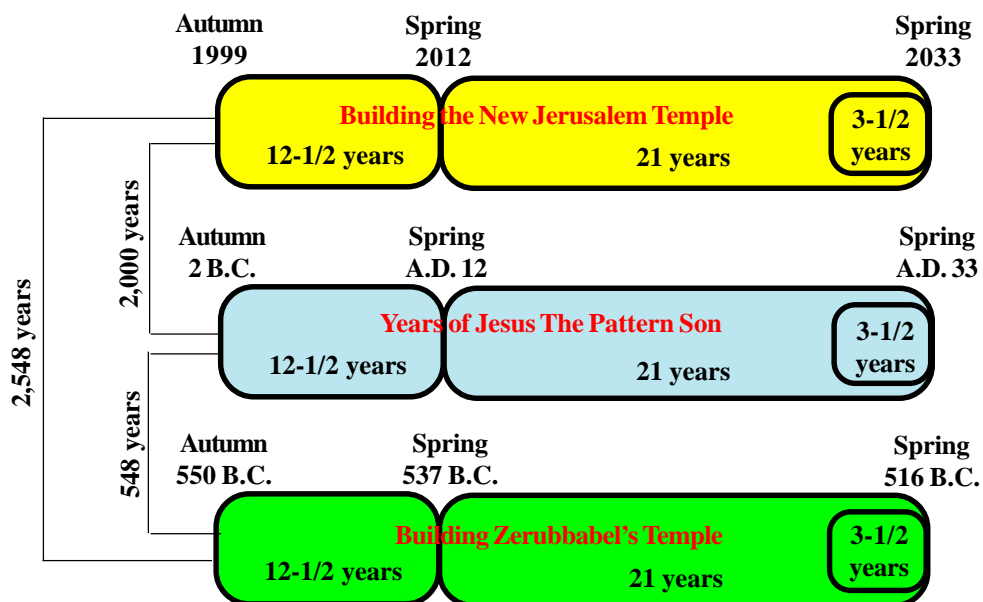
5793 – a date (Hebrew): underlined in Cyan

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Notice that the highlighting in Yellow and Light Blue are 2,548 and 2,000 years, respectively. It defines the time of the fulfilling of the prophecy as being a span of 2,548 years and a span of 2,000 years. And the underlined in Cyan and Red are the ending dates (1999 and 5793) for the fulfilling of the prophecy. The Hebrew year 5793 is the same as the Gregorian year 2033. But why two spans of different length?

Because there is a partial fulfillment and a final fulfillment. The partial fulfillment took place 548 years from the prophecy. It was the first advent of Jesus – the Desired of nations. The final fulfillment is 2,000 years after the first advent. Thus we see again the remarkable parallels between Jesus’ first advent and his second.

The graphic below will simplify the concept.



In the autumn of 550 B.C. Daniel was given a vision of the Ram (Cyrus). The vision prophesied the overthrow of Babylon by Cyrus (who represented Jesus). 2548 years later, in the autumn of A.D. 1999, Jesus received authority as King on David's Throne – the Little Stone was cut out of the mountain.

12-1/2 years later, in the spring of 537 B.C. the foundation of the Temple, and the altar, were finished. 2,548 years later will bring us to the spring of A.D. 2012. Will this see the antitypical fulfillment – the bringing together of Jesus and his Bride as the foundation and altar of the New Jerusalem Temple?

17 years later, in the autumn of 520 B.C. work began on the rest of the Temple – corresponding to the work beginning again on the construction of the New Jerusalem Temple: the bringing of Israel back into covenant relationship with God, and being the earthly center for Divine Government.

3-1/2 years later the Second Temple was finished and dedicated. It was in the spring of 516 B.C. 2,548 years later, in the spring of A.D. 2033 the New Jerusalem Temple will be completed and dedicated – functioning as Divine Government for the entire world.

Surely ***“the glory of this later house will be greater than the glory of Solomon's house.”***

The Apostle John saw a vision of this Temple coming down from heaven and engulfing the whole earth.

