

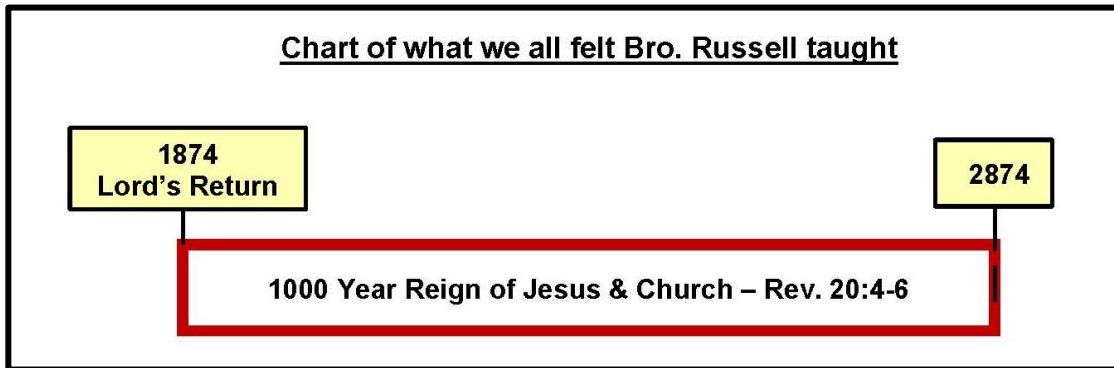
HARVEST TIMING CLARIFICATIONS

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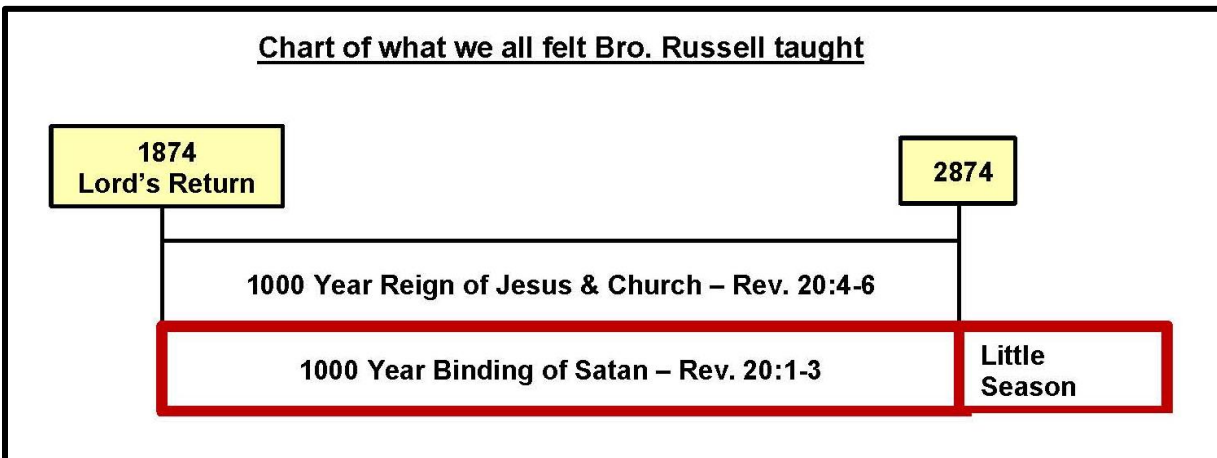
For myself, and I'm sure it's true for all of us, to know the truth of our Heavenly Father's plans is the greatest gift one could ever receive! It's the motivating principal of our entire life. We cherish the Harvest Message given to us by our returned Lord through Br. Russell

Today we would like to consider the final harvest timing clarifications Br. Russell made in the reprints, which were in addition to those he made regarding how the church would NOT be complete by 1914.

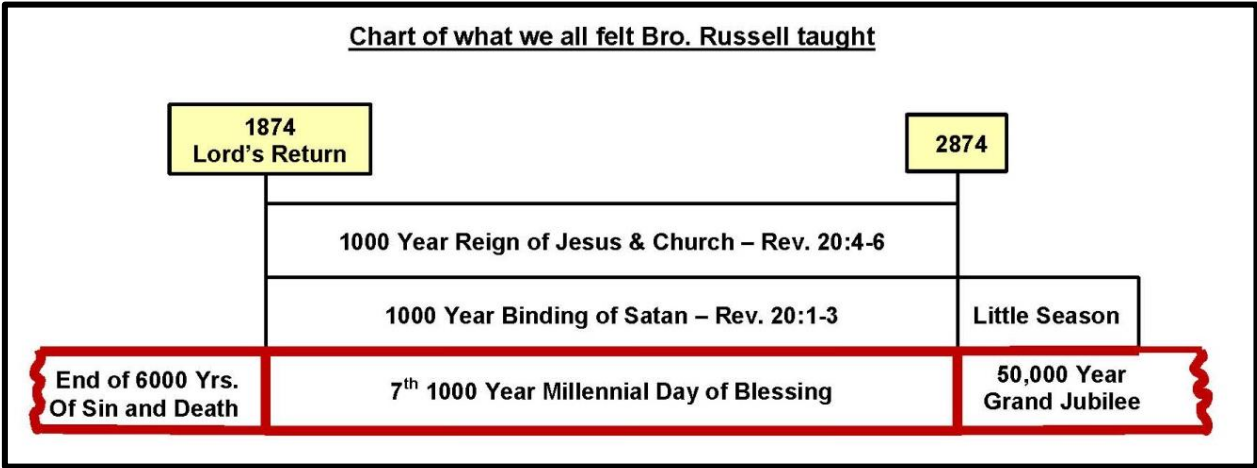
I would like to begin by reflecting on a series of charts of what I believe we would all concur were Br. Russell original teachings..



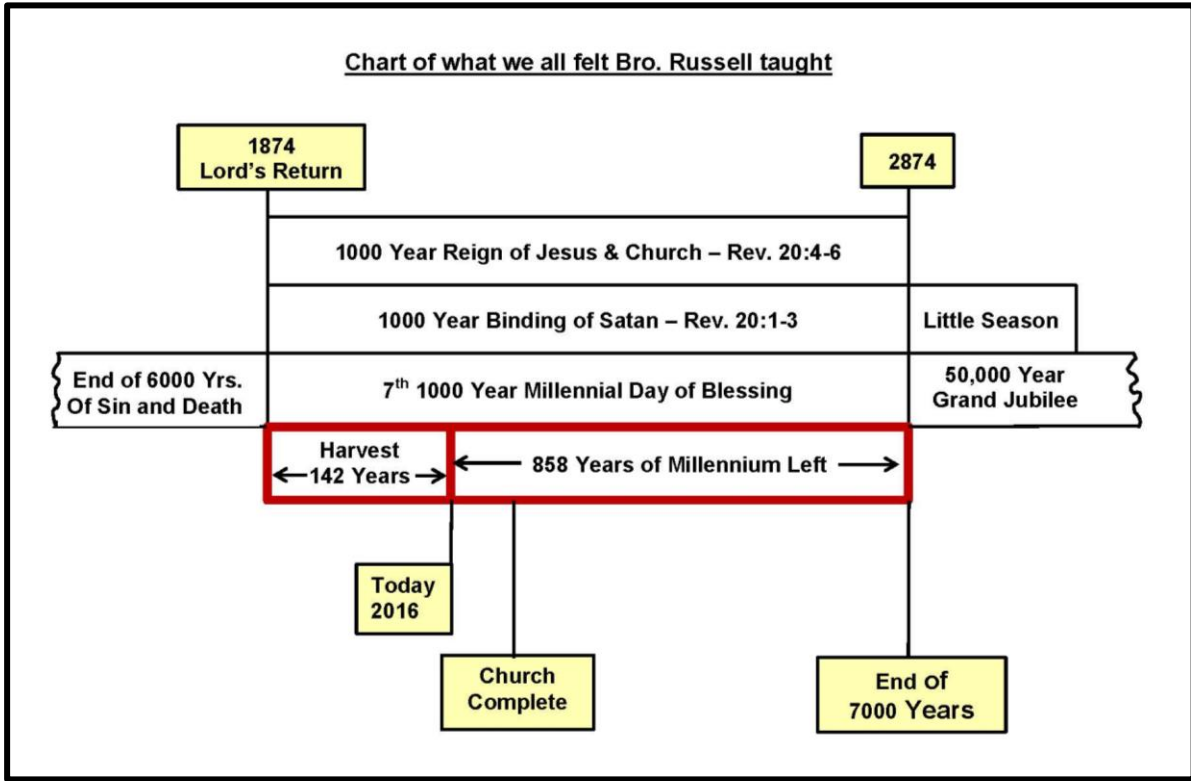
Lord's Return began in 1874, - at which time the 1000 year reign of Jesus and the Church began and would last until the year 2874.



The 1000 year binding of Satan would thus run concurrently with the 1000 year reign of Jesus & the Church, 1874 to 2874.



We saw how 1874 was the chronological end of the 6000 year reign of sin and death, followed by the seventh 1000 year Millennial day of blessing, which again would be in the same time period as the other two 1000 year periods. Then 2874 would usher in the 50 thousandth year Grand Jubilee.



We also realized the first portion of the Millennium is the Harvest which started in 1874 and up to today in 2016 has lasted 142 years, leaving 858 years left of the Millennium. This in essence is what we all felt Br. Russell taught.

Now I'd like to proceed to consider articles where Br. Russell refers to the Mediatorial Reign being 1000 years.

We'll quote just a few of many:

There can be no mediatorial work between God and men until the Body of the Christ is complete and the mediatorial kingdom begins, and it will last through all of the thousand years.

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The Great Mediator between God and man--The Christ of glory--will fill His mediatorial office for a thousand years.

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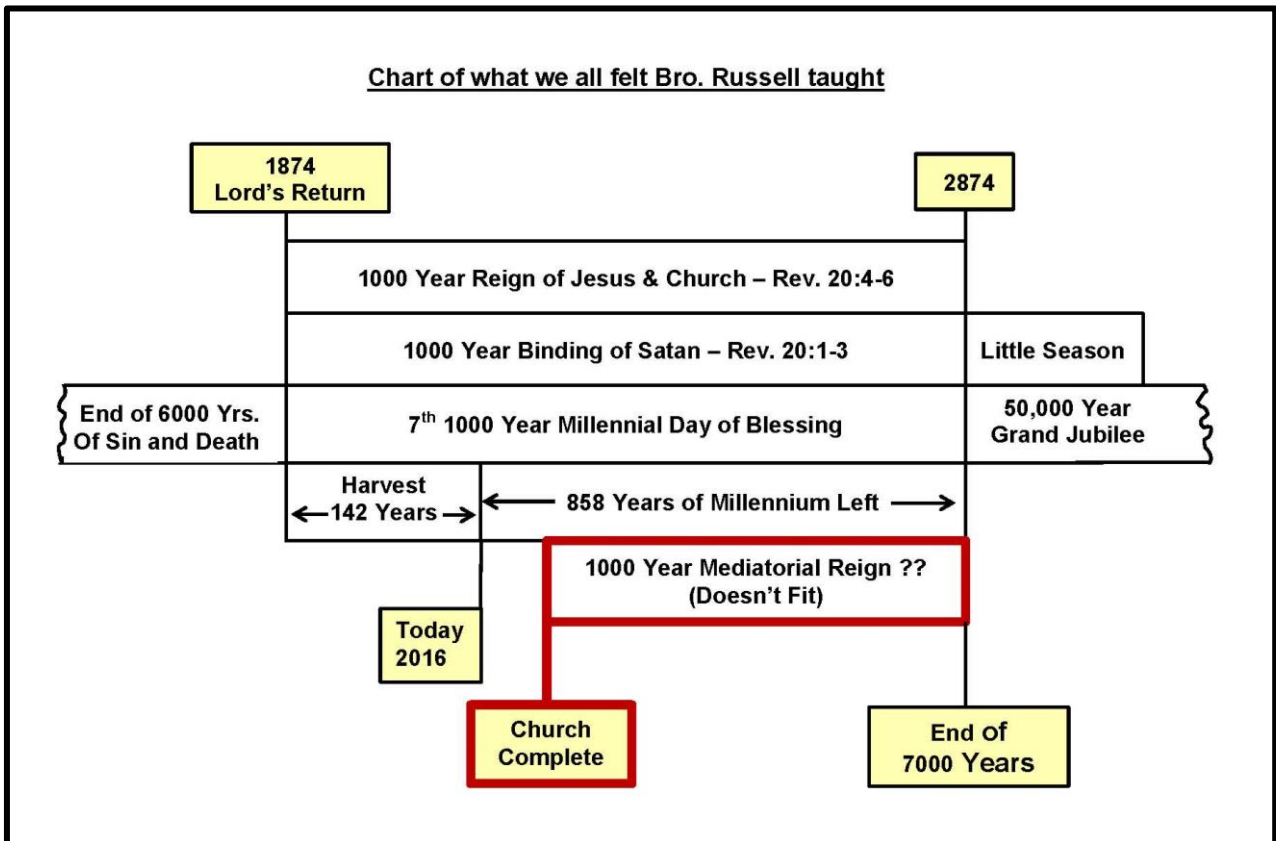
It is the thousand-year day of Christ, the period of His mediatorial reign, in which Satan will be bound.

We notice the 1000 year Mediatorial reign, is the same 1000 years in which Satan is bound.

