

SCRIP. HEB 1. WHATS THE TIME ON CLOCK OF PROPHECY  
How make a man begin to think? Ask him a question!

(1). "Why 30 A.D.?"

THE PROPHETIC TIME-CLOCK OF GOD

Education... "Hatpins and buttonhooks". Letter troublesome!

Introd:- (1). Per. most potent ques. ever asked of any human being..this:- "Why did Jesus come into the world?"

7 simple words! But more truth implicit in this ques. than mortal mind well grasp. Raises four great questions

about Jesus X that are basic to X'n faith..und. of Scrip..

"When He was..Who He was..Where He was..Why He came".

(2). Answers are not too profound to discover from Word of God. Let me give Bible answers quickly. THERE ARE NO

OTHER ANSWERS. Spec..philos. of men utterly vain..inadeq.

A "When was Jesus X?" Did He come into the world at all, or did He merely begin here, like you, me? Here is ans:- John 8:58. Unless Jesus most deluded man who ever lived.. or most barefaced liar of all time..HE WAS PRE-EXISTENT before born into world..He "came" into world. Again:- John 17:5..24. His own word as prayed to Father. Hypocri- or Eternal Son. HEB. 10:5

B "Who was Jesus X?" Almost answered..but not quite. He pre- dated Abraham..world..but so did angelic beings. Was Jesus a mighty angel? (false sects so claim). Let GOD speak again

John 1:1..14 One unequivocal answer..GOD THE SON. The totally UNIQUE One..start from all other founders of relig- So we read of Him..Heb. 1:5-8. Beyond angels..immeasurably He is the ONE way to God (John 14:6)..bec only ONE SON.

C "Where was Jesus Christ?" before came into world. Obviously..out of the world. True? Yes..John 3:13.. 6:38..17:38.

D "Why did Jesus X come into world?" So very clear. He was great Teacher..but came for more than that..Great Example. Great Healer..MORE:- Matt. 18:11..I Tim. 1:15..To save sinn- And two facts are joined to that one..Rom. 3:23..Acts 16:31. THESE ARE THE BASICS..THE FOUNDATION STONES OF X'NITY. Greatest event of all history..God the Son visited earth.

I. But today I want propose little-discussed phase of this

(a). "WHY 30 A.D.?" for the Cross? 4 BC for the Birth? Why not? I was born Jan. 25..19.....? Why not? Just happens I had no say in matter. From my viewpoint..he-hazard. All history like that? Impr. ques. Evolutionist says "Yes". All began..proceeded by chance. Those who claim O.T. contains myths claim same thing. Say imposs. to draw N.T. ethical applic. from history (real)..so these must be stories of Aeson's fable style..for history he-hazard.

(b). True? NOT AT ALL. Just as God arranged creation.. marvellous PLAN of natural world..He arranged history..and even forecasts its pattern! GRASP THIS! Isa. 46:9-11.