“I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully adorned for her husband.”
(Revelation 21:2)

The prophets Micah and Isaiah also saw this same Temple in vision. Isaiah wrote it this way. Notice that the portions underlined in yellow each add to 2,548. This happens three times, and they are intertwined and overlapped to give us the message that this is important – it is a time prophecy, suggesting that there will be 2,548 years between the building of Zerubbabel's Temple and the New Jerusalem Temple. Isaiah 2:

“In the last days the mountain of the Lord's Temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths.’ The Law will go out from Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem”

This is a magnificent display of the Gematria of the prophecy. That the number 2,548 should even be there is rare; but that it should intertwine and overlap three times in this one prophecy is absolutely amazing! This number – 2548 – is the number of years between the type (building Zerubbabel’s Temple) and the antitype (building the New Jerusalem Temple).

Thus the portions of this prophecy that add to 2,548, when combined, give us the following beautiful word picture of this glorious Temple.

“... as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills and all nations will stream to it. Many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us of his ways ...’”

That Temple will be composed of Christ and his Bride, and God and His Bride (Israel). The completion of that Temple will be 2,548 years from the completion of Zerubbabel’s Temple. It will not be a physical building. It will be Divine Government. (Whether a physical building will also be erected is beyond the scope of this writing.)

Looking back at Haggai’s fantastic prophecy we find both the dates 1999 and 2033 clearly displayed in the Gematria (page 3). The portion underlined in red has a Gematria value of 1999, and the portion underlined in cyan has a Gematria value of 5793. The Hebrew year 5793 is the same as the Gregorian year 2033. The prophecy is giving us the beginning and ending dates for the 33-1/2 year period in which the Little Stone is cut out of the mountain and demolishes the great metal image, and then grinds it to powder – 1999 to 2033. It’s all there in this one little verse in Haggai’s prophecy.

The prophet Zechariah was contemporary with Haggai. They both observed the building of Zerubbabel’s Temple, and both prophesied regarding its future fulfillment. Note the highlighted and underlined portions.

“What are you O mighty mountain (man’s governments)? Before Zerubbabel (Jesus Christ) you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone (Jesus Christ) to shouts of God bless it! God bless it!”

“Then the word of the Lord came to me: ‘the hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple (joining of Bridegroom and Bride), his hands will also complete it’ (the building of the remainder of the temple – Israel). Then you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you.”

“Who despises the day of small things (the building of Zerubbabel’s temple)? ***Men will rejoice when they see the plumb line*** (should read “select stone”) ***in the hands of Zerubbabel Then I asked the angel, what are these two olive trees*** on the right and on the left of the lampstand?

“Again I asked him, What are these two olive branches beside the two gold pipes that pour out golden oil? He replied, ‘Do you not know what these are?’ No, my Lord, I said. So he said, ‘These are the two (Joshua and Zerubbabel – priest and king) ***who are anointed to serve the Lord of all the earth.’”***

The identification of the “capstone” and the “select stone” is given to us in the Gematria which is underlined in green in the above verses. They each add to 2368, which is the Gematria value for the name “Jesus Christ” as is used throughout the New Testament.

This is amazing! We are left without doubt as to the identity of the “select stone” (mis-translated “plumb line”). It is Jesus Christ. At this point in time – 2033 – his Bride is with him, their wedding having already taken place. Also, at this point in time, it will be 2,000 years from the day when Jesus was resurrected and sat down at the right hand of the Father. (***“Sit thou at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.”***) And it will be 2,548 years from the day of the completion and dedication of Zerubbabel’s Temple. The type will be fulfilled by the anti-type. The two portions of the above scripture which are highlighted in blue each add to the remarkable number 5793 – meaning the Hebrew year 5793 which is the same as our Gregorian year 2033 – absolutely amazing evidence that the appointed time for the completion of the New Jerusalem Temple is the spring of 2033.