We may recall there are many similar references to the 1000 year Mediatorial reign in the Harvest Message. We have printed 7 pages of 56 quotations on our hand out that you may want to read at home. What we find is:

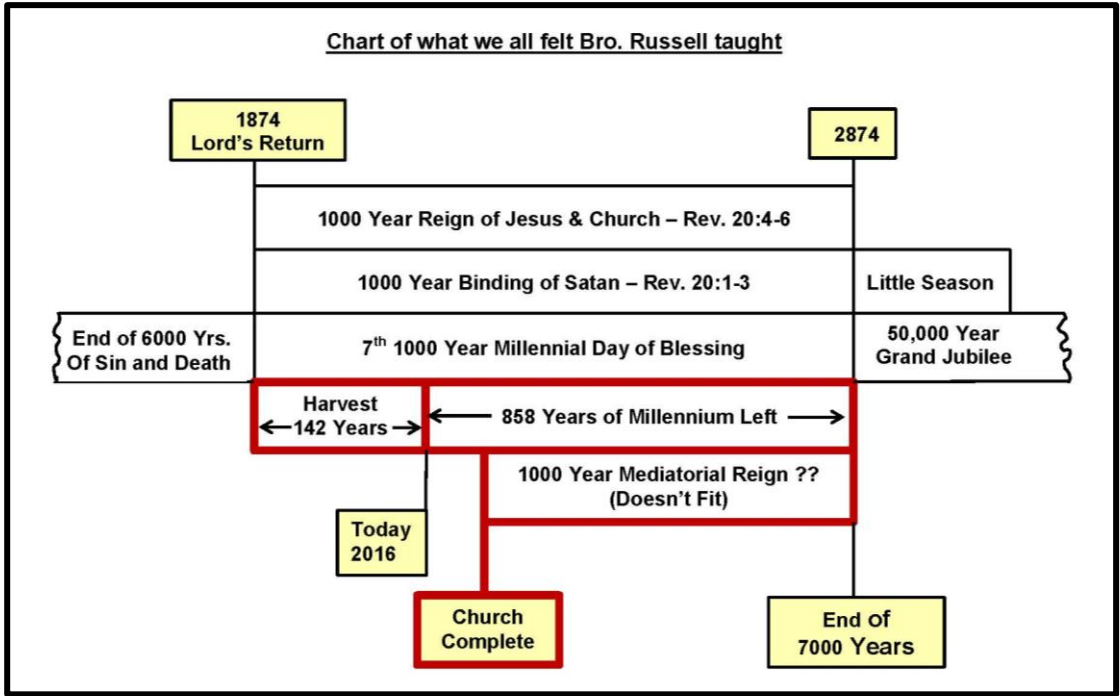
Br. Russell is 100% Consistent in ALL Mediatorial Reign Articles

1. The Mediatorial reign cannot begin until the Church is complete, and blood is applied to Justice.
2. The Mediatorial Reign will last for 1000 years during which Satan will be bound, and it will end at the start of the little season.



Now when we try to plot the Mediatorial reign on our chart of what we all have believed, we have a problem. We know the Mediatorial reign:

- Can't start until the Church is complete,
- That it is to last for 1000 years,
- And will end at the start of the Little Season. We can see there's no way this can fit into our chart.

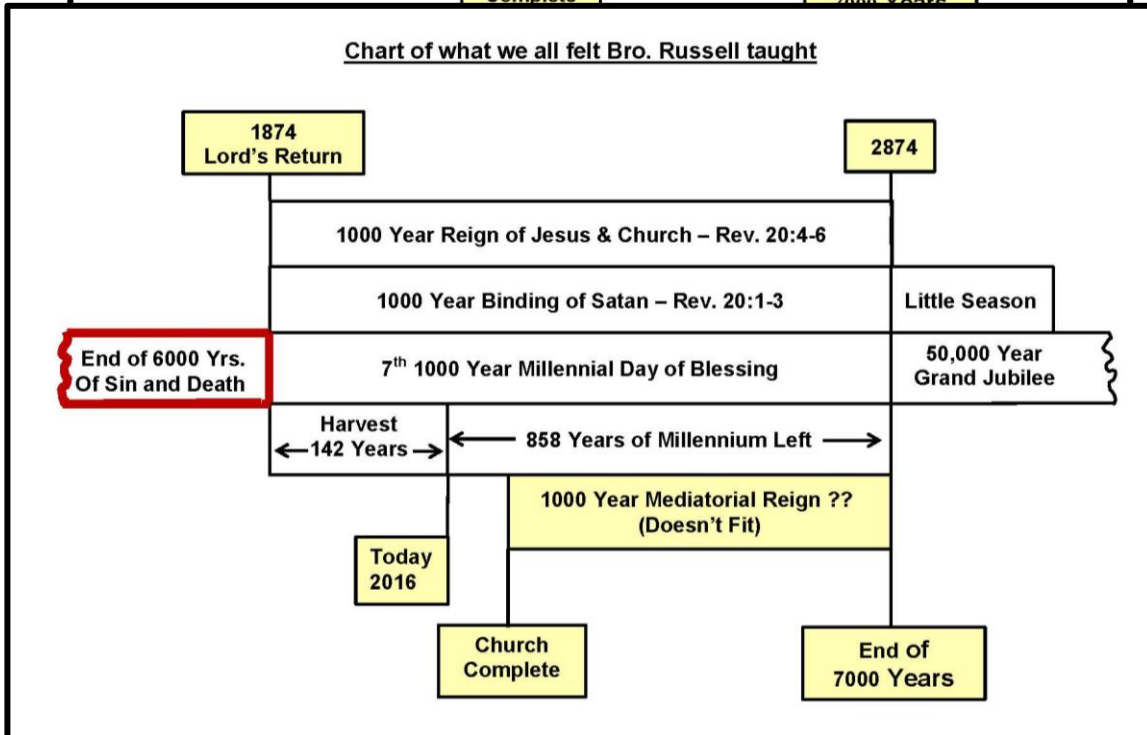
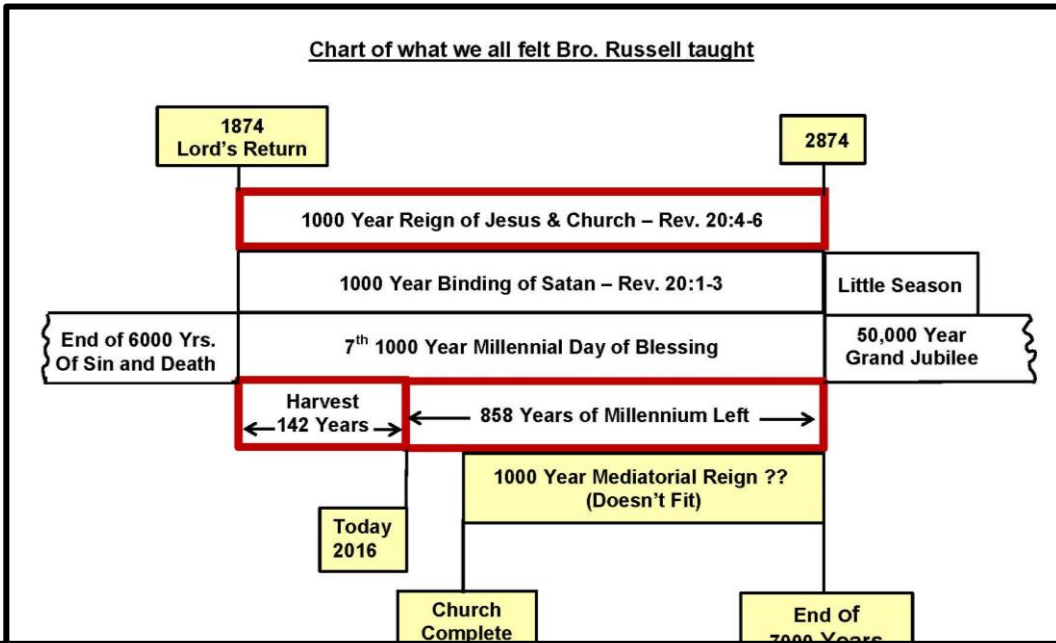


For we are already 142 years into the Millennium and the church is still not complete. But, even if the church was complete today, there's only 858 years left to the Little Season. There's no way the 1000 year Mediatorial period can fit into our present understanding chart before the Little Season. How can we harmonize this?

Shortly brethren we will present a clarified chart **based on Br. Russell's own writings**, where he made clarifications that will show how this problem can be solved, as well as other seeming dilemmas that have come to mind that we each have endeavored to harmonize or rationalize in our own minds one way or another.

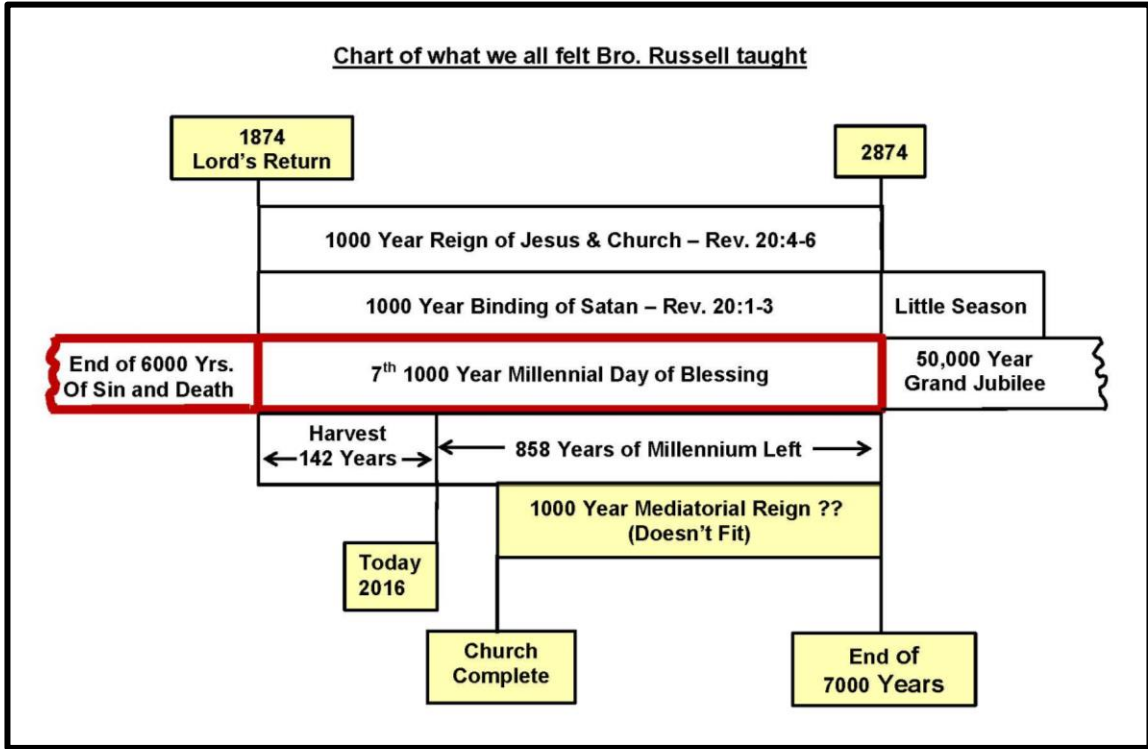
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the church and reign as 1000 years 1874. Yet here after 142 yet reigning and there's years left of Millennium.



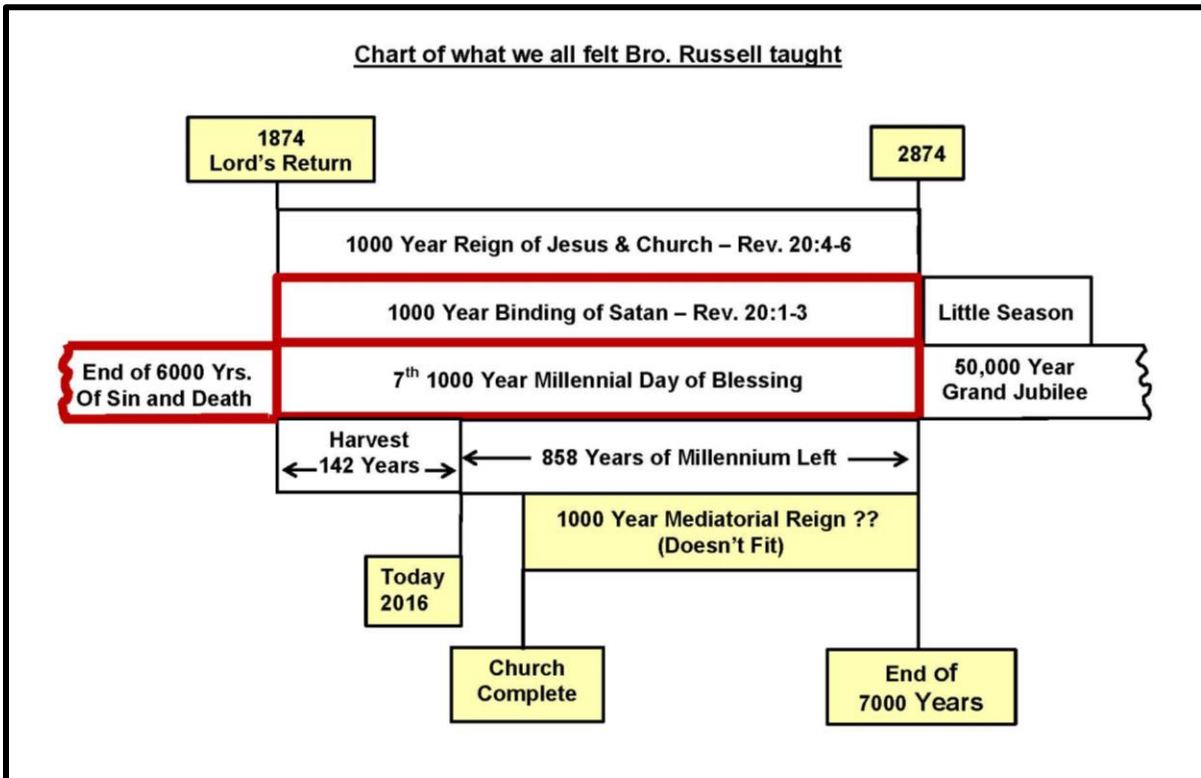
A problem is 6000 years of the reign of sin and death was up in 1874;

second



Followed 1000

by 7th year



Millennial day of blessing. The Millennium:

Which was to be the same time when Satan was to be bound for 1000 years. But as we've considered the last 142 years of the Harvest we realize sin & death still continues and Satan is far from bound.

