Jehovah's Witnesses False Prophecy Fact Sheet

1972 IDENTIFYING THE PROPHET —
"So, does Jehovah have a prophet to help them, to warn them of dangers and to declare things to come? These questions can be answered in the affirmative. Who is this prophet?... This 'prophet' was not one man, but was a body of men and women. It was the small group of footstep followers of Jesus Christ, known at that time as International Bible Students. Today they are known as Jehovah's Christian witnesses...Of course, it is easy to say that this group acts as a 'prophet' of God. It is another thing to prove it."

1889 "...the 'battle of the great day of God Almighty' (Rev. 16:14), which will end in A.D. 1914 with the complete overthrow of earth's present rulship, is already commenced."

1897 "Our Lord, the appointed King, is now present, since October 1874, A.D., according to the testimony of the prophets to those who have ears to hear it."

1916 "The Bible chronology herein presented shows that the six great thousand-year Days beginning with Adam are ended, and that the great Seventh Day, the thousand years of Christ's Reign, began in 1873."

1920 "Therefore we may confidently expect that 1925 will mark the return of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the faithful prophets of old, particularly those named by the Apostle in Hebrews chapter eleven, to the condition of human perfection."

1922 "The date 1925 is even more distinctly indicated by the Scriptures because it is fixed by the law God gave to Israel. Viewing the present situation in Europe, one wonders how it will be possible to hold back the explosion much longer; and that even before 1925 the great crisis will be reached and probably passed."

1925 "The year 1925 is here. With great expectation Christians have looked forward to this year. Many have confidently expected that all members of the body of Christ will be changed to heavenly glory during the year. This may be accomplished. It may not be. In his own due time God will accomplish his purposes concerning his own people. Christians should not be so deeply concerned about what may transpire during this year that they would fail to joyfully do what the Lord would have them to do."

1931 "There was a measure of disappointment on the part of Jehovah's faithful ones on earth concerning the years 1914, 1918 and 1925, which disappointment lasted for a time. Later the faithful learned that these dates were definitely fixed in the Scriptures; and they also learned to quit fixing dates for the future and predicting what would come to pass on a certain date."

1941 "Receiving the gift, the marching children clasped it to them, not a toy or plaything for idle pleasure, but the Lord's provided instrument for most effective work in the remaining months before Armageddon."

1968 "True, there have been those in times past who predicted an 'end to the world', even announcing a specific date...Yet, nothing happened. The 'end' did not come. They were guilty of false prophesying. Why? What was missing? Missing was the full measure of evidence required in fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Missing from such people were God's truths and the evidence that he was guiding and using them."

1968 "WHY ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO 1975?"

1971 "Our thought is, that 1925 is definitely settled by the Scriptures, marking the end of the typical jubilee."

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Jehovah is interested in having people know him. Though he is invisible to human eyes, he provides various ways by which they can know his personality. They can know what to expect from him and what he expects of them.

One can come to understand that Jehovah is a God of surpassing wisdom by observing creation. This also reveals the loving care with which he designed things for man's welfare and enjoyment. A second way to know God is through his Word of truth, the Bible. Herein one finds the full expression of Jehovah's purpose toward mankind—why man is on the earth and the blessings that God has in store.

A third way of coming to know Jehovah is through his representatives. In ancient times he sent prophets as his special messengers. While these men foretold things to come, they also served the people by telling them of God's will for them at that time, often also warning them of dangers and calamities. People today can view the creative works. They have at hand the Bible, but it is little read or understood. So, does Jehovah have a prophet to help them, to warn them of dangers and to declare things to come?

Identifying the "Prophet"

These questions can be answered in the affirmative. Who is this prophet? The clergy of the so-called "Christian" nations hold themselves before the people as being the ones commissioned to speak for God. But, as pointed out in the previous issue of this magazine, they have failed God and failed as proclaimers of his kingdom by approving a man-made political organization, the League of Nations (now the United Nations), as "the political expression of the Kingdom of God on earth."

However, Jehovah did not let the people of Christendom, as led by the clergy, go without being warned that the League was a counterfeit substitute for the real kingdom of God. He had a "prophet" to warn them. This "prophet" was not one man, but was a body of men and women.

It was the small group of footstep followers of Jesus Christ, known at that time as International Bible Students. Today they are known as Jehovah's Christian witnesses. They are still proclaiming a warning, and have been joined and assisted in their commissioned work by hundreds of thousands of persons who have listened to their message with belief.

Of course, it is easy to say that this group acts as a "prophet" of God. It is another thing to prove it. The only way that this can be done is to review the record. What does it show?