It becomes apparent that the 33-1/2 year period between Rosh Hashanah 1999 and Passover/Firstfruits of 2033 is a remarkable parallel to the 33-1/2 years of the earthly lifetime of Jesus. Many are the parallels found within this brief span of time. These two 33-1/2 year periods also parallel the 33-1/2 years between the vision given to Daniel and the completion and dedication of Zerubbabel’s Temple.

I have only scratched the surface of a reality that is vast and comprehensive. But it is exciting to be living today within the confines of the fulfillment of these things.

Do we see a fulfillment taking place? I think we do! We see the financial foundations of many countries failing. The battle of Islam against Christianity has become a world-wide reality. The threat of the annihilation of the nation of Israel is

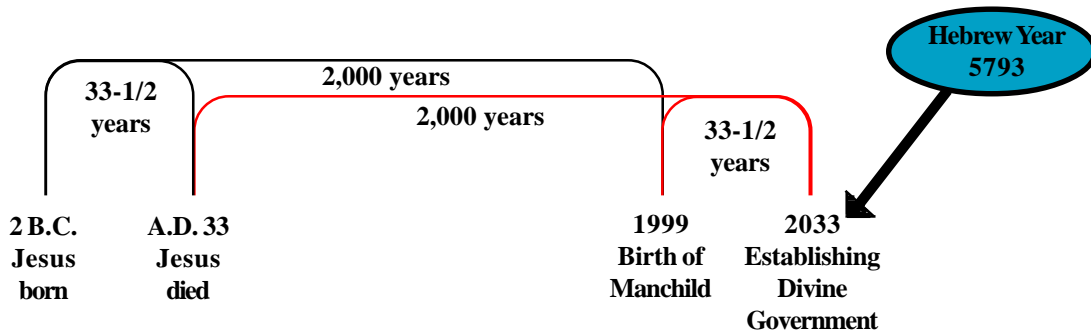
a constant terror. Nature’s imbalance is causing unprecedented floods, earthquakes, fires, tornadoes, devastating hurricanes, El Nino and La Nina oceans, and all kinds of “natural” disasters. Yes, the world has always had these things, but not with the frequency and the intensity with which they are impacting mankind today. Man’s ability to put the “patches” on the breakdown of society has reached its limits.

But Jesus taught his disciples to pray ***“Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.”*** He taught them to pray for the time when Divine Government will be established in the earth. At that time the ancient fathers of Israel will return and will teach their children to believe. Malachi prophesied that God would ***“... send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers; or else I will come and strike the earth with a curse.”*** (Malachi 4:5)

Jesus spoke of that time when the ancient fathers will return to Israel and will take their place in Divine Government. He said:

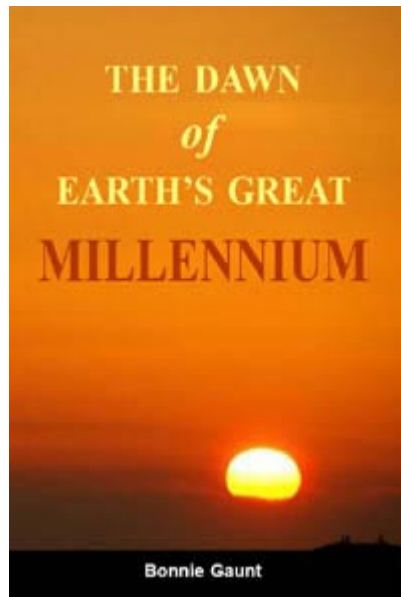
“I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom (present rulers of Israel) will be thrown outside, into darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (Matthew 8:12)

When Jesus said this to the Roman Centurion, he prefaced his statement by saying ***“I say to you that many will come from the east and the west.”*** These words have a number value of 5793, fortelling the very year (2033) in which Divine Government will be set up in Israel, and the change of rulership will see man’s rulers thrown out, and Israel’s ancient fathers established in the seat of authority.



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