God is in control of history! Acts 17:24-26. (Even spec-

God set stage..events of history..so that this:-I Cor.10:11  
 Jesus chose His mother..birthplace..birthday..status..circumstances..ahead of time...and set very hour of His own death.  
 (c). Why 30 A.D.? Why this CAREFULLY SET TIME? It WAS set!  
 Proph. by Daniel..Dan. 9:25..Acknowledged thru. N.T..as set by  
~~Mark/14:17~~...John 12:23, 27...Rom. 5:6...Gal. 4:4...I Pet.1:20  
 I suggest FOUR vital factors that governed God's choice,,PLAN.  
FIRST:- That the accuracy..inspiration..reliability of  
 the Word of God might be unquestionably established through the  
 evident miracle of fulfilled prophecy. If X had come immed.  
 upon Adam's sin..this never be poss. THIS MIRACLE ESTAB. BIBLE  
AS WORD OF GOD..for proph. utterance beyond man. Profuse..  
 detailed..precise predictions! (vast study). e.g. Ps. 22:1,  
 15-18. Arranged? Certainly! e.g. Micah. 5:2. Arranged!  
 This is one of most relevant ques. today. Is Bible Word of God?  
SECOND:- That the Messiah might be clearly identified when He  
 came. Balaam said "A Star shall rise out of Jacob". Isaiah  
 said: "A virgin shall conceive and bear a son". Micah pointed  
 with unerring finger to Bethlehem. Daniel predicted the year  
 of his coming. A forerunner was appointed, crying as a voice  
 in the wilderness. His ministry of healing and help foretold.  
 A Roman cross..in place of another man..a rich man's grave..  
 a death sleep of 3 days, nights..and a glorious. triumphant  
RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD..all written clearly in prophetic  
 pages. HE IS THE UNMISTAKEABLE MESSIAH! All this..bef. H. came  
THIRD:- God waited to let the failures of men be manifested, and  
 their needs fully developed. The whole of mankind TWICE degenerat  
 so completely that God had to interfere to prevent total corrupt  
Flood...Babel. Witness to all..man is unable govern himself  
 aright. Men today think build paradise..utopia. NEVER.  
 b. Nation of Israel..Covenant people..with all help of God's  
 care..corrupted themselves..7 times went into captivity. MERE  
RELIGION CANNOT REDEEM THE WORLD. c. And Gentile World Empires  
 tested..4 times..Bab..MP..Greece..Rome..All power at disposal..  
 art, sciences, military might, philosophy, wealth, skill, educat..  
 ..all trappings of civilization..FAILED. No salvation there.  
 AND THEN IT WAS TIME FOR GOD TO SEND FORTH HIS SON..THE ONE WAY.  
 (d). But why God not wait still longer? Until climax of men's  
 wickedness? THERE IS FOURTH part to His plan. That part is the  
CHURCH..BRIDE OF CHRIST..the calling out of all world of a people  
 for His name. There had to be time for this..AFTER the cross  
 Had the plan worked? Was Christ able to save? THIS HAD TO BE  
DEMONSTRATED TO MEN AND DEMONS AND ANGELS..So we read:- Ephes.  
 3:8-11. "by the church..by means of the church"..OBJECT LESSON!  
TODAY:- God working out His object lesson for universe..THE  
CHURCH..THE CHRISTIANS..c/f Romans 8:28-29.

Conclus:- 1. In ~~Acts~~ Gal. 2:1-2..signif words.."I took Titus with  
 me". Why? AS HIS OBJECT LESSON..WHAT GOD DO FOR A GENTILE!

And in like manner God is counting on His Church as His eternal demonstration of His wisdom in saving, redeeming, nurturing, conforming us to His image. For 1900 yrs since our Lord met that set hour of Calvary..the Church has been slowly formed..added to daily..until full-grown into Pearl of great price..jewel rare..work of Master Craftsman

2. In us..<sup>now</sup> these four purposes have culminated? (a). Seen Bible as God's infall. message to us. (b). Thru. it been pointed to unmistakeable Messiah..recognized God's Son, sent to save us. (c). Seen our own failure, and our need.

(d) NOW...NOW..since Jesus came to heart's door..and we let Him in..there has been the continual process of sharing us into His image..a daily dying out of self..a daily growing likeness to the Master through the outgrowth of His implanted life. c/f Romans 8:28-29. IT WORKS!

3. One thing yet remains...THE IMPORTING OF THE POLISHED JEWEL TO HEAVEN..Perhaps very soon. <sup>GOD'S TIME</sup> God's Object Lesson demonstrating His love, wisdom and power to Universe! WILL HOW DO I MEASURE UP? What world see in me..as example of X'n..of X Himself? What God see? GOD HAS A PLAN

Illus:- "Sir, are you Jesus?" To be like Jesus...this is goal of life NOW. God make us wise thru. His ~~Scripture~~ Word -submissive thru His Spirit. c/f John 1:12 "Power to become". DEDICATION. ~~WORKS~~

Is not this the Carpenter? Here the Divine Carpenter  
 Dressing them to be the gardeners - - - Gardener  
 coming to make up his jewels - - - Jewels - Lapidary  
 - cutting - polishing  
 setting -

Amber, Sask - Oct 27/68

Faith Chapel - Calgary - Mar. 10/68  
 Meadowlark Bch - Edmonton - Feb 14/68

Meeting Creek - Nov 25/66

Lethbridge - Bethel Bch. Oct 23/66

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CMA - Calgary - Aug 14/66

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Bismarck N.D. - Nov. 12/68

Meadow Lake, Sask - Nov 26/68

Chinese Pentecostal - Calgary - Oct. 28/73

John 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am."

John 17:5, 24 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was...Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

Heb. 10:5. Wherefore when he cometh INTO the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me.

John 1:1, 14. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.. full of grace and truth.

Heb. 1:5-8. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son? and again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne O GOD, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

John 3:13. And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

John 6:38. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that SENT ME.

17:8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them, and have known surely that I CAME OUT FROM THEE, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

Matt. 18:11 For the Son of Man is come to save that which was lost.

I Tim. 1:15. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Rom. 3:23 For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.



