

## When Satan Can Tempt No Longer

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Eternity, where time is not measured as we understand it, was interrupted by an incident in which we are all too familiar. Since that incident, a battle on earth commenced and has been raging now for almost 6,000 years, and it is for your worship!

The mystery of iniquity: who can really understand it? It started with the most beautiful and most intelligent of all God's created beings, the angel Lucifer. Here is what we read in Ezekiel 28:12, **"Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty."** It continues in verses 14 & 15, **"Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth;"** Lucifer sat on the left hand of the throne of God the Father. What created being would not appreciate such an exalted position and responsibility, in the very presence of God the Father? Continuing on **"and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created till iniquity was found in thee."**

Iniquity was unknown throughout the universe. It was unknown to the angels and it was unknown to Lucifer. Was it unknown to the Creator? No for God knew the risk in creating beings with a free will to choose. This far in eternity all created beings gladly chose to do what was right.

Lucifer performed all his tasks flawlessly since his creation and appointment. He was the most beautiful and most intelligent of all created beings. But a problem developed within him. He became jealous of Michael, Christ's name in eternity, who was One of the three in the Godhead. Lucifer felt that he should have been included in the meetings between the Father and Michael, because of his high rank.

This negative emotion jealousy was new to him and he knew he should have abandoned such thoughts. For a long time he experienced the adoration of the angels, but never the worship given to God. He coveted the throne of God and the worship due to God only. He felt unjustly treated and only fed his negative reasoning with additional thoughts of himself and what he believed he was due.

He began a whispering campaign which went rapidly among the angels, attacking God's character; His Government, His law; His authority; His fairness and in so doing, he was attacking the very Throne of God before the universe.

He had half of the angels thinking that his rebellion is justified. Can we understand why God hates gossip? The other half was loyal angels to God and they would have none of this foolishness against their Creator.

The Bible tells us in Revelation 12:7, 8 **"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven."**

They pleaded with the rebellious angels and had some success in winning many back; but one third remained loyal to Lucifer, and was ejected from heaven with the arch rebel. **"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."** Revelation 12:9

**"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."** Revelation 12:10

Our first parents were duly warned by the angels regarding the history of the rebellion in heaven and that, *"the tree of knowledge was placed in the garden to be a pledge of their obedience and love to God; ... that they could obey the law of God and be inexpressibly happy, or disobey and lose their high estate and be plunged into hopeless despair."* {SR 29.3}

*"They told them that Satan purposed to do them harm, and it was necessary for them to be guarded, for they might come in contact with the fallen foe; but he could not harm them while they yielded obedience to God's command, for, if necessary, every angel from heaven would come to their*

*help rather than that he should in any way do them harm. But if they disobeyed the command of God, then Satan would have power to ever annoy, perplex, and trouble them. If they remained steadfast against the first insinuations of Satan, they were as secure as the heavenly angels. But if they yielded to the tempter, He who spared not the exalted angels would not spare them. They must suffer the penalty of their transgression, for the law of God was as sacred as Himself, and He required implicit obedience from all in heaven and on earth.” {SR 30.2}*

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 centuries.

On Earth Satan attacked and killed God’s Son; and continues to attack His Law; His Sabbath and especially His Church.

We know that at some point, Satan will not be allowed to tempt another human being until the millennium following Christ’s return has been completed.

What we don’t seem to know is when that point has been reached. Can we know the season and the year that he will be out of business? I believe the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy has given us enough clues to establish the answer. What is important here and needs to be understood by the reader is that this paper is not setting a date when Jesus will come. That is unknown and no man can set a date for Jesus to come. **“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 that is a fact and Christ’s coming is not the point of this paper. What we want to find out is when the 6<sup>th</sup> millennium ends and the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 above. 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.

However there are others even within Adventism that prefer the 10,000 year hypothesis based on giant trees where they have calculated 10,000 rings, each ring pointing to a year of its existence. But think about it, God spoke things into existence and could have created the giant trees with 4,000 rings. After all Adam was a full grown adult male on his first day of life.

At this point I to refer to a book written by G. Edward Reid titled “Even at the Door.” Brother Reid was the General Conference treasurer before his retirement. His book 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. We know that Jesus was not born on December 25<sup>th</sup>. We do believe that His birth was rather in the fall of 4 BC, most likely mid to late October, as the climate made it almost impossible to be grazing sheep much later than that.

Now I want us to look at the idea of a millennial week, 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 millennial day; for he died during it. The oldest living human being ever was Methuselah 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, just 50 years short of a millennial day. Gen. 9:29.