A chart of Br. Russell's clarifications will shortly answer these seeming dilemmas, as well as that raised in reprint 5023 written in 1912..

R-5023 Written In May 1912

QUESTION: "Is it scriptural to say that the **glorified members of the church have reigned at any time up to the present?**

ANSWER: No! They have not reigned at any time....The reign of Christ did not in any sense begin in the past...When the reign of Christ begins, you will find it such a thorough reign that all the members of his body will have some part in it.

Previously Br. Russell and we all saw the reign of Jesus & the church began in 1874/78. But here in 1912, Br. Russell states **in no sense have the glorified church reigned in the past.** We want to note how this is a definite change from Br. Russell's earlier view. Could this sentence be any clearer? **The reign of Christ (the anointed head and body class,) did not in any sense begin in the past!** These are the words of the Harvest Messenger. Should we not incorporate them into our understanding? The next article clarifies Br. Russell further. It starts with a question.

R-2739

QUESTION:"I understand from Rev.20:4-6, that Christ will reign 1000 years, and from verses 2-7 that Satan will be bound during that period. If Christ began to reign in 1878, and Satan will not be bound until 1915, the two periods do not seem to synchronize; and furthermore, both extend beyond the 7th 1000 year period which according to our Bible chronology, began in the Autumn of 1872. How is this? Can you assist me?"

Let's now consider Br. Russell's answer step by step.

ANSWER: Apparently this matter of when the 1000 year period should be reckoned as fully beginning and fully ending will be an open question until the close of the Millennial age.

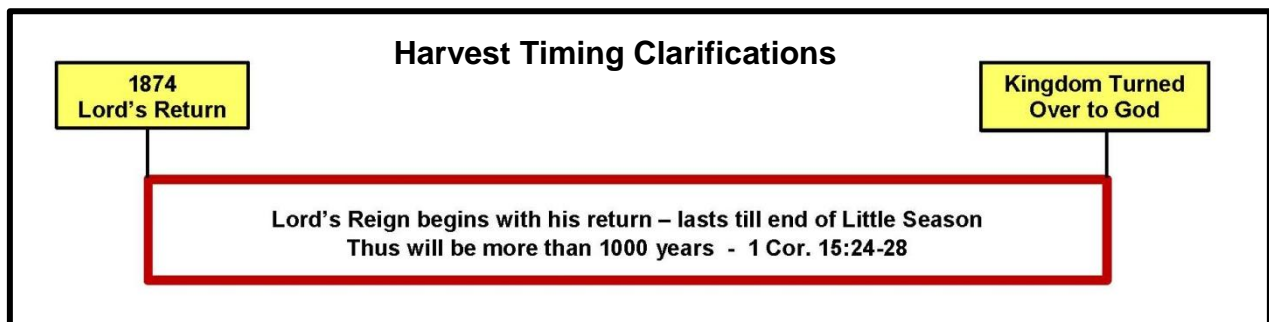
First of all we note Br. Russell indicates the matter of the 1000 years was now difficult for him to pin down positively in his own mind. For notice how he says “apparently it will be an open question until the **end of the Millennial age.**” We continue with his answer where he goes on to express what he now WAS SURE OF!

The scripture declaration respecting **the saints**, the overcomers is, 'They lived and reigned a 1000 years.' The reign of the saints *cannot* be properly be said to begin **before all the 'jewels' have been gathered**, nor before 'the times of the Gentiles' end in 1914. *Nor is it said that their reign will be no longer than a 1000 years.*

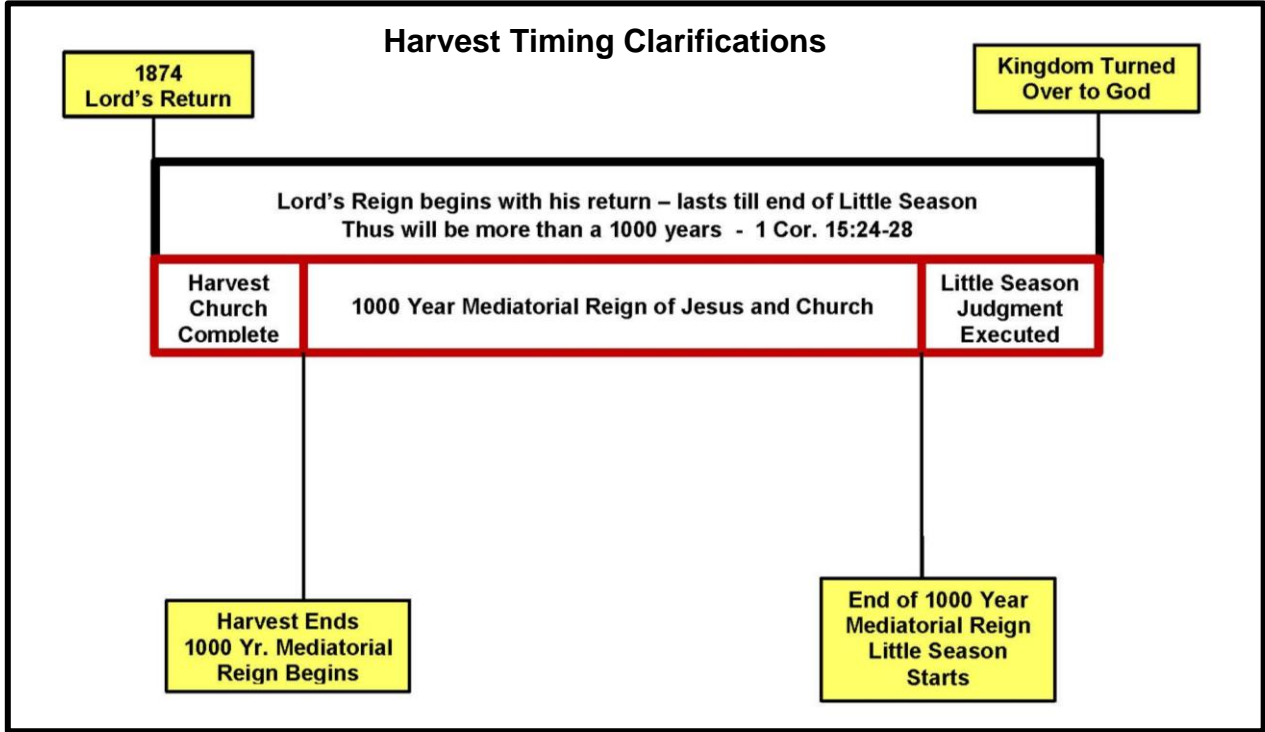
Brethren can we see this is a clarification or change in his view. His original teaching was the reign of Christ began in 1874/78 as stated many times in the Harvest Message. But we notice in the 1912 article we just read, as well as in this article, that the reign **of the SAINTS** cannot begin **until the Church is complete, and it would have to be some time after 1914.**

Brethren we want to note this article is not referring to when the reign of **our Lord began**, but when the **reign of the saints (the church) would begin!** The reign of our Lord did begin in 1874, -- but it's the reign of the **SAINTS** that he says can't begin until the **church is complete**. Then he gets very specific by saying this reign of the saints or church can't begin before the “The times of the Gentiles end in 1914.”

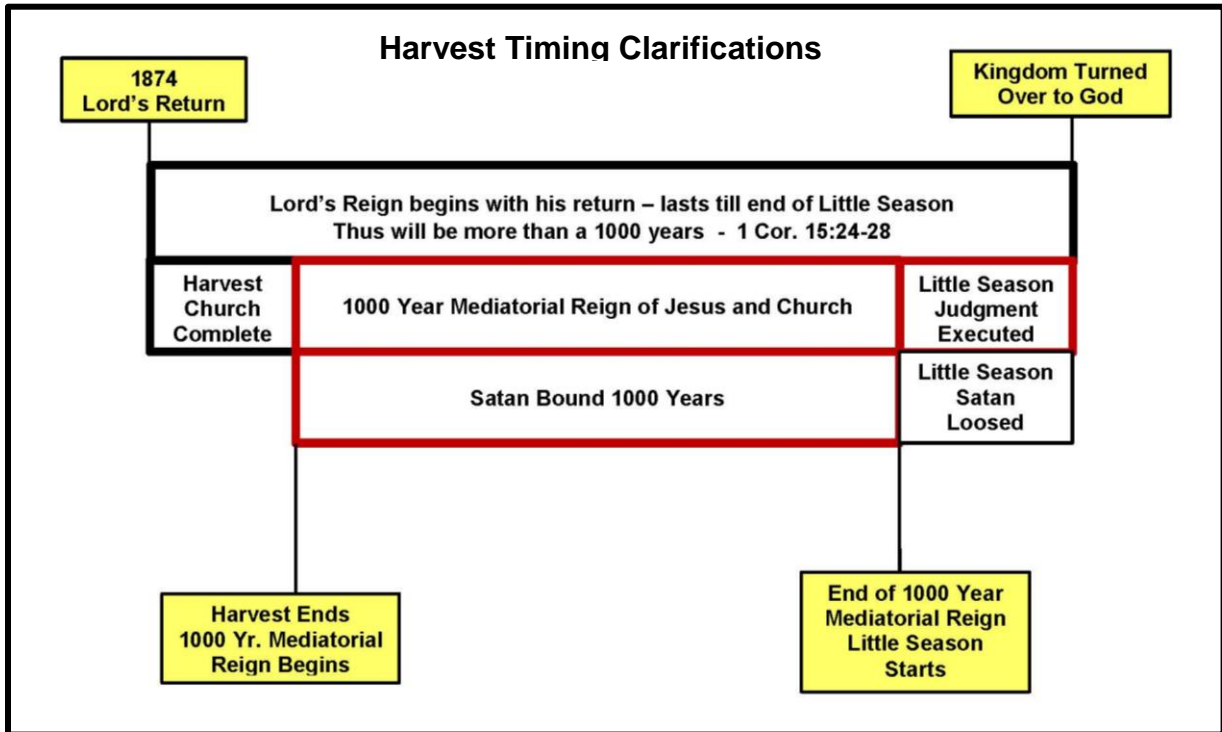
We believe Br. Russell is telling us here that the reign of our Lord and the reign of the saints, are **two separate and distinct entities**. Which I would like to show in the following Harvest Timing Clarification chart.



Our Lord's reign that did begin at his return in 1874. For he returned with a crown upon his head to begin the Harvest work, and with authority to begin to remove Satan's evil empire. His reign would continue as the **head of the Church** to the end of the little season, thus it would be longer than a 1000 years.



The second aspect of Br. Russell's clarifications is that the **1000 year Mediatorial reign of Jesus AND the Church**, can't begin until the church is complete.



Thus the 1000 year Mediatorial reign of Jesus and the church would be the same time period as the 1000 year binding of Satan, as we quoted earlier

Can we see how beautifully this clarified article harmonizes all aspects of the 1000 year periods.

- Our Lords reign did begin in 1874, and will last till the end of the Little Season. Thus, it would be longer than a 1000 years.
- The 1000 year Mediatorial reign of Jesus **AND the Church** will **begin when the Harvest is over and the church is complete,**
- And this will be the **same time Satan will be bound for a 1000 years.**

Now in addition, I just discovered a scripture that's thrilling, in that it also pinpoints the **binding of Satan starting AFTER the church is complete and all have entered into their rest beyond the vail.**

First, recall the rest that remains for the Church

Heb.4:9,11 AV

9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

11 ¶ Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest.