Acts 16:31. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.

Is. 46:9-11. Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure....yea I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

Acts 17:24-26. God that made the world and all things therein seeing that he is LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the TIMES BEFORE APPOINTED, and the BOUNDS OF THEIR HABITATION.

I Cor. 10:11. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition.

Dan. 9:25. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and three score and two weeks.

John 12:23.,27 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

Rom. 5:6. For when we were yet without strength, IN DUE TIME Christ died for the ungodly.

Gal. 4:4. But when the FULNESS OF THE TIME WAS COME, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.

I Pet.1:18-20. Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest IN THESE LAST TIMES for you

Psalms 22:1 "My god, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

15-18. My strength is dried up like a potsherd..my tongue cleaveth to my jaws...they pierced my hands and my feet..I may tell all my bones..they look and stare upon me..they part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

Micah 5:2. But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little

among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Ephes. 3:8-11. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the MYSTERY, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who create all things by Christ Jesus: to THE INTENT that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known BY THE CHURCH that manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal PURPOSE which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

~~Galatians~~

Rom. 8:28-29. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he ~~that~~ also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

What is most impr. day in proph?

REV. 1

Tomonaw! - Got told some - far ahead - but known crisis - in his hands - - -

(1). "The Name not on the Church Visitor's Book."

Introd:- (1). TOPIC..At least, as I have signed many such books..in many churches..never seen this one. Perhaps somebody ought take time to put it in..if confident He was at the service. What name? this one:- Rev. 1:11.

Already written..and sent to churches. In your book? Did He come to church today? Somewhere here now? Ushers, where did you seat Him? People, is He sitting next to you? If deigned to appear in phys. form..wd. you recognize Him?

(2). John the Apostle<sup>100</sup> sent to convict mines on isle of Patmos bec. he insisted on acting like a X'n..believing and proclaiming the Word of God..and witnessing to saving power of Jesus Christ. And there he saw, in a vision, the glorious, personal presence of Jesus Christ, and he had diff. recognizing Him. You see, He had changed considerably since John last saw Him..vs 12-13a. "LIKE the Son of man..that I knew on earth..but now so changed..so glorious...that vs. 17 "I fell at his feet as dead."

If our Lord appeared here like that..these pews be full of limp forms..some fallen prostrate in aisles. Pulpit empty. Yet He IS here..in unseen, spiritual presence..but real..looking. listening. May the awesome sense of that Holy, glorious Presence overwhelm our souls today!

I. Take time with me to look afresh at this chap. of Rev.

(a). Some pass by this great Book..as too complicated..and so miss promised blessing set out in vs.3. Some would declare it to be just mixed up dream of old man in dotage. BUT..no Book of Bible more clearly authenticated as the Word of God. See how it was given..vs. 1-2. God the Father gave it to God the Son..to the Angel (God the H.Spirit)..to John..to us! At each stage..authenticated..authorized..by Triune God..by angels and men...from heaven direct to earth. This is the very Word of God.

(b). Then the Book was written in form of an epistle..a letter to the CHURCH. Too bad when a church doesn't read it's mail..from heaven! Signed simply in vs. 4.."JOHN". No title..frill..just plain, modest JOHN..not an excited old man. Same self-effacing man who wrote Gospel of John and would not even mention his own name in it.

ADDRESSED to seven churches of Asia..real..there in John's day..Places still well known. Been to two of them. Salutation from these: vs.4b-5a. Eternal God the Father, Seven-fold Holy Spirit, God the Son, resurrected and coming to reign. Only Bible epistle ~~signed~~ with salutation from the whole Trinity! GOD'S LETTER TO CHURCHES..THIS ON

(c). Divided into three parts..so that we can und. better. vs. 19. Things already seen..vision of chap. one. Things that are, conditions in 7 churches, described in chap's 2-3. Things that shall be hereafter, beginning at chap.4 to end.. c/f 4:1 Hereafter..after here..when church age over...So from 4:1 to end..things still in prophetic realm..future to Imp. to know..but still ahead of our day. And so chaps 1-3 are very relevant to churches in 1968..until Jesus c

II. Now ready to look over John's shoulder at this <sup>(VITAL today)</sup> 1st vision.

(a). Simple..yet profound..awe-inspiring.. vs.12-18. <sup>IN LIGHT OF WHAT AHEAD</sup> The resurrected, glorious, triumphant Saviour and coming King. Totally in charge of all things. (Devil doesn't even have key to own front door..Jesus has it.."keys of hell and death"! ) Now vs. 20 unfolds the mystery..The seven stars are the "angels ..messengers..leaders of the churches..Candlesticks the churches CHRIST IN MIDST OF HIS CHURCHES..LIKE THIS ONE..GLORIOUS UN\* SEEN HEAVENLY VISITOR..in the midst...here today.