During the World War I period this group, the International Bible Students, was very active in preaching the good news of God's kingdom, as their Leader Jesus Christ had set this work before them in his prophecy at Matthew 24:14. They took literally Jesus' words to the Roman governor Pontius Pilate: "My kingdom is no part of this world." (John 18:36) They also took to heart Jesus' words to his fol-
TheTimeofJudgment

Christ is "the Day of the Lord," the "Day of Judgment," the "Day of Reckoning." As the Lord's Day in the life of the church, it is a day of celebration and of judgment. The "Day of the Lord" is the Day of the Lord's return, the Day of His judgment, the Day of His reconciliation, the Day of His triumph. It is the Day of the Lord's victory over all the enemies of the church. It is the Day of the Lord's triumph over all the powers of darkness. It is the Day of the Lord's triumph over all the powers of sin. It is the Day of the Lord's triumph over all the powers of death. It is the Day of the Lord's triumph over all the powers of death. It is the Day of the Lord's triumph over all the powers of death. It is the Day of the Lord's triumph over all the powers of death. It is the Day of the Lord's triumph over all the powers of death. It is the Day of the Lord's triumph over all the powers of death. It is the Day of the Lord's triumph over all the powers of death. It is the Day of the Lord's triumph over all the powers of death. It is the Day of the Lord's triumph over all the powers of death. It is the Day of the Lord's triumph over all the powers of death.
You ask, "Why judgment?"

My answer is, We are destined to judgment. It is the destiny of mankind. The prophet Isaiah foretold it in the Old Testament, saying, "The day of judgment is at hand, and the day of destruction is near." (Isaiah 34:8)

The reason for this is that mankind has rejected the gospel of Christ. They have chosen to follow their own way instead of following the way of salvation through faith in Christ. (Romans 3:23)

The end result of this rejection is that we will be judged. (Romans 2:6)

But the good news is that those who believe in Christ will be saved. (1 John 5:12)

So why judgment? Because it is a necessary part of the process of salvation. (2 Peter 3:9)

Therefore, let us repent and turn to Christ before it is too late. (Matthew 7:14)
At San Diego, California, there is a small piece of land, on which, in the year 1929, there was built a house, which is called and known as Beth-Sarim. The Hebrew words Beth-Sarim mean "House of the Princes"; and the purpose of acquiring that property and building the house was that there might be some tangible proof that there are those on earth today who fully believe God and Christ Jesus and in His kingdom, and who believe that the faithful men of old will soon be resurrected by the Lord, be back on earth, and take charge of the visible affairs of earth. It was thought well and pleasing to God that the aforementioned house be built as a testimony to the name of Jehovah and showing faith in his announced purposes. The house has served as a testimony to many persons throughout the earth, and while the unbelievers have mocked concerning it and spoken contemnuously of it, yet it stands there as a testimony to Jehovah's name; —Salvation, p. 311.

...those faithful men of old may be expected back from the dead any day now. The Scriptures give good reason to believe that it shall be shortly before Armageddon breaks.

In this expectation the house at San Diego, California, which house has been much publicized with malicious intent by the religious enemy, was built, in 1930, and named "Beth-Sarim," meaning "House of the Princes." It is now held in trust for the occupancy of those princes on their return. The most recent facts show that the religionists of this doomed world are gnashing their teeth because of the testimony which that "House of the Princes" bears to the new world. (The New World, p. 104.)
ed to be October 5 (Julian) or September 29 (Gregorian), 537 B.C.E.—Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-6.

Here, then, very definitely established, is another milestone—the time when the seventy years of desolation of the land of Judah came to an end—about October 1, 537. (Jer. 25:11, 12; 29:10) It is now a simple formula to determine when the seventy years began. One has only to add 70 to 537 to get 607. So about October 1, 607 B.C.E., the desolating of the land of Judah and the complete emptying out of its inhabitants was fully accomplished.

The importance of the year 607 B.C.E. in this Biblical chronology will become more apparent in the following article, as we seek an answer to the provocative question, When was Adam created?

25. The answer to what question is related to the year 607 B.C.E.?

**WHY ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO 1975?**

**WHAT** about all this talk concerning the year 1975? Lively discussions, some based on speculation, have burst into flame during recent months among serious students of the Bible. Their interest has been kindled by the belief that 1975 will mark the end of 6,000 years of human history since Adam's creation. The nearness of such an important date indeed fires the imagination and presents unlimited possibilities for discussion.

But wait! How do we know their calculations are correct? What basis is there for saying Adam was created nearly 5,933 years ago? Does the one Book that can be implicitly trusted for its truthful historical accuracy, namely, the Inspired Word of Jehovah, the Holy Bible, give support and credence to such a conclusion?