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 would not speak that much to us if it were to stand alone; but what about a millennial week? A millennial week 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. 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:**” This is the final prophecy regarding time and there would be none past 1844. Now do we understand that premise? I would not want anyone to read this paper 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 will it end.

This we do know, that the holy pair were created in the first millennial day, the fall of 4004 BC, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of creation and they were created sinless. The next thing we know is that there was a year, day, hour and minute that they 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.**

Now we need to examine some clues that will lead us to a discovery of when the transgression happened, which would have begun Satan’s 6,000 years of allotted time.

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. For example: *“More than six thousand years of continual practice has greatly increased his skill to deceive and allure.”* {ST, September 29, 1887 par. 2}

Now 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of creation; which we understand to be in the fall of 4004 BC. Even though 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. Earlier we read the account of the angels warning the holy pair of the adversary.

So there had to be a longer period of time from the 6<sup>th</sup> day of creation until the transgression; but how long? Here is where this study gets really interesting. I believe that God has given Satan 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. His allotted time could not have begun until the pair sinned.

Here is a supporting TIME SPECIFIC SOP 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}

Since the fall of 1997 was the 6,000<sup>th</sup> year from creation, we can arrive at a calculation that would show that to date, 2,013, Satan is still in the temptation business. So that means that Adam and Eve were sinless for at least 16 years. It would be safe to assume that they were a number of years older than 16 when they transgressed, since there is still much to happen in the future.

Now stay with me because in a few minutes I am going to reveal the strong possibility 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 additional 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, in addition to the creation of Adam and Eve, and their subsequent transgression, the system of animal sacrifice, which pointed to Jesus, 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, 1,656 years after creation which destroys 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. 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. 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. He was born when the 4<sup>th</sup> millennial day ended and the 5<sup>th</sup> millennial day began.

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 4 BC to 997 AD. Jesus was baptized in the fall of 27 AD. Jesus is 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 for 1,813-1/2 years.

Also in the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> millennial day, the 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

Another major event of the 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 2013, He has been ministering there for 169 years.

Rev. 12:17 prophesied the wrath of Satan would be against the woman, God's remnant people. **"And the dragon was wroth with the woman ..."** In our millennial week, the fall of 1997 would have been the 6,000<sup>th</sup> year from creation.

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 6<sup>th</sup> day when sinless man was created. So if Jesus was without sin for 33-1/2 years, then it is possible that He died on the cross exactly 4,000 years to the moment when Adam and Eve's transgression occurred. 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 quotes.

Earlier we looked at a quote where the SOP spoke of more than six thousand years, referring to sin starting in heaven. 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:** *"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."* {GC88 327.3} Note - From the institution of the sacrificial system when sin entered, until the Lamb of God on the cross, it was exactly 4,000 years.

Now here is the full 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. Sin entered the world, the sacrificial system was implemented, and 4,000 years later, the sacrificial system ended.

**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. His 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 4004 BC.
2. That Jesus was born 4000 years after creation, 4 BC, in the likeness of sinful flesh, but never committed an act of sin. It is possible that His birth was exactly 4,000 years from the 6<sup>th</sup> day of creation when man was created sinless.
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 SOP, When did Jesus become sin for us? On the cross 4,000 years after sin entered the world.
7. How old was Adam and Eve therefore when they sinned? 33-1/2 years old.

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 millennium days, 4,000 years completed of Satan's 6,000 years of allotted time. Since 4 millennial days (4,000 years) ended at the cross, he had two millennial days (2,000 years) remaining, which would be concluded in the spring of 2031, the conclusion of his 6,000 years of allotted time. I do not believe that Satan will get one minute of his evil work in the seventh millennial day, 2031 – 3031 AD.

This only means that his six millenniums of evil work are finished. It is not saying that that is when Jesus is coming. I do believe that Jesus will come a good time before then; as no man knows the day or the hour that Jesus will come.

Satan's allotted time can also be expressed in periods of time called generations. A Biblical generation is 40 years, so 4,000 years would be 100 generations from 3970 BC to the cross. That would leave 50 generations or 2,000 years until 2031.

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 the 6,000<sup>th</sup> year of Satan's allotted time would be complete.

I will finish this presentation looking at the seventh millennial day in a few moments, but first I want to answer two questions: 1. What has been happening between 1991 and 2013? Amongst many things, the beast's deadly wound has been healing – we saw 9/11 and these seemingly never ending wars! 2. What is yet to happen between now and the end of probation? The following list is neither complete nor in chronological order:

National Sunday Law will be passed commencing the Little Time of Trouble; Many will leave God's church because they failed to prepare; NSL – will be the last call to leave the cities immediately; Time of Trouble brings on worldwide chaos; Holy Spirit is withdrawing – no more restraining of evil; NSL marks the end of Probation Sabbath keepers; Latter Rain poured out on the remnant; Loud cry of three angel's messages is given with great power world-wide; Many heed the call and come out of Babylon; Trouble speedily increases in the world; God's people decide for the Sabbath and are sealed for eternity; Every other living person receives the Mark of the Beast; Satan personates Christ; Sunday Law enforcement intensifies with fines and/or prison sentences; there are Inducements offered to Sabbath-keepers; no buy/no sell for Sabbath-keepers; large scale Martyrdom including beheadings.

At a given point probation will end for the world and Jesus shall stand up and make the declaration that seals everyone for eternity: Rev. 22:11 **“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.”**

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; the death decree is issued; the Heavenly Sanctuary is cleansed; all the forgiven sins are transferred from the Sanctuary to the head of Satan; the seven last plagues are poured out; 1st plague – painful boils head to toe; 2nd plague – seas turn to blood; 3rd plague – Fresh waters turn to blood; 4th Plague – Heat – sun 7 times stronger; 5th plague – Darkness on the seat of Beast; 6th plague – Euphrates dried up and the Battle of Armageddon rages to completion; 7th plague – Earth's greatest all time hailstorm and earthquake; God's people go through the time of Jacob's trouble; Jesus comes for the redeemed; Wicked survivors are destroyed by the brightness of His coming.

{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.”*

At this point one may ask, if we knew when Satan's allotted time was ended, wouldn't that indicate when Jesus is coming? The answer of course is a resounding **NO** for a couple of reasons:

*“We are not of that class who define the exact period of time that shall elapse before the coming of Jesus the second time with power and great glory. Some have set a time, and when that has passed, their presumptuous spirits have not accepted rebuke, but they have set another and another time. But many successive failures have stamped them as false prophets.”* {LDE 34.1}

In Matthew 24:3 the disciples asked Jesus, **“Tell us, ...what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?”** In verse 36 Jesus said, **“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, ... but my Father only.”** Although the spring of 2031 is the absolute deadline for Satan's evil work, it is by no means referring to the coming of Jesus.

Satan's 6,000 years of allotted time will complete in the spring of 2031. At some point, no one yet knows when, the little time of trouble will begin, probation will close, the plagues will be poured out, and Jesus will come for His redeemed. Jesus can come years before Satan's time comes to an end. The important take away from this presentation today is that we are running out of time to fulfill the commission of Jesus.

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

many years 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. We need to receive the early rain of the Holy Spirit in order to be candidates to receive the latter rain. Too many believe that all they need to do is wait for the latter rain, but that would be vain thinking.

*“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}

*“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.

The Great Week of Time is nearly finished. Satan has presented his evidence over his allotted 6,000 years as to what he stood for. Revelation 20:1, 2 **“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 circumstances.

Jeremiah 4:23-27 says, **“I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, and by his fierce anger. For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.**

Satan will be bound by circumstances on a cold dark planet where the sun has burned out and no living human beings are to be tempted anymore. The seventh 1,000 year period is the last millennial day in the millennial week, where Satan will spend his time contemplating the glories he once had in his place to the left of the Father's throne, when everything was harmonious and peaceful. He'll also think about what he has done for six millennia on earth; especially to the woman, God's church. All about him are dead bodies everywhere that there was once thriving nations.

**“Thus the period of 7,000 years is cut off from the eternity of the past to eternity in the future, and assigned to the probation and judgment of mankind.”** J.N. Andrews – Review and Herald – July 17, 1883

Creation in 4004 BC was still in the realm of eternity, as Adam was created with conditional immortality. The 7000 Year “Great Week of Time” would actually have interrupted eternity in the spring of 3970 BC when sin came into the world. At the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> millennial day, earth will be recreated and the realm of eternity will resume with no further interruption.

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 Church before the unfallen angels, the unfallen worlds and the whole of creation. More important than our desire to be saved, should be our desire to be God's Vindicator.

In the 7<sup>th</sup> millennium God's church of all the ages will be with Jesus, enjoying the fruits of loyalty and obedience to the three dignitaries of the Godhead. **“... and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Revelation 20:4**

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*



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*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}*