(b). What is He doing? See! He is shown as a glorious High Priest. The white head of supreme authority..typified by the snow-white mitre H.P. word. The long garment down to foot.. as H.P. wore the coat and the robe. The golden girdle, as H.P. of Israel wore golden breastplate. Flaming eyes of discernment..burning feet like brass furnace of judgment..Voice like thundering waters, sending out Word of God. Countenance radiating ineffable glory of God. THIS IS ONE WITH WHOM THE CHURCHES HAVE TO DEAL. How like see Him visibly..this pulpit?

(c). There He stood..in midst of the candlesticks. What does a High Priest do there? Look back today's of Israel's tabernacle in wilderness. Through Word of God we can look into the Holy Place where only priests went..see what going on. There stood a seven-branched Golden Candlestick..prototype of these 7 separate candlesticks John saw. Made of one piece of pure gold..symbol of that which is Divine in nature. So Rev. 1 tells us these things: That the true, world-wide church of J.C. is Divine institution..set up by God..and of which Jesus said: "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." And that, although today in separate entities..it is still all of one piece..Diff. denominations..but ONE CHURCH..world-wide. God's. Notice further:- When Tab. was moved from place to place the Golden Candlestick had 2 coverings..Inner one of blue. outer of common badger skin, animal of earth. Num. 4:9-10 Just so..as church of J.C. moves through earth, mortal men see very ordinary thing..earthly organization.."religious club".. BUT FAIL SEE INNER PART..THE BLUE OF HEAVEN. CHURCH IS IN INNER NATURE HEAVENLY...and poured for heaven; (Some day) cover be off..be seen as she truly is.

Go of the true born  
are you? - 1974



(d). Now what did H.P. do as came to candlestick? Chiefly two wonderful things. Let me read number of Scrip:- Follow these carefully:

Exod. 27:20-21

Exod. 30:7-8

Levit. 24:2-4

II Chron. 13:11.

I'm sure you noticed <sup>especially</sup> the two things H.P. did.

First, he lit the lamps of the candlestick...HE MUST DO THE LIGHTING. And to do this He supplies the oil.

- If this church to be effective for God..our great High Priest must kindle the light..and supply it. Church is no place where self-effort..self-accomplishment..self-glory..self-prowess..self-ability be set out on display. Worldly affairs can beat us every time at that game. The church is to be a DIVINELY LIT LIGHT FOR JESUS CHRIST. So it MUST be a company of the twice-born..filled with the H.S. Has our Lord come here today and found such a place? God grant it! Notice too..that the lamps were lit in the evening to SHINE IN THE NIGHT! God's Church is today the most vitally imp. institution on earth..the only organization dedicated to be a LIGHT HOLDER..to illuminate the weary spirit of men blinded by sin. LET OUR LORD SHINE THROUGH US NOW

Second:- The H.P. stood by lamp to "order" it and to "dress" it. Every MORNING he came to trim the wick..to remove the burnt ash..wipe away smut and smudges..that it might be ready to shine again. Need I suggest the application? "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves". But H.P. not deceived. He knows we need His cleansing work..every morning. Thank God He is willing and able.. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." - *that we may be His lamp - UNTIL He comes for us - REV. 4:1*

Conclus:- 1. Wait quietly for these closing moments before our great High Priest..present in this house of God..at this moment. Is there anything we should say to Him? What does He see? Something to be cleansed? Tell Him. R.C's ahead of us here. Confession part of worship. They talk to an earthly so-called priest. We have a so much greater privilege..our Heavenly High Priest..in the midst. I think we should have three things to say to Him - as each ahead

- I confess sin..all I know..Lord cleanse me thoroughly
- Fill me afresh this morn. with Thy Holy Spirit..Oil.
- Set me alight for God..to witness, life, lip..let me burn out for Thee..take my life and let it be consec...

"Let me not sink to be a clod. Make me Thy fuel, flame of God." HE WILL. WAITING..IF WE WILL...NOW. →

Brentwood Bap - Calgary - July 20/69

Part-Bapt - CHQR - CFCW - RARI - Jan 9-10/70

Gideons - Vermilion (Rhydymon, Wainwright, Ours K.) Mar 29/72

Killamney Bap - Calgary - Apr. 9/72

Dicksbury - