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Introduction

I have a problem that some Five Doves reader might like to solve. This problem should be very simple for anyone who understands how to work with decimals. I personally have never delved deeply into mathematics, so I don't know how to make the transition. I will lay the problem out and leave it to some reader to come up with a correct answer. I think a correct answer to this might be a great blessing to God's people. Follow me closely.....

A Time Period

I am one of those who still believe that Christ was crucified, resurrected, and ascended back to the Father in 30 A.D. This is neither a boast nor a complaint. It is just a simple statement. I believe Christ was born in 3 B.C. and concluded His ministry at the age of 33 in 30 A.D. If some don't believe this, please don't bother me with your arguments for some other date. Over the 53 years of my ministry I have read and heard and studied all of the arguments for a different date, and have found no date that would harmonize with both Scripture and history except 30 A.D. I am emphasizing this because this is the date that I am using in setting forth this problem.

Calculations

From 30 A.D. to this present year, 2008, is a total of 1978 solar years. $2008 - 30 = 1978$.

1978 solar years multiplied by the days in a solar year, 365.2422, gives a total of 722,449.07 days in that length of time.

Prophetic Years

The careful Bible student knows that the prophetic year used by the Lord in His Word is a year of 360 days to the year. There are so many proofs of this in the prophetic Scriptures that I am not going to take the time to labor the point. The most obvious proof of this truth in God's Word is the seven year Tribulation of 2,520 days, which requires that each year be 360 days in length. So let's move on.....

More Calculations

In order to convert the 722,449.07 days of the 1978 solar years into prophetic years, we divide those days by 360, the number of days in a prophetic year.

722,449.07 divided by 360 gives us a total of 2006.8029 years. In other words, the length of time since Christ ascended back to the Father has been a total of 2006 prophetic years plus .8029 days of a prophetic year.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

After calculating this I understood immediately what the Lord meant in **Luke 10:35** when He said, ***“And on the morrow when He departed, He took out two pence [denarius...two days wages...2 Peter 3:8], and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.”*** While the Scriptures repeatedly teach that the Lord would be gone from Israel for a minimum of 2,000 years [*two days...2 Peter 3:8*] during this present dispensation of grace, this particular parable clearly indicates that the Lord's absence might be a little longer than 2,000 years. When you calculate the prophetic years, it is obvious that it has been longer than 2,000 years. The 2,000 prophetic years have been exceeded by 6 years and .8029 days of a prophetic year.

The Seven Good Years

When I saw how close this 6 years and .8029 days of a prophetic year was to a full 7 years, it immediately occurred to me that the Lord was making allowance for the 7 good years prophetically portrayed in the dreams of Pharaoh in **Genesis 41**. If our readers are familiar with the passage, then you already know that the 7 good years precede 7 years of famine and evil. The 7 years of famine and evil are obviously a type of the coming 7 year Tribulation.

The Problem

But in these calculations 7 prophetic years are not complete. There are only 6 years and .8029 days in excess of 2,000 years. This means that .1971 more days are going to be required **in 2008** to make up a full period of 2007 prophetic years since the ascension of Christ back to the Father. $2006.8029 + .1971 = 2007$. Now I am sure this is very simple, yet I don't know how to convert this decimal figure of .1971 into days.

The Importance

If some reader is capable of making this calculation, this should tell God's people exactly how many days have to pass **in 2008** before the 7 good years are fulfilled. I would expect that when the days involved in the missing .1971 are fulfilled to complete the 7 good years, then the rapture of God's people will occur and the Tribulation will begin.

Now the problem has been laid before our readers. Can you solve it? Can you calculate the number of days represented in .1971 of a prophetic year?

God bless you all. Our Lord is coming very soon. I want to meet every reader in glory. Don't disappoint me.



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