Now notice Psalm 94:12-14 Rotherham:

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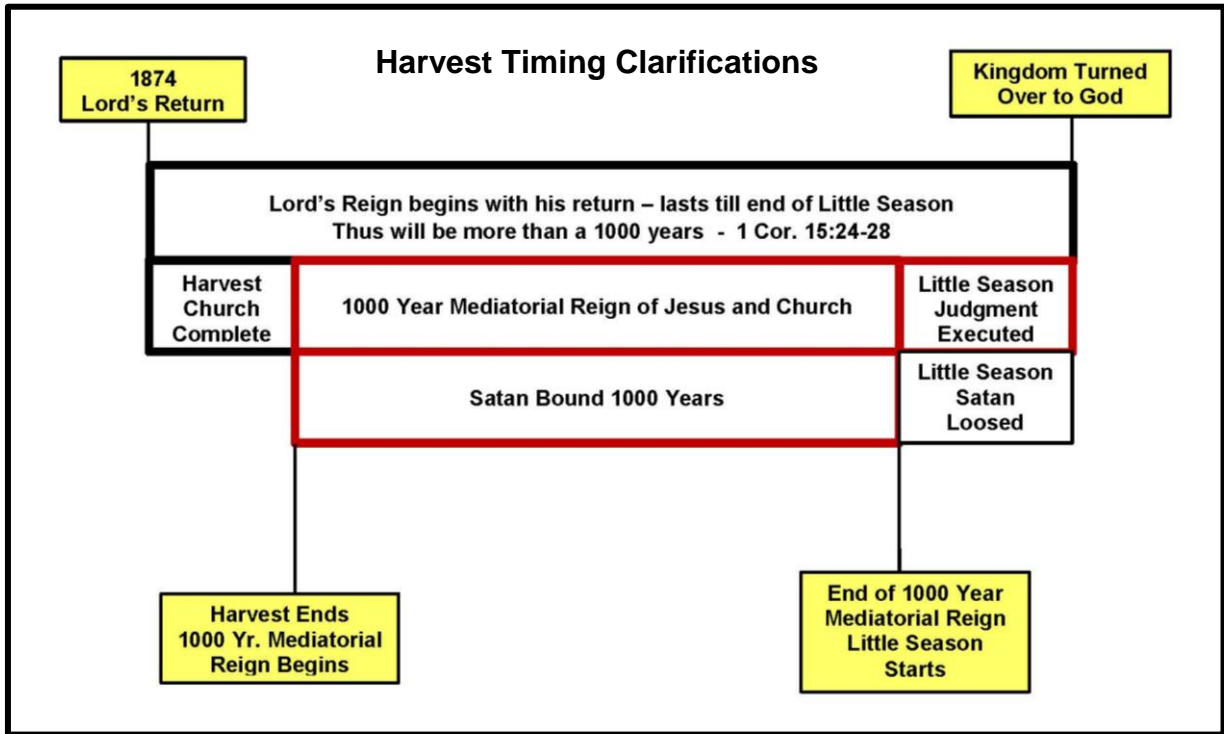
12 ¶ How happy (blessed) the man whom thou correctest, (chastains) Oh Jehovah, And whom, out of thy law, thou instructest! (*referring to how each member of the Church are chastained and instructed by God. The reason for our chastening is brought out in the next verse.*)

13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of misfortune, (evil,) (*Yes, each member of the church must have trials and chastening in order to enter that final rest beyond the vail. Now notice the **time element** as to when the days of evil will be over and all the church will have entered their rest beyond the vail.*)*The verse continues;*

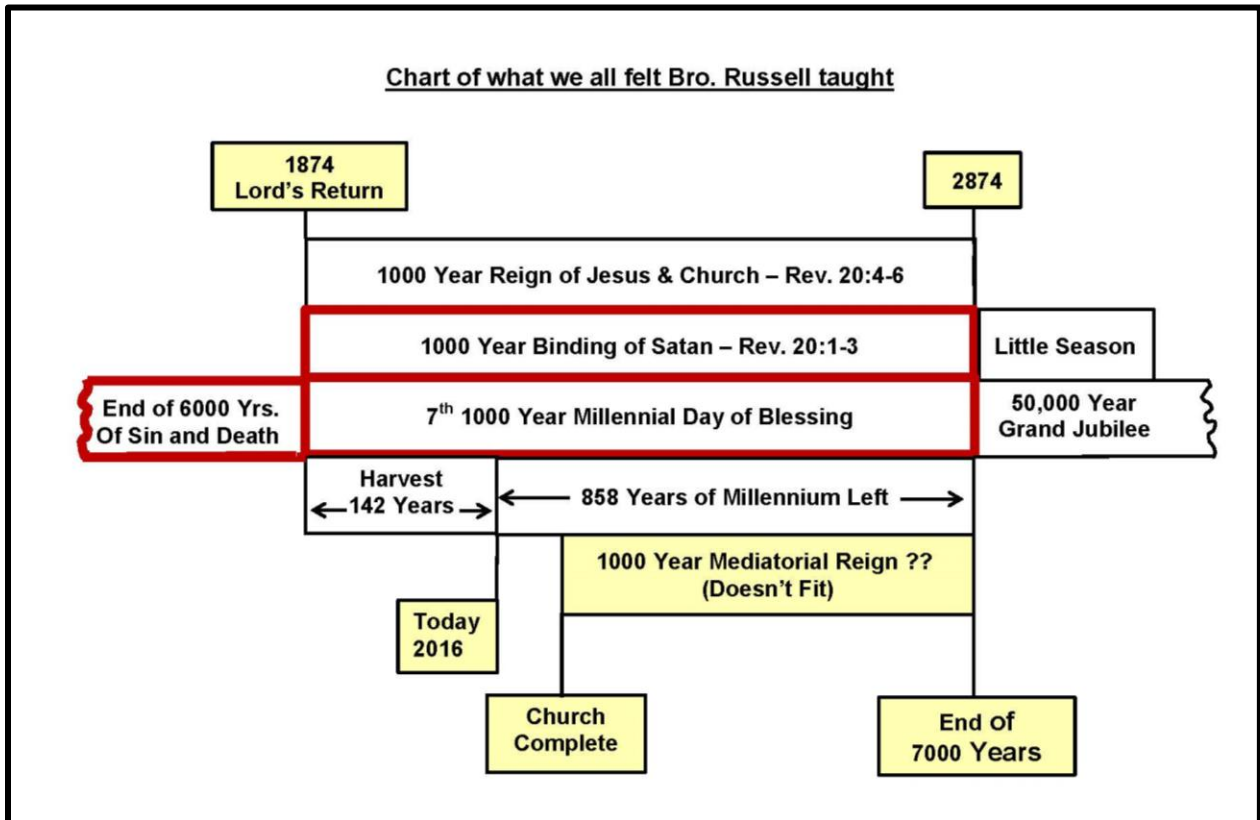
Until there be digged--for the lawless one--a pit.

Until there be digged--for the lawless one--**a pit. THE LAWLESS ONE** is Satan, he's **THE MOST LAWLESS** one in ALL Creation. The pit is referring to the **bottomless pit** of Rev. 20:1-3 that Satan will be cast into for a 1000 years. In other words, when the last member of the church enter into their REST beyond the vail, - then the PIT for Satan will be dug, that is, he will then be cast into the pit where he will be bound for a 1000 years.

Notice the time element is;



Corroborating Satan's binding, and the Mediatorial reign **both beginning** when the church is complete.



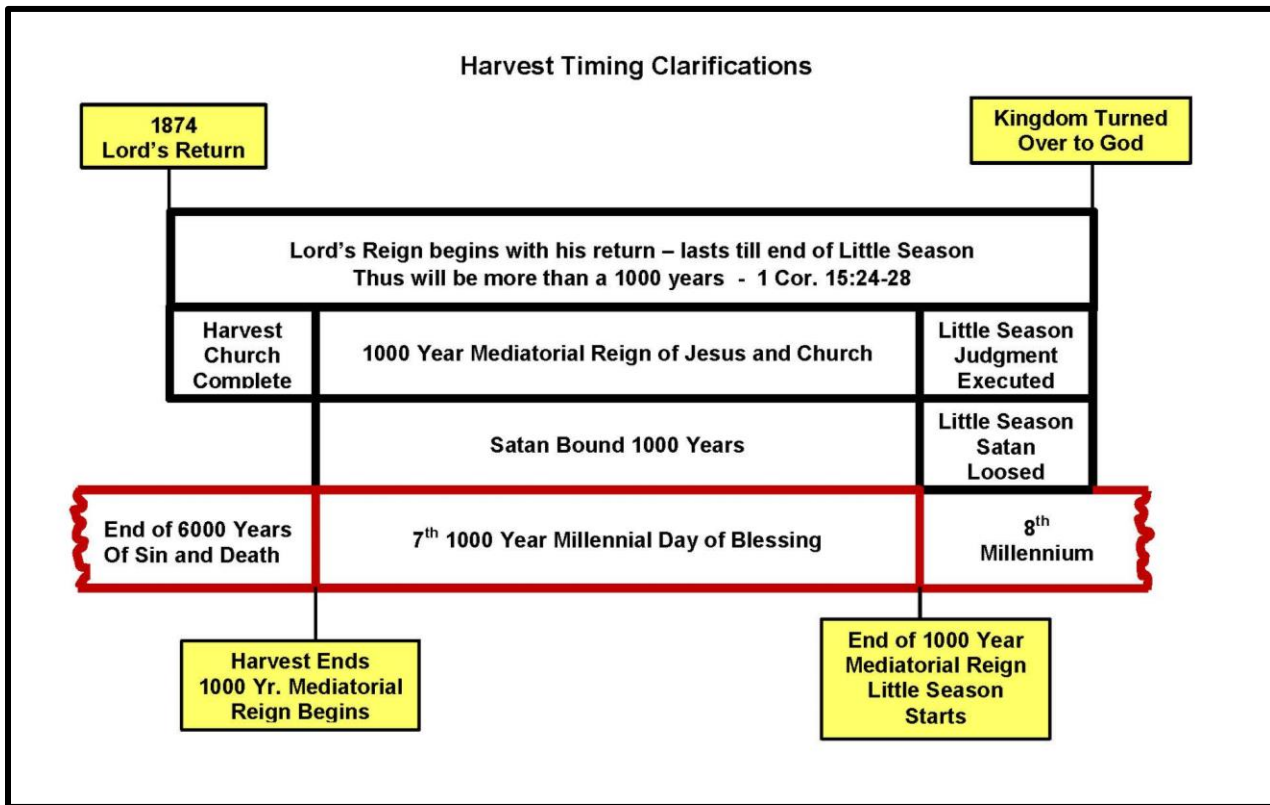
Coming back to our chart of what we all believed Br. Russell **originally taught**, we find there is one other area that we'd like to explore further. It has to do with 1874 being the end of the 6000 years of the reign of sin & death, which was followed by the 7th Millennium and the binding of Satan.

Realistically I think we can all see how sin and death have continued after 1874, and Satan is far from bound. How do we harmonize this? Could it be that the end of 6000 years also needs to have some further clarification?

In Volume 2 – Page 39 we read:

Volume 2 - Page 39 “Though the Bible contains no direct statement -that the seventh thousand [year] will be the epoch of Christ’s reign, the great Sabbath Day of restitution to the world, yet the venerable tradition is not without a reasonable foundation.”

The venerable tradition, - was there would be 6000 years of sin and death, - followed by a 1000 year Sabbath of restitution and blessing. With this in mind I'd like to add another line to our **CLARIFIED CHART**.



Since we know the 1000 year Mediatorial reign can't begin until the Church is complete, and this is the same period of time that Satan will be bound for a 1000 years, it follows that the 7th thousandth year Millennial day of blessing would be the same period as the Mediatorial Reign and Satan's binding.

This in turn would tend to imply that the 6000 years of sin and death wouldn't end until **the harvest was over and the church was complete**. For then the 7th one thousand year Millennial day of blessing would commence, simultaneously with the Mediatorial reign and Satan's binding

But if that were so, it would require an adjustment to our 6000 year chronology.

I must say, **this aspect of our chart was not spelled out in the clarified articles of Br. Russell we've been considering.** And we can't help but wonder why he didn't. For he did make it crystal clear in no uncertain words that the reign of the church and the 1000 year Mediatorial reign could not begin until the church was complete. We believe one of the reasons Br. Russell didn't make an adjustment to the 6000 year chronology was because he died before the information of the latest archeological discoveries were published, -- that would indicate an adjustment was necessary in our 6000 year chronology.

We would like to begin calculating the 6000 year chronology using our 2nd Volume chronology. There we've seen how it's fairly simple and straight forward to calculate step by step the length of time from the creation of Adam up to the day the flood was dried up. It's in Volume 2 - pages 43.

Creation of Adam to the Day the Flood was Dried Up (Vol. 2 – Pg. 43)	
Adam lived 130 years and begat a son and called his name Seth.	130 years
Seth lived 105 years and begat Enos.	105 “
Enos lived 90 years and begat Cainan.	90 “
Cainan lived 70 years and begat Mahalaleel.	70 “
Mahalaleel lived 65 years and begat Jared.	65 “
Jared lived 162 years and begat Enoch.	162 “
Enoch lived 65 years and begat Methuselah.	65 “
Methuselah lived 187 years and begat Lamech.	187 “
Lamech lived 182 years and begat a son and called his name Noah.	182 “
Noah was 600 years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.	<u>600</u> “
Total from the creation of Adam to the day the flood was dried up. Gen. 8:13	1656 years

Thus the total from Adam to the flood was 1656 years.

**The Period from the Flood to the Covenant with Abraham,
at the Death of Terah, his Father (Vol. 2 – Page 44)**

Shem--begat Arphaxad 2 years after the flood.	2 years
Arphaxad lived 35 years and begat Salah.	35 “
Salah lived 30 years and begat Eber.	30 “
Eber lived 34 years and begat Peleg.	34 “
Peleg lived 30 years and begat Reu.	30 “
Reu lived 32 years and begat Serug.	32 “
Serug lived 30 years and begat Nahor.	30 “
Nahor lived 29 years and begat Terah.	29 “
The days of Terah were 205 years and he died.	<u>205</u> "
Total	427 years

From the flood to the covenant with Abraham is also easy to calculate. The Total is 427 years. The next step is on Vol. 2 page 44

Volume 2 page 44 - 47

The period from the Covenant with Abraham to the giving of the law at the Exodus

Paul declares that the Length of this period was 430 Years in Gal. 3:17

All of this is rather straight forward that we're all familiar with. Now we would like to go on to what Br. Russell refers to as the most difficult portion of chronology having to do with the period of the Judges.

Volume 2 page 49

The Period of the Judges

We come now to the most difficult portion of chronology, the period from the division of the land to the anointing of Saul as king. It is usually termed the period of the Judges, though the Judges did not fill the office continuously.

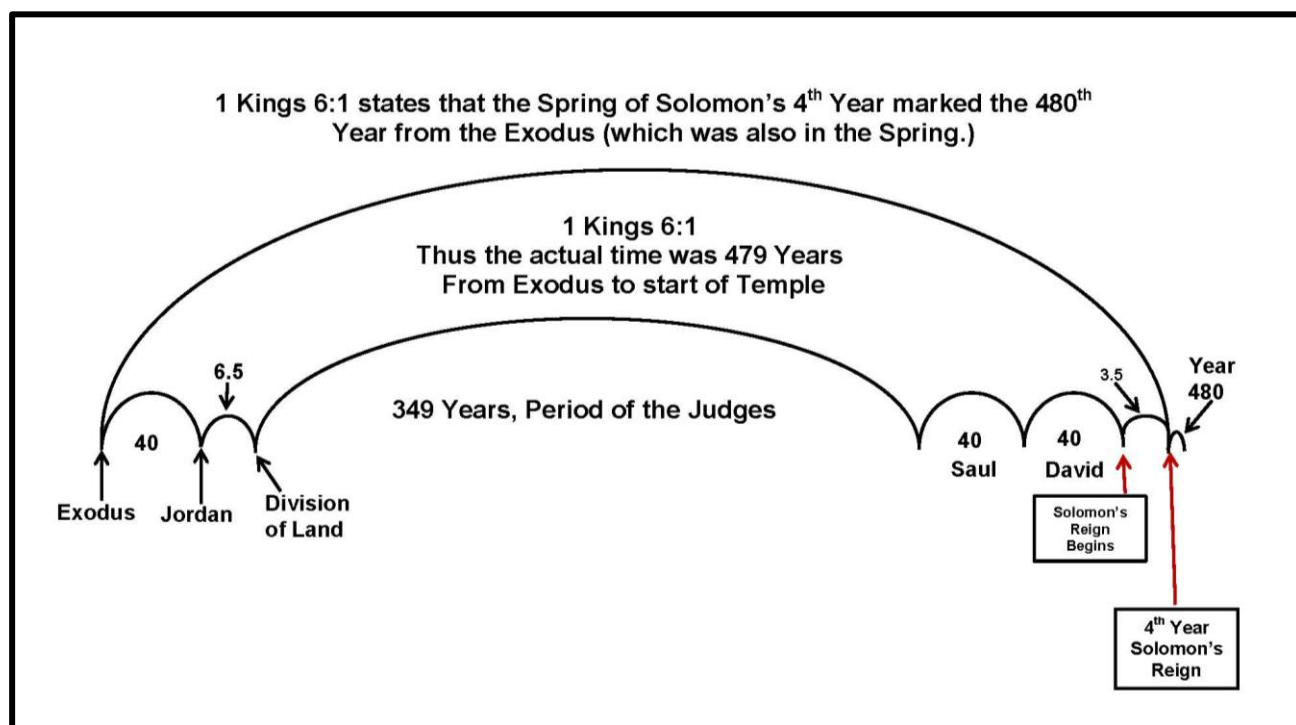
The record given in the books of Judges and 1 Samuel mentions nineteen periods, approximating a total of four hundred and fifty years; but they are **disconnected, broken, lapped and tangled so much that we could arrive at no definite conclusion from them**, and should be obliged to conclude as others have done, that nothing positive could be known on the subject, were it not that the New Testament supplies the deficiency.

Paul states that after God divided their land to them by lot, “He gave unto them Judges about [during] the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the Prophet. Afterward they desired a king, and God gave unto them Saul.” Acts 13:19-21

Now let’s consider the Old Testament scripture Br. Russell is referring to that covers the period of the Judges from the Exodus, all the way to the 4th year of King Solomon’s reign. Its 1 Kings 6:1.

1 Kings 6:1

1 ¶ Now it came about in the four hundred and eightieth year after the sons of Israel came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon’s reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD.



This is 1 Kings 6:1 in a chart form. The text says that the spring of Solomon’s fourth year marked the 480th year from the Exodus, which was also in the spring. This means the actual elapsed time was 479 years from the Exodus to the start of the Temple. If we deduct from the front end the 40 years in the wilderness, and 6 ½ years conquering Canaan, and from the back end 40 years of Saul, 40 years of David, plus 3 ½ years of Solomon’s reign, we have **349 years remaining for the period of the Judges.**

However we realize there is a problem with this scripture that has caused it to be debated for many years. Because Paul says in Acts 13:20 that he gave them Judges for **450 years, not 349.**

Acts 13:20 K.J.

...and **after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years**, until Samuel the prophet.

Those students who felt the New Testament 450 years was more realistic, reasoned 1 Kings 6:1 must be a scribal error when it leaves only **349** years for the Judges not **450 as Paul stated.**



Brethren may recall the footnote in the Diaglott for Acts 13:20 which gives a possible answer, in that there's only one tiny line difference between the number for 4 and 5, and a scribe might have left it out. Which would make 580 years instead of 480 from the Exodus to the building of the Temple.

This answer is not very likely.

For No Old Testament manuscripts that have been found to date, including the Dead Sea Scrolls have the characters used for numbers ("480") but rather they are written out in full like we do on checks – "Four Hundred Eighty."

But how do we harmonize Acts 13:20 in the King James Translation which states the period of the Judges was 450 years not 349 as in 1Kings 6:1?

Until recently most all of us myself included, as well as Br.Russell have accepted the Acts scripture feeling there must be a mistake in 1 Kings 6:1.

But brethren we would like to share with you a recent discovery for me that shows the mistake is not with 1 Kings 6:1 but with Acts 13:20.

The King James Bible written in 1611 has many mistakes as compared to the three oldest more accurate manuscripts, - the Siniatic, the Vatican 1209, and the Alexandrian.

But how can we know what scriptures are spurious and need to be changed based on the three oldest manuscripts?

Title Page of New Brunswick's
Topical Index for Studies in the Scriptures and Other Helps

The easiest way is to use a book recently printed by the New Brunswick Ecclesia entitled "Topical Index for Studies in the Scriptures, and Other Helps." It's very helpful in looking up things in the Volumes **by topics**. But an additional great help in the back of the book are the notes of Constantine Tischendorf a Greek Scholar that compared the King James 1611 bible with the three oldest manuscripts. Here's his note on Acts 13:19,20.

Tischendorf's Notes on Acts 13:19,20
(SVA is an abbreviation for Siniatic, Vatican, Alexandrian)
Notice they ALL Read

19-20 SVA "he distributed their land to them for an inheritance, about four hundred and fifty years. **And after that he gave unto them judges unto Samuel the prophet.**"

The important aspect we want to note is that **not one** of these three older more accurate manuscripts says **he gave them judges for 450 years**. But rather they all refer to a **450 year period that preceded the judges**, that we'll cover shortly. Then it says **after the 450 year period he gave them judges**. Again, they **do not say that he gave them judges for 450 years** as the incorrect King James translation has.

Incorrect Acts 13:20 King James 1611 Translation

... and after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet

As a result of this incorrect King James translations, we, Br. Russell, and others have used this scripture to show that 1 Kings 6:1 must be wrong because it would only allow 349 years for the Judges, while Acts 13:20 tells us it was about 450 years.

But brethren what the three oldest most accurate manuscripts now tell us, is it's the **King James rendering of Acts 13:20 that is incorrect, not 1 Kings 6:1**.

The context of Acts 13 is all about how Israel received their inheritance, starting with Isaac who would receive Abraham's inheritance rather than Ishmael his 1st born. Then a 450 year brief history is given from Isaac, to when they actually received their inheritance 450 years later.

Acts 13:16-20 NAS

16 And Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand, he said, "Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen:

(Here Paul begins to give a brief 450 year recap of what preceded the period of the Judges,)

17 "The God of this people Israel chose our fathers,

(the 450 year period starts when Israel's father's (plural- Abraham & Isaac,) were chosen by God.)

...and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt,

(Paul continues with noting how Israel increased in numbers while in Egypt.)

...and with an uplifted arm He led them out from it.

(Miraculous events of the Exodus from Egypt are brought to mind.)

18 "And for a period of about forty years He put up with them in the wilderness.

(The exodus was followed by 40 years of wandering in the wilderness.)

19 "And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land as an inheritance.

(Finally after 450 years Israel received their promised inheritance.)

...all of which took about four hundred and fifty years.

Paul is telling us it took about 450 years from the time Israel's inheritance was promised (when God chose their father's) - to actually receiving the inheritance.

20 And AFTER THESE THINGS He gave them judges until Samuel the prophet.

(After all the events recapped above, God then gave them judges.)

Thus, we want to note the 450 years in this context based on the more accurate oldest Greek manuscripts, is NOT telling us the length of the period of the judges, but how long it took from the giving of the promise to the father's (plural – Abraham & Isaac,) to actually receiving it.

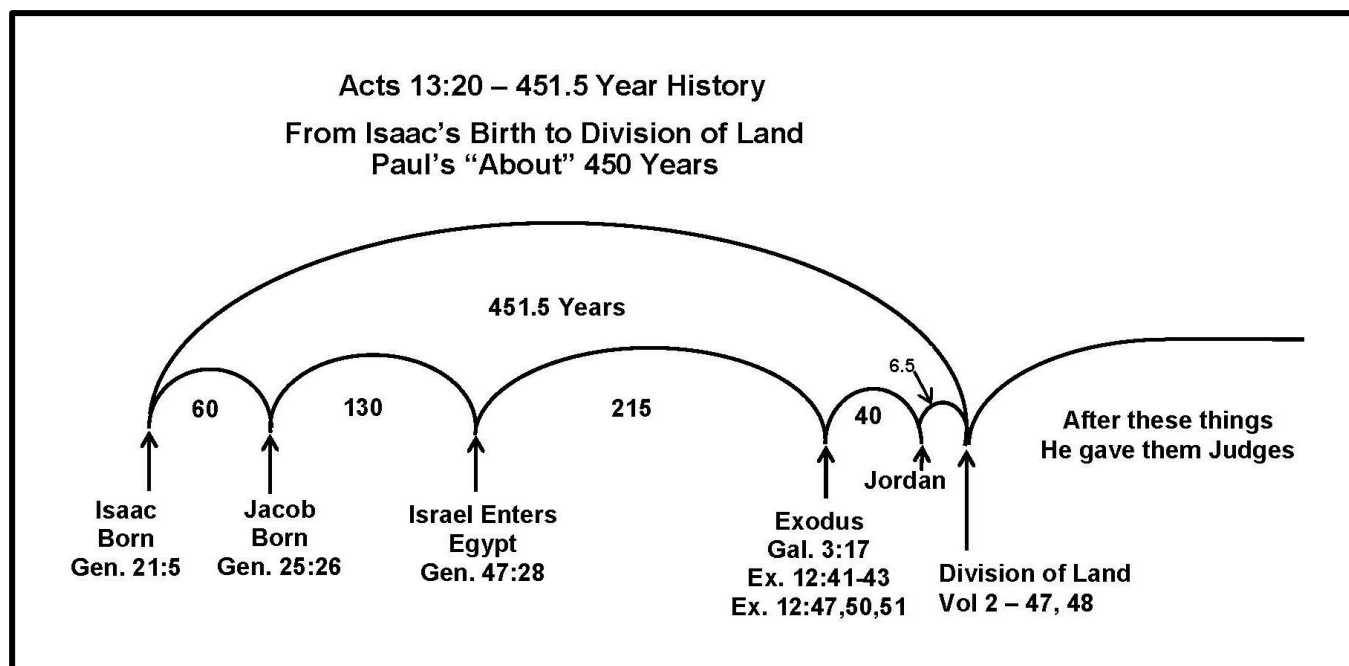
Why should we consider the time "God chose our fathers (plural,) as stating with Isaac?

I think we would all concur father Abraham is considered the father of Israel. But now recall the time when Abraham and Sarah had no children, they tried to help God by producing a child through Sarah's hand maid Hagar, who bore a son Ishmael. Then, 14 years after Ismael was born, Abraham wanted God to recognize Ishmael as his heir in Gen. 17:18,19.

Gen. 17:18,19 CEV

18 Then he asked God, "Why not let Ishmael inherit what you have promised me?" But God answered: No! You and Sarah will have a son. His name will be Isaac, and I will make an everlasting promise (covenant) to him and his descendants.

Note how Abraham's inheritance is here directed by God to be given to the miraculous promised seed Isaac, rather than Ishmael, who Abraham and Sarah suggested be their heir. Thus, in essence God here specifically chooses Isaac to be the heir or second father of Israel after Abraham. Thus this is the time Paul referred to "as the time God chose our fathers (Plural.) Note how long it was from Isaac's birth to actually getting the inheritance.



The period starts with Isaac's birth. Then 60 years later Jacob is born, followed by the 130 year period of Jacob's life to when he enters Egypt, - in Egypt Israel grows great in size for 215 years until the exodus, - this is followed by 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, until they crossed Jordan, then 6-1/2 years for the division of the land, when Israel finally received the promised inheritance.

When you add them up it totals 451-1/2 years. Thus Paul stated it was "about" 450 years..

But what we especially want to note is verses 19 & 20 the conclusion of the 450 year period.

Acts 13:19,20 ,, all of which took about 450 years. And **after these things He gave them judges until Samuel** the Prophet

Note again the key phrase, **it was after these things (that is after the 450 years) God then gave them Judges.** Not as the incorrect King James translation states, that the period of the judges was 450 years.

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We want to notice that all the translations that follow are: **Translations based on the later more accurate manuscripts.**

The Siniatic, the Vatican 1209, or the Alexandrian.

For ALL end with “And after these things He gave *them* judges until Samuel the prophet.”

NAS=New American Standard, Rotherham, ASV= American Standard Version, RSV=Revised Standard Version, RVIC=Revised Version Improved and Corrected (Br. Jim Parkinson,) Nestle Interlinear, Kingdom Interlinear, Young’s Literal, NIV=New International Version, NCV=New Century Version, NET=New English Translation, NJB= New Jerusalem Bible, CEV=Contemporary English Version, NWT=New World Translation, Good News Bible, Modern Language Bible by Berkeley, Douay, Complete Jewish Bible, Expanded Bible, Holman, International Standard Version, Phillips, Message, Modern English Version, New American Bible, New Revised Standard Version, The Voice, World English Bible.

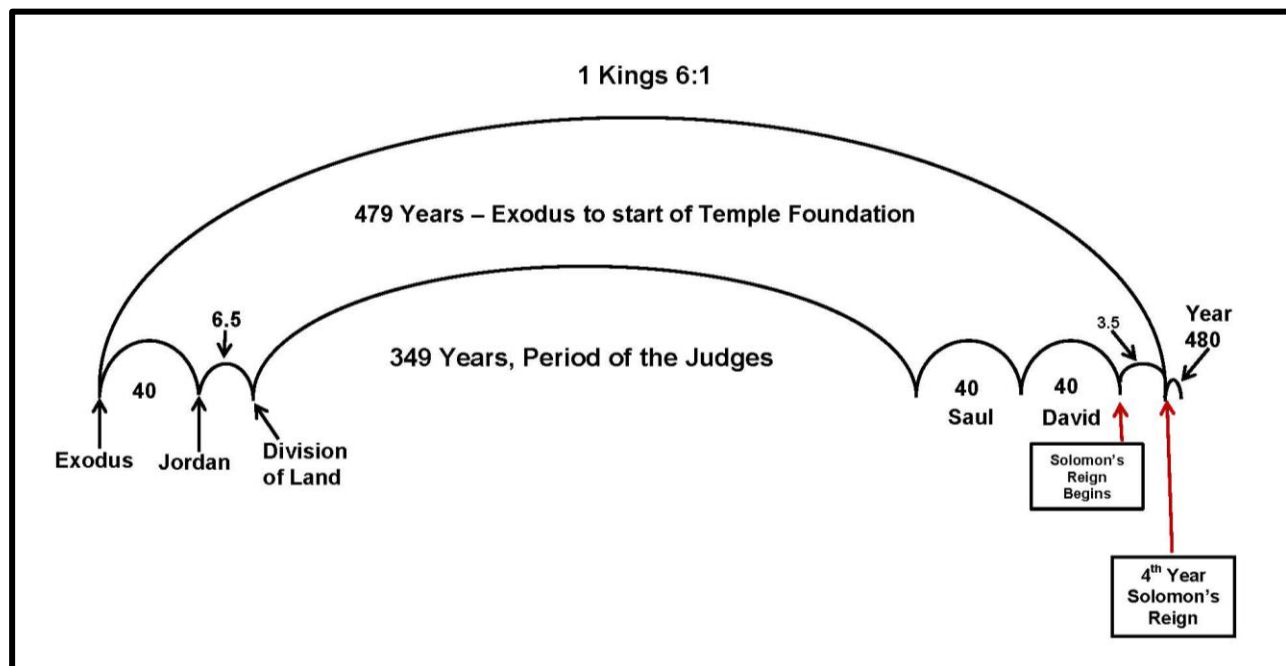
Finally, I’d like to mention how **Greek scholars** who are familiar with Greek grammar view these verses:

Apologetics Press regarding Acts 13:17-20

In order to appreciate the significance of this reference, it is important to notice that the phrase “four hundred and fifty years” is in the **dative** case. This is in marked contrast with the two references to “forty years,” which are both in the **accusative case**. The dative implies point of time, not duration. It indicates that at this point in the narrative 450 years had elapsed, dating presumably from the first event recorded in the apostles address. The meaning now is that at the point of time at which the land was given as an inheritance, 450 years had elapsed since the choice of the fathers.

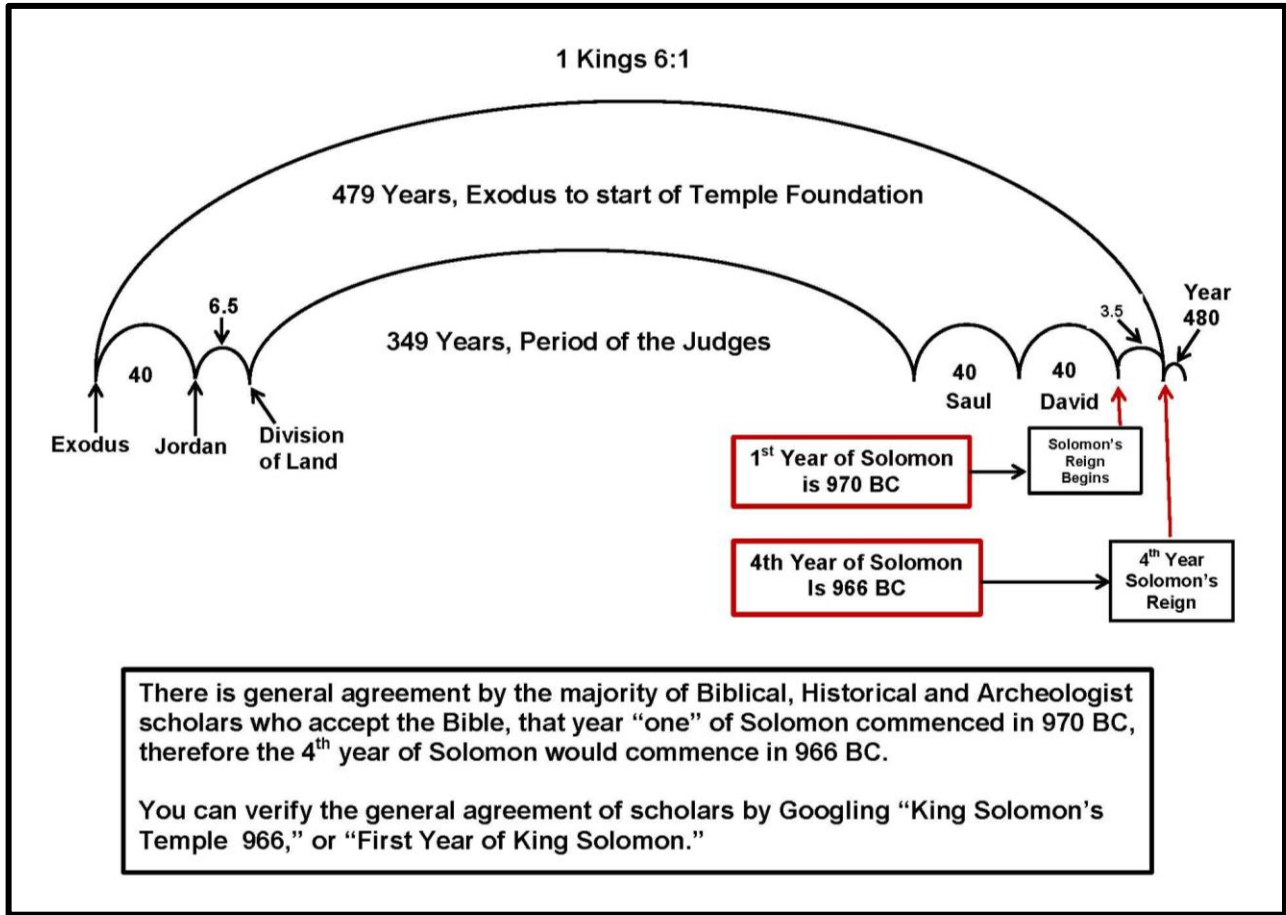
What’s the consequence of this correct understanding of Acts 13:19-20? First of all it adds 101 years to our 6000 year chronology, which we will consider shortly.

In addition, previously we used the King James rendering of Acts 13:20 to prove 1 Kings 6:1 had to be incorrect. But now seeing that Acts applies to a different time period all together, I believe it in essence means 1 Kings 6:1 is correct as it stands. Also its well to note there is no manuscript evidence to indicate 1 kings 6:1 is spurious. We cannot just throwout a scripture without valid proof its spurious.



For without Acts 13:20, 1 Kings 6:1 is the only scripture we have that tells us definitively the length of the period of the judges, which is 349 years. Surely the Lord would want us to have an accurate scripture calculation of this important time period of the judges

But now seeing Acts 13:20 doesn't apply to the period of the Judges, we can see how 1 Kings 6:1 gives us the Answer, 349 years.



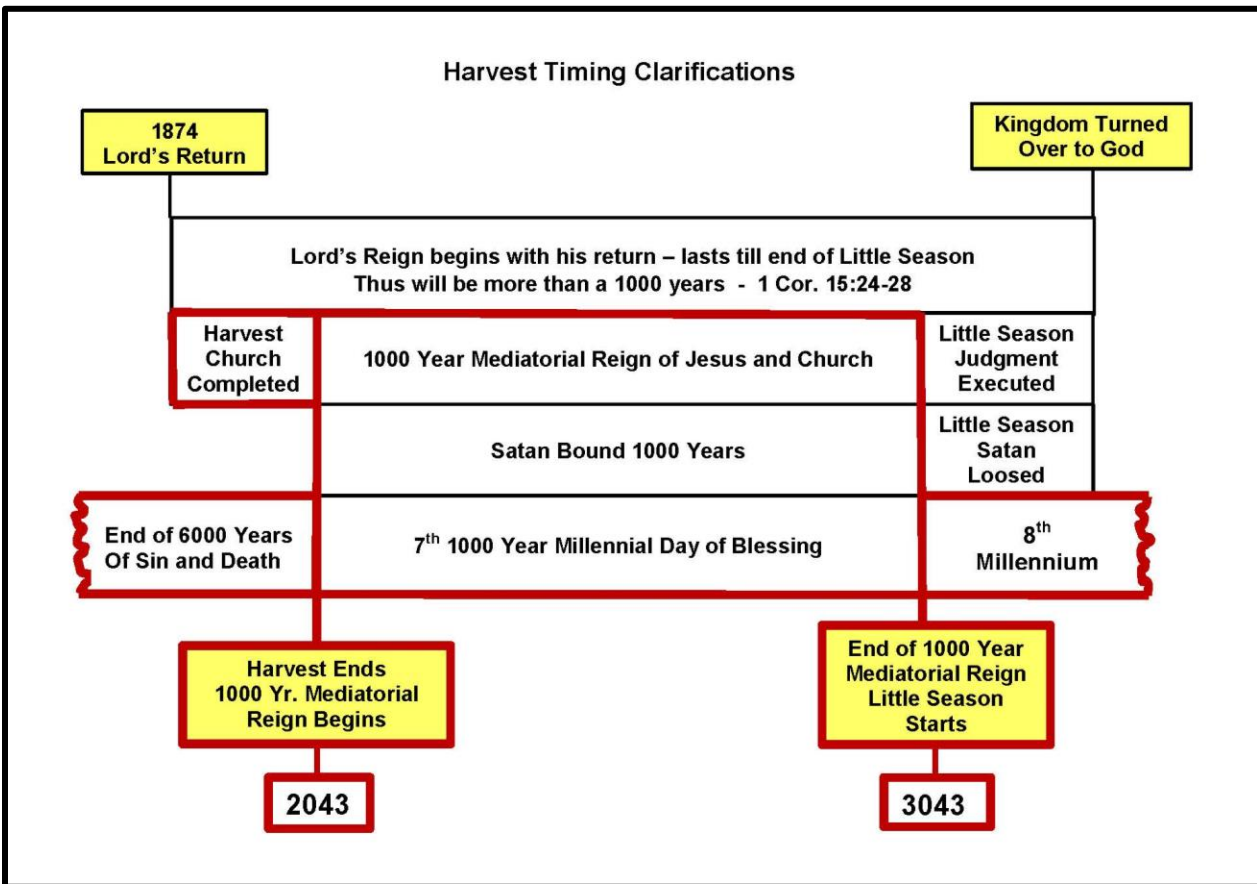
Now with this understanding it opens the way to easily calculate when 6000 years of mankind's history of sin and death will be up.

There is now general agreement by the majority of biblical, historical and archeologist scholars who accept the Bible, that year "one" of Solomon commenced in 970 BC, therefore the 4th year of Solomon would commence in 966 BC. A date that is also supported by the history of contemporary nations.

You can verify this general agreement of scholars by Googling "King Solomon's Temple 966," or "First Year of King Solomon."

Slide of "Biblical, – Historical, - and Archeology Scholars who confirm 966 BC

In our past chronology studies we often accepted the historical writings of one or two historian's, to establish an important date in history for our chronology. On this Google site as well as others you'll find not one or two historians, but page after page of many scholars who within a year or two concur that year one of Solomon's reign was 970 BC and therefore 966 BC was the 4th year of Solomon's reign.



Could 2043 be a reasonable possible date for the end of 6000 years of sin and death, and in addition possibly indicating the end of the harvest, and beginning of the three 1000 year periods?

We realize we won't know positively until we're beyond the veil.

But if it is, notice how beautifully it would complement and harmonize with the clarifications from Br. Russell's writing we considered earlier.

- The Harvest being over it would also usher in the 1000 year Mediatorial reign of Jesus and the church
- Satan's binding for a 1000 years would begin
- 6000 years of Sin and death would truly be at an end,
- The seventh 1000 year Millennial day of blessing would begin
- Which will then be followed by the 8th Millennium or the 8th 1000 year day since Adam, in which all sin would be cut off, as was pictured in Gen. 17:12 by circumcision taking place on the 8th day..
- And all who would pass their little season test will go on to live forever in perfect happiness.

Thus the three 1000 year periods would all be concurrent at the completion of the Harvest, and the end of 6000 years of sin and death.

But a question yet remains? Br. Russell's clarifications we considered today were rather straight forward easy to understand concepts. But what could be puzzling is why didn't Br. Russell then go on to clarify all the other points that would need to be changed to harmonize with these latest thoughts, -- such as revising the 6000 year chronology, the 70 year desolation of the land, as well as other things that would be affected?

We don't know for sure. We can only surmise! We believe it was because the latest historical and archeological information necessary, was not yet published in his lifetime. It wasn't until sometime after his that the results were published of the discovery of over 5000 clay tablets that indicated that a revision in the 6000 year chronology was necessary.

Thus, I tend to think this matter was somewhat like when the brethren asked Br. Russell when he would write the 7th volume on Revelation and he answered, someone else would do it. For he realized the information needed to fully understand Revelation was not yet given. Perhaps this is the same reason Br. Russell didn't proceed to further clarify or reinterpret all the other scriptures that would be involved that had to do with time, and the 6000 year chronology. It wasn't due time. He realized he didn't have all the answers.

As the Harvest progressed however, Br. Russell came to realize **he had to make some clarifications** about the ending of the Harvest, the reign of the church, and the binding of Satan, -- especially when brethren specifically brought up how the 1000 year periods didn't seem to harmonize together. This he did in the reprint articles we considered today.

I think it would be correct to say no one likes changes. It's much easier to believe what we always believed. Thus we realize why some brethren would prefer to study only what Br. Russell originally wrote which is fine, for most of us have been nurtured by it for many years and have been and continue to be richly blest by them.

But since we all believe Br. Russell was the Harvest Messenger, and we readily accepted his clarifications on 1914 not being the time the church would be complete, and the clarification that 1914 would not be the end of all Gentile nations, but just the beginning of their eviction, -- it would seem we would want to consider these further clarifications that he himself made as well.

Br. Russell died nearly 100 years ago. Since then the increase in knowledge has brought many historical and archeological discoveries to the forefront that were not known in his day. Could it be that as a result there now is sufficient knowledge to arrive at a more complete understanding of scripture and its tie in with chronology that Br. Russell didn't have?

For myself I believe there is! It's in the form of three books that have been a rich blessing to me that I would like to share with you. They were written by one of our dear scholarly brethren (David Rice,) who has studied these perplexing issues for most of his life. We've copied all 3 books on to a DVD that will be in the envelope containing the 34 page handout of today's discourse. I think you will find their further clarifications of scriptures bring a harmony to these issues that are blessed to experience.

My earnest prayer is that these clarifications might spurn us on to realize the Harvest message we all so love is still absolutely true, even though Br. Russell had to make a few clarifications. It will soon reach its glorious consummation! Soon our trials will be over. May we as a movement utilize whatever time we have left to strive with every fiber of our beings to make our calling and election sure, and work together to bring about the completion of the last members of the church.

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MEDIATORIAL REIGN ARTICLES

100% Consistent in stating

1. The Mediatorial reign cannot begin until the Church is complete, and blood is applied to Justice.
2. The reign will last for 1000 years,
3. Satan will be bound during the 1000 year Mediatorial reign.

CONVENTION REPORT SERMONS of Br. Russell

Convention Reports -46

When the **Church has finished her course here**, then the blessings will go to all the world at the hands of the Great Mediator, and at **the end of the Millennial age, the mediatorial work will be finished**, and the kingdom will be turned over to the Father and the world will be tested just as Adam was.

CR – 96

As soon as this work shall have been accomplished, the great Mediator, the antitype of Moses (Acts 3:22,23), raised up from amongst his brethren, will be completed. Then the Mediatorial Kingdom will begin the blessing, uplifting and reconciling of the world.

CR – 113

Messiah's empire will be a mediatorial one and, according to the Scriptures, will continue only one thousand years

CR – 150

There will be by and by a way in which the whole world will come to God through the great Mediator, through the mediatorial kingdom, through the great work which Christ as Mediator will accomplish for a thousand years, of instructing, and chastening, and helping mankind-- all the world will have a chance in that.

CR 485

When Moses was preparing to mediate the Law Covenant, he took the blood of bulls and of goats, and sprinkled first the tables of the Law and afterward all the people of Israel. (Exodus 24:3-8.) Thus the Law Covenant was established, bringing the people into covenant by the great antitypical Moses, Christ, who first satisfies God's Justice, represented in the books of the Law, and then, **during the thousand years of His Mediatorial Reign**, will sprinkle "all the people," the world, with the blood of the "better sacrifices"-- those of The Christ, Head and Body—thus bringing the world into covenant relationship with God.-- Hebrews 9:15-23.

QUESTION BOOK

QB 168 That procedure at the end of the Gospel Age is represented by the Lord in the Tabernacle Shadows as the sprinkling of the blood of the goat, which is "for the sins of the people," and then the conditions of the New Covenant will be made applicable for all the world through Israel. He will deliver over to the Father all things, that He may be "all in all," and that all may be directly subject to Him. **During the thousand years, however, under Christ's Mediatorial arrangements, The New Covenant will begin its work at the beginning of the Millennial Age, and continue its work of reconciling the world and destroying in death those who will not come into harmony with its arrangements, so that at the end of the Millennium, the whole world can be presented blameless before the Father.**

QB 168

God will then be satisfied as respects the sins of the whole world, and the whole world will consequently be turned over to **Jesus as the Mediator, and His kingdom will be the only rule throughout the thousand years of the mediatorial reign.**

QB – 406

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QB – 467

There can be no mediatorial work between God and men until the Body of the Christ is complete and the mediatorial kingdom begins, and it will last through all of the thousand years, then the mediatorial kingdom will be at an end,

QB 560

The next step in its application will be, not the imputation, but the actual giving of this to the world, bringing them up out of their imperfection, **during the thousand years of the Mediatorial reign;** bringing them back into that condition in which they shall be in harmony with God, even as Adam was in harmony with him before the fall.

QB 571

QUESTION (1916)--2--Will the merit of

Christ in any sense of the term be imputed to the world of mankind during the mediatorial reign?

ANSWER--There will be no imputation of Christ's merit during the Millennial reign. Not a bit. Because there will not be anything to impute. Why not? Because it will all have been given at the beginning. When a thing is given up you can't do any more with it. Suppose you had a million dollars with which you intended to found or operate a great work and you made ready everything in time, and that million dollars was in the bank and all ready to apply for that purpose. And suppose then you delivered it over to the committee that had to do with this great enterprise. Now the moment you turned it over to the committee you have nothing more to do with it, have you? **And so Jesus with the inauguration of the Millennium will turn over the full merit of His sacrifice.** It will all be given over to Justice. Justice will have turned over mankind to Jesus. Jesus will have no more merit in the hands of Justice after that to apply to anybody, impute or give to anybody. It will all be given. **It must be given at the very beginning of the Millennial Age.**

QB 575

The imperfect, fallen men, fallen through weaknesses of Father Adam, **will all under the mediatorial reign of Christ have been brought up to perfection.** Then they ought to be able with all the experience behind them, they ought to be able to maintain it. Because God would not ask any unreasonable or unjust requirement of any creature. **And so at the end of the thousand years they will be tested .**

QB 406

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QB – 467

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QB 467

So, the Lord Jesus is the Head and He will have a body, which He is now preparing during this gospel age, and that whole body will be with Him as **Mediator during the Millennial Age, and then will be the mediatorial kingdom.**

OVERLAND MONTHLY BOOK

OM 189

The unwilling and disobedient will be destroyed in the Second Death. **At the close of the thousand years, Christ's Mediatorial Kingdom will terminate.**

OM 254

The Church is called out of the world under a Divine invitation to suffer with Christ in the present life and during this Gospel Age and then to reign with Christ **during the Millennial Age, participating in His Mediatorial Kingdom** for the blessing, uplifting, salvation of the world.

1909 Bible Student Convention Report Question 144 Br. Russell

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1909 Bible Student Convention Report Question 154 Br. Russell's answer

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The Great Mediator between God and man - **The Christ of glory - will fill his mediatorial office for a thousand years** and complete it only by the end of that time, when he will deliver over to the Father, fully reconciled, all who can be brought into harmony with the divine arrangement.

1910 Convention Report – Br. Russell's discourse 1000 Year Med. Reign

Then for a thousand years Christ's Mediatorial Kingdom will put down all insubordination and destroy every foe of righteousness and truth that will not submit; the last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

Convention Report Sermons P-113 Discourse of Br. Russell – 'The Desire of All Nations'

According to the Bible the reign of the promised Great King shall not be an eternal reign. Eventually the dominion of earth originally given to Adam and lost by disobedience and consequent incapacity, is to be restored to such of Adam's race as shall attain earthly perfection and Jehovah's approval. **Messiah's empire will be a mediatorial one and, according to the Scriptures, will continue only one thousand years.**

HARVEST GLEANINGS BOOK**HG 1 Page 458 Br. Russell Discourse "God's message of Comfort to the Jews"**

In other words, although Messiah's Kingdom will be a mediatorial one, separate from that of Jehovah, for the purpose of putting down sin and of uplifting the sinner, nevertheless throughout the thousand years of his glorious reign he will represent Jehovah in that his entire work will have the full approval of Jehovah and be conducted along the lines of the Divine Law.

HG 1 Page 460 Br. Russell's discourse 1000 Year Mediatorial Kingdom

The Hebrew prophets had foretold this greatness of the Messiah, who at the Divinely-appointed hour will assume the dominion of earth, setting up by Divine authority **his Mediatorial Kingdom, which, for a**

thousand years, will reign triumphantly, **binding Satan and sin in its every** form and setting at liberty every good principle of righteousness for the blessing of Israel under the New Covenant.

HG 1 Page 497

In the symbolic language of Revelation, Messiah's reign is described as a glorious opportunity for all mankind to come back into harmony with the Almighty and to attain everlasting **life through the great Mediatorial Kingdom**. The symbolic picture of which this text is a part, describes the establishment of Messiah's Kingdom, the saints of this Gospel Age being with Him in His throne, in His Kingdom, reigning with Him—a Royal priesthood. Rev. 20:1-6 The context further describes that period, in which all mankind shall be brought to a knowledge of the Truth, when all shall "stand before the great White Throne," Messiah's Judgment Throne, to be tried, to be tested, to be proven whether they will accept or refuse the perfection and eternal life which Divine mercy will then make possible for them. **During that thousand years of Messiah's reign**, as we have seen, death will be gradually swallowed up in victory.

Harvest Gleanings -2

According to the Scriptures, they will be succeeded by the Kingdom of God's dear Son — **the Millennial Kingdom — the Mediatorial Kingdom**—for which we pray, "Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." Matt. 6:10 And when Christ's mediatorial Kingdom shall be at the end of the Millennium, delivered back to God, even the Father, God's Kingdom will have fully come in the earth.

Harvest Gleanings 2

The Throne is Messiah's. **It represents His Mediatorial Dominion of earth for a thousand years.**

Harvest Gleanings 2 Sub-heading "God had appointed a Day."

It is the thousand-year day of Christ, the period of His mediatorial reign, in which Satan will be bound, all evil influences be removed and the light of the knowledge of the glory of God be made to fill the whole earth.

Harvest Gleanings 2

It is needless to say that our text is one of the symbolisms of a Book filled with symbols. God's people, guided by His holy Spirit, in due time will appreciate these symbols. For many of them the due time is already here. **The Throne is Messiah's. It represents His Mediatorial Dominion of earth for a thousand years.**

HG3 481

Now we are seeing that the salvation that God has promised will be brought to us at the second coming of Jesus and the **establishment of His Mediatorial Kingdom** for the blessing of all the families of the earth! Now we are seeing that the salvation provided is a resurrection of the dead not merely an awakening from the tomb, but a complete uplift out of sin and degradation to the full perfection of human nature in the earthly likeness of the Creator. **Now we are seeing that this great blessing has been set apart by the Almighty as the work of the great Sabbath Day of a thousand years, in which "the last enemy to be destroyed is death."**

HG3 689

He (Satan) is now the prince or ruler of this world, proven worthy of eternal destruction (John 12:31; Heb. 2:14) which will overtake him at the **close of Christ's mediatorial reign (Rev. 20:9, 10). During that thousand years Satan is to be bound, and will be loosed at the end of it,**

HG3 722

By nature we are all children of wrath, sinners under sentence of death. God indeed tells us that He purposes to bless the world by and by, **through the great Mediatorial Kingdom that will rule the world for a thousand years** to help mankind up out of degradation, sin and death to full perfection of human nature; and that **He has appointed Jesus Christ to be the Mediator between Himself and the world during those thousand years.**

PASTOR RUSSELL SERMON BOOK**Pastor Russell Sermon Book page 503**

Messiah's Empire will be a Mediatorial one and, according to the Scriptures, will continue only one thousand years. But we are assured that the period will be quite sufficient for the great work to be accomplished.

Sermon Book Page 692

God's people, guided by His Holy Spirit, in due time will appreciate these symbols. For many of them, that due time is already here. **The Throne is Messiah's; it represents His Mediatorial Dominion of earth for a thousand years.** Its whiteness symbolizes the purity, the justice, of His Kingdom of Righteousness under the whole heavens.

REPRINTS**R2304 : page 143**

The mediatorial Millennial Kingdom of Christ and the Church, having accomplished its purpose, and being withdrawn, the dominion of the renewed earth will be handed over to the rule of its redeemed and restored rulers--humanity.

R 4578 Page 92

The merit of the Ransom will be applied for the world **indirectly** in the sealing of the New Covenant with Israel, so that all the world under that Covenant provision and under the **great Mediatorial Kingdom of Righteousness, for a thousand years** may have fullest opportunity for the opening of the eyes of their understanding.

