



THE SIX THOUSAND YEARS AND THE PROMISE OF THE RETURN

A biblical, chronological, and typological overview

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Bible study

GOD IN HISTORY: CREATION • REDEMPTION • GLORY

“He determined their appointed times beforehand...” (Acts 17:26)

1 FROM ADAM TO ABRAHAM

Approximately 2,000 years



- The creation of Adam
- The genealogies of Genesis 5 and 11
- The birth of Abraham

Genesis 5; 11; 12:4
Acts 7:4

2 FROM ABRAHAM TO THE CRUCIFIXION

Approximately 2,000 years



- Abraham's calling
- The people of Israel
- Prophets and preparation
- The birth, life, and ministry of Jesus
- The crucifixion of Christ

Genesis 12; Exodus; 1 Kings; Isaiah
Matthew; Mark; Luke; John

3 FROM THE CROSS TO THE RAPTURE

Nearly 2,000 years



- Christ's finished work
- The Church and its mission in the world
- The promise of His return
- The rapture of the Church

Luke 10:30-35; John 14:1-3
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52



2,008 years
(approx.)

CREATION
(Adam)

1,980 – 2,198 years
(approx.)

Birth of
Abraham



Crucifixion
of Christ



RAPTURE
(of the Church)

4 WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

“He determined their appointed times beforehand and the limits of their dwelling place.”
(Acts 17:26)

“Beloved, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. But we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.” (1 John 3:2)

5 THE TWO DENARII



The Samaritan gave two denarii to the innkeeper, saying, “Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I return.” (Luke 10:30-35)



Two denarii ≈ two daily wages
This could suggest, typologically, two thousand years of absence and return.

6 OTHER BIBLICAL PATTERNS



A day as a thousand years
(2 Peter 3:8)



Six days of work and one day of rest
(Exodus 20:8-11)



Six thousand years of human history and one millennium of rest
(Revelation 20:4-6)



Patterns of seven and a thousand
(Leviticus 25; Revelation 20)

7 EXACT DATE?



The Bible does not explicitly declare that the Rapture will occur exactly when six thousand years from Adam are completed.



The nearness of these periods is significant and suggests a prophetic pattern, but it does not allow us to fix a date.

8 CONCLUSION



A significant pattern, but not an explicit prophetic date.



The first period (Adam to Abraham) is close to a verifiable historical figure.



The second period (Abraham to the Cross) is close to two thousand years in several models.



The third period (the Cross to the Rapture) is currently very close to two thousand years.

9 APPLICATION



Live in holiness and expectation
(1 John 3:2-3)



Know the Word
(2 Timothy 2:15)



Pray and watch
(Matthew 24:42-44)



Share the gospel
(Mark 16:15)



Serve faithfully until His return
(1 Corinthians 15:58)

10 FINAL MESSAGE



“Behold, I am coming soon.”
(Revelation 22:12)

Our hope is not in vain; history has a purpose and culminates in the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.