In the marginal references of the Protestant *Authorized* or King James Version, and in the footnotes of certain editions of the Catholic *Douay* version, the date of man's creation is said to be 4004 B.C.E. This marginal date, however, is no part of the inspired text of the Holy Scriptures, since it was first suggested more than fifteen centuries after the last Bible writer died, and was not added to any edition of the Bible until 1701 C.E. It is an insertion based upon the conclusions of an Irish prelate, the Anglican Archbishop James Ussher (1581-1656). Ussher's chronology was only one of the many sincere efforts made during the past centuries to determine the time of Adam's creation. A hundred years ago when a count was taken, no less than 140 different timetables had been published by se-
WHY HUMAN CREATION WILL NEVER BE FREE

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After considering the foregoing, is it not clear that "the sign" Christ gave and the evidences foretold by his disciples are now being fulfilled? Although there are many other proofs, those listed here should be enough to show that we really are living in the time the Bible foretold as the "last days."

Yet some persons may say: "Such things as wars, famines, pestilences and earthquakes have occurred often throughout history. So it would not be hard to foretell that they would occur again." But think: The Bible not only foretold these things, but indicated that they would occur on a worldwide scale. Also, the Bible said that all these things would happen upon the generation that was alive in 1914. Yet what were prominent world leaders foretelling just before 1914? They were saying that conditions promising world peace were never more favorable. Yet the terrible troubles the Bible foretold began right on time, in 1914! In fact, world leaders now say that 1914 was a turning point in history.

After drawing attention to the many things that have marked the period from 1914 onward, Jesus said: "This generation will by no means pass away until all these things [including the end of this system] occur." (Matthew 24:34, 14) Which generation did Jesus mean? He meant the generation of people who were living in 1914. Those persons yet remaining of that generation are now very old. However, some of them will still be alive to see the end of this wicked system. So of this we can be certain: Shortly now there will be a sudden end to all wickedness and wicked people at Armageddon.

Which generation did Jesus indicate would see the end of this system of things? (b) So of what can we be certain?

ARMAGEDDON

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IS 'JEHOVAH' A FALSE TRANSLITERATION OF GOD'S NAME?

JEHOVAH— "False reading of Hebrew YAYWEH."  *Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*

JEHOVAH— "Intended as a transliteration of Hebrew YAHWEH, the vowel points of Hebrew ADHONAY (my lord) being erroneously substituted for those of YAHWEH; from the fact that in some Hebrew manuscripts the vowel points of ADHONAY (used as a euphemism for YAHWEH) were written under the consonants YHWH of YAHWEH to indicate that ADHONAY was to be substituted in oral reading for YAHWEH. Jehovah is a Christian transliteration of the tetragrammaton long assumed by many Christians to be the authentic reproduction of the Hebrew sacred name for God but now recognized to be a late hybrid form never used by the Jews."  *ebster's Third New International Dictionary*

JEHOVAH— "is an erroneous form of the name of the God of Israel."  *Encyclopedia Americana*

JEHOVAH— "The pronunciation 'Jehovah' is an error resulting among Christians from combining the consonants YHWH with the vowels of ADHONAY."  *Encyclopedia Britannica*

JEHOVAH— "false form of the divine name YAHWEH."  *New Catholic Encyclopedia*

JEHOVAH— "is a mispronunciation of the Hebrew YHWH the name of God. This pronunciation is grammatically impossible. The form 'Jehovah' is a philological impossibility."  *The Jewish Encyclopedia*

JEHOVAH— "an erroneous pronunciation of the Tetragrammaton, or four-lettered name of God made up of the Hebrew letters Yod He Vav He. The word 'Jehovah,' therefore, is a misreading for which there is no warrant and which makes no sense in Hebrew."  *The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia*

JEHOVAH— "is an erroneous form of the divine name of the covenant God Israel."  *The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia*

JEHOVAH— "is an artificial form."  *The Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*

JEHOVAH— "the vowels of one word with the consonants of the other were misread as 'Jehovah.'  *Encyclopedia International*

JEHOVAH— "is an inaccurate reconstruction of the name of God in the Old Testament."  *Merits Students Encyclopedia*

YHWH— "When Christian scholars of Europe first began to study Hebrew, they did not understand what this really meant, and they introduced the hybrid name 'Jehovah'...THE TRUE PRONUNCIATION OF THE NAME YHWH WAS NEVER LOST. Several early Greek writers of the Christian church testify that the name was pronounced 'YAHWEH.'"
This is confirmed, at least for the vowel of the first syllable of the name, by the shorter form Yah, which is sometimes used in poetry (e.g. Exodus 15:2)... The personal name of God of Israel is written in the Hebrew Bible with the four consonants YHWH and is referred to as the 'Tetragrammaton.' At least until the destruction of the First Temple in 586 B.C.E. this name was regularly pronounced with its proper vowels, as is clear from the Lachish Letters, written shortly before that date. "Encyclopedia Judaica (Jerusalem), p. 680, Vol. 7

JEHOVAH GOD—"a supreme deity recognized and the deity worshipped by Jehovah's Witnesses." Webster’s Third New International Dictionary

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