R4586

"Soon the antitypical Atonement Day will end and satisfaction for the sins of the world will be made. Forthwith the world will be turned over to him, **and his Mediatorial reign will begin...He will reign or mediate for a thousand years.**"

R 4631 Page 197

He will then satisfy Divine Justice by **making application of his merit for the sins of all the people.** In consequence of that satisfaction, they will all be turned over to him, and **his Millennial Kingdom will begin. During that thousand years the Mediator, Christ the Head and the Church his Body, Christ the Bridegroom and the Church the Bride, his joint-heir, will reign for the uplifting of mankind out of sin, degradation, death--up to perfection of mind, body and morals.**

R4729

On the contrary, the **great Mediator** will, during the **thousand years of the Mediatorial Kingdom**, instruct and reward and bless and uplift all the willing and obedient,

R-4586 C2-P4,5:

"Soon the antitypical Atonement Day will end and satisfaction for the sins of the world will be made. Forthwith the world will be turned over to him, **and his Mediatorial reign will begin...He will reign or mediate for a thousand years.**"

R-4612

Instead of Israel's being justified instantly to fellowship with God, they will be under the care and control of **the great Mediator between God and men. And this great Mediator, Prophet, Priest and King will for one thousand years** be engaged in the work of taking away their sins, according to this Covenant which God

specified through the Prophet Jeremiah. And at the **conclusion of the one thousand years** he will present them perfect, blameless, irrefragable to the Father.

R-4640

Then for a thousand years Christ's Mediatorial Kingdom will put down all insubordination and destroy every foe of righteousness and truth that will not submit; the last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

R 4646

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R 4648

God's dealings with the Church during this age, introduced into covenant relationship to the Father by the great Advocate, and his dealings with Israel and the world **during the thousand years of the great Mediatorial Kingdom...**

R-4729

On the contrary, the great **Mediator will, during the thousand years of the Mediatorial Kingdom**, instruct and reward and bless and uplift all the willing and obedient,

R-4780

The next step in its application will be, not the imputation, but the actual giving of this to the world, bringing them up out of their imperfection, **during the thousand years of the Mediatorial reign.**

R-4903

At the close of the **Mediatorial reign all mankind will be ready to profit by the experiences of the Millennium** and will be turned over to God, to Divine Justice.

R 4999

God's people, guided by His Holy Spirit, in due time will appreciate these symbols. For many of them, that due time is already here. **The Throne is Messiah's; it represents His Mediatorial Dominion of earth for a thousand years.** Its whiteness symbolizes the purity, the justice, of His Kingdom of Righteousness under the whole heavens.

R 4999

The fact that this testing of mankind will be **after the end of the thousand years of the Mediator's reign**, when He shall have delivered up the Kingdom to the Father, does not prove that the glorified Jesus will have nothing to do with the destruction that will come upon Satan and those obedient to Him. Quite to the contrary. As Jesus was the Divine Agent, Instrument, Word, Mouthpiece, Logos, in all the work of creation, and prior to undertaking the Mediatorial work, so, highly exalted now in honor, next to the Father, and at His right Hand of Power, **He will undoubtedly be the Father's Representative in that judgment upon the wilful sinners, who with Satan will be consigned to the Second Death.**

R 5000

During the entire thousand years of the reign of Christ upon His Mediatorial Throne the work of sprinkling the people--the work of justifying them, making them acceptable, cleansing them from sin, and bringing them into relationship with the Covenant and its demands of perfect obedience--will be in process.

R 5000

All who will accept Him and the gracious arrangements of His Mediatorial Kingdom will attain the highest blessings promised to their nation, and become associated in the Kingdom, **which for a thousand years will bless all people with the gracious opportunity for returning to Divine favor** on the same terms—obedience to the extent of ability and faith in the Redeemer.

R_ 5074

But since human perfection--to the world of mankind—will come only under the **Mediatorial reign of Christ**, the Ancient Worthies cannot be introduced to the Father until the close of the **Millennial Age**. Hence they will not have life in its fullest sense until the time when at the close of the **Millennial Age** the Kingdom shall have been delivered over to the Father. What they will have in the meantime--**during the thousand-year period**--will be perfection of human nature and all the blessings that God provides for mankind through the great Mediator.

R-5074

God has included the whole world in the **Mediatorial work of Messiah**, as He has included all the Church in the preparatory work of the Royal Priesthood, through the great Advocate, **the Redeemer; and the Mediator's work will continue for a thousand years**

R-5317

During the thousand years, however, under Christ's Mediatorial arrangements, the Ancient Worthies, perfected, and all others, in proportion to their attainment of perfection, will enjoy privileges and blessings, because they will no longer be under a reign of sin and death and of Satan, the "Prince of this World," but under the Prince of Life and His reign of Righteousness, unto Life.

R-5928

The Great Mediator between God and man--The Christ of glory--**will fill His mediatorial office for a thousand years and complete it only by the end of that time, when He will deliver over to the Father**, fully reconciled, all who can be brought into harmony with the Divine arrangement.

R-5973 C2-P6

Mediatorial Restitution Blessings However Must Await Completion Of Church

Question.--"Would it be proper for us to suppose that the world might begin to receive its share of restitution blessings while some of the members of the church are still in the flesh?"

Answer.--No! This would be an impossible thought. The whole merit of Christ is mortgaged by the imputation which Jesus has made of his merit to the company consecrating during this age. **This mortgage must be released fully, completely, before the New Covenant can be sealed and put into operation for giving restitution blessings to Adam and his race."**

In other words the Restitution BLESSING PHASE, cannot begin till the Church is complete. Only the preparatory phase is in operation now.

Additional Reprint Quotes Stating 1000 Year Reign Yet Future 11-23-2015

R-86 – April 1880

The bruising of *satan* (“under your feet”), Rom. 16:20, and the destroying of death, have both **been deferred until the *body of Christ* (the church) is complete.** With the *first resurrection*, that company, “the Royal Priesthood,” is complete, and their work is before them. **That work includes the binding of Satan, the destruction of death; i.e., the “swallowing up of death in victory,”** and the restoration of mankind to harmony with God, and to that condition of life enjoyed before sin entered—a condition of at-one-ment.

This work of restoration apparently occupied all of the thousand years (Rev. 20:4), since it is called “the times (years) of restitution.”

R-1351 January 1892

But in due time these prospective heirs of the kingdom who now faithfully endure hardness as good soldiers, will be counted worthy to be exalted and to reign with Christ when his kingdom shall be established in power and great glory. (Matt. 24:30.) Hear the promise of our glorified Lord: “To him that overcometh, will I grant to sit with me in my throne.” (Rev. 3:21.) And again, **“They shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years”**—“on the earth.”—Rev. 20:6; 5:10.

R-1718 – October 1894

...that the Kingdom cannot come until the Church has been completed,—and that not until then can “all the families of the earth be blest” with the promised Millennial blessings and opportunities.—Luke 12:32; Rev. 20:4; Gen. 28:14.

R-1766 – February 1895

But those who already feel some of the boycott, and those who soon will feel still more of it, may take comfort in the Lord’s appreciation of their fidelity as expressed in the promise of Rev. 20:4,—that of such are the heirs of God and joint-heirs with **Christ in the Kingdom soon to be established for the blessing of mankind, the restitution of all things.**

R- 1908 - December 1895

“The sure word of prophecy” indicates that in 1878 it began to be established and that the process of establishment will be **from that date to 1915, when the Kingdom in its glory of power and righteousness will have come.** The true Church, whose names are “written in heaven,” and which have not been blotted out because of unfaithfulness (Luke 10:20; Rev. 3:5) will then be exalted to reign with Christ. They shall be like him, and see him as he is, **they shall reign with him a thousand years, and they shall judge the world in righteousness and bless all the families of the earth.—1 John 3:2; Rev. 20:6; Isa. 32:1; Gen. 28:14; Gal. 3:16,29.**

R-2247 – January 1898

That the **present Gospel age** is intended merely for the selection of a “little flock” along a “narrow way” which “few” find and still fewer care to walk in; (3) **That another age of a thousand years is to follow this and be the Kingdom age,** in which Christ and the “little flock,” developed in the Gospel age, will be the world’s instructors and judges—“kings and priests unto God”(Rev. 1:6; 5:10; 20:6)

R-2428 – January 1899

We hold that the masses in down town New York, not possessing this knowledge, but being *blinded* in their minds by the “god of this world” (2 Cor. 4:4), are not on trial *now*, as are we who have this knowledge, but will have their trial by and by, during the Millennial age, at the same time with the “heathen” millions of Asia and Africa;—**after Satan has been “bound” and deceives the peoples no more (Rev. 20:1-4), after the Lord and his elect Church have begun the reign of righteousness.**

R-2739 – December 1900

QUESTION: "I understand from Rev.20:4-6, that Christ will reign 1000 years, and from verses 2-7 that Satan will be bound during that period. If Christ began to reign in 1878, and Satan will not be bound until 1915, the two periods do not seem to synchronize; and furthermore, both extend beyond the 7th 1000 year period which according to our Bible chronology, began in the Autumn of 1872. How is this? Can you assist me?"

ANSWER: Apparently this matter of when the 1000 year period should be reckoned as fully beginning and fully ending will be an open question until the close of the Millennial age.

The scripture declaration respecting the saints, the overcomers is, 'They lived and reigned a 1000 years.' **The reign of the saints cannot be properly be said to begin before all the 'jewels' have been gathered, nor before 'the times of the Gentiles' end in 1914. Nor is it said that their reign will be no longer than a 1000 years.** After the 1000 years Satan shall be loosed and the above trial shall ensue; *but the reign of Christ and the church will evidently continue long enough after the 1000 years to destroy all found unworthy in that final test, and to thus complete the work for which this reign is instituted.*

R-3073 – September 1902

In order that eventually all may see to what lengths Selfishness would lead—**ultimately wrecking the present order—social, political, financial and religious—and thus preparing for the establishment of Christ's Millennial Kingdom of love and righteousness upon the ruins of Satan's dominion and the binding of Satan that he may "deceive the nations no more until the thousand years are ended."**—Rev. 20:1-4.

R-4635 – June 1910

The "harvest" time will be the end of this age, just before the inauguration of the new age of Christ's Millennial Kingdom. The wheat class will be those counted fit to be associated with Christ in the glory of his Millennial Kingdom, and the gathering into the "barn" or garner represents the resurrection change which this wheat will experience.

R-5023 – May 1912

QUESTION: "Is it scriptural to say that the **glorified members of the church have reigned at any time up to the present?**"

ANSWER: No! **They have not reigned at any time....The reign of Christ did not in any sense begin in the past...When the reign of Christ begins, you will find it such a thorough reign that all the members of his body will have some part in it.**

R-5115 C2-P1

"When will the promised time come in which 'Thy will shall be done on earth as in heaven?' The Scriptures reply that the glorious time for the blessing of the world will not come **until the church shall have passed into glory; that Messiah will then reign for a thousand years.**"

R-5179 – February 1913

The First Resurrection began with our Lord Jesus and is not yet completed, because all of the faithful Elect Bride class are called to share in His sacrificial death, and to share also in His glorious Resurrection to the Divine nature. **All sharing in that First Resurrection, the Bible declares, will reign with Christ a thousand years,** and as the Seed of Abraham, fully empowered, will bless all those redeemed by the precious blood of Calvary.—Rev. 20:4.

R-5190 – February 1913

I am the more encouraged because I realize that **the great Day of Blessing, the great Thousand-Year Day of Messiah's Kingdom, is near at hand—is dawning now. Soon Satan, the "Prince of Darkness," will be bound for a thousand years, to deceive the nations no more. (Revelation 20:2,3,6.)**

R-5263 – June 1913

The loyal band following in His footsteps in the Narrow Way, seeking, according to the Divine promise, glory, honor, immortality and joint-heirship in Messiah's Kingdom, are also men of destiny. **But their destiny has not yet been attained. It is for them to wait until the full number of the elect Church shall have been called, chosen and proved faithful.** Then their destiny will be reached by the glorious change of the First Resurrection; for "flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God." By their change they will be perfected in the Divine nature like their Master. (2 Peter 1:4.) **O glorious destiny! United, or married, to their Lord on the Heavenly plane, they will be His joint-heirs, a Royal Priesthood, to reign with Him a thousand years for the very purpose of blessing the world of mankind, for whose recovery Christ died.—Revelation 20:6.**

R-5314 - September 1918

In a word, God's proposal is that Messiah's Kingdom, **the members of which are now being selected from the world—the Church, the Bride—will for a thousand years, with the Redeemer, bless and uplift and restore all the nations of earth—from sin, degradation, death, the tomb**

R-5604 – January 1915

WE HAVE heretofore pointed out that the **great Battle of Armageddon—the anti-typical one—is near—that** it will quickly follow the present world-war. Today's Study relates to the first of the great battles in the Valley of Megiddo, noted for its many slaughters, and therefore made the basis of the Divine prediction respecting the "Time of Trouble such as was not since there was a nation," **which will precede and prepare the way for Messiah's glorious Rule of a thousand years.—1 Cor. 15:24-26; Rev. 20:6.**

R-5692 - May 1915

Their reigning, their power and their control in the world's affairs will not come until they shall have experienced the resurrection change, and Messiah's Kingdom shall be fully inaugurated. Then these shall live and reign with Christ a thousand years.—Revelation 20:4.

R-5919

"The kingdom cannot come until the royal family is ready to take the throne. Jesus, indeed, had long been ready; but in harmony with the Father's plan he has waited and has been doing a work in the preparation of the church, his brethren, who are to be his joint-heirs in the kingdom -- otherwise styled "the bride, the Lamb's wife." (Romans 8:17; Rev. 21:9,10) **Then for a thousand years the restitution privileges will be open to the whole world of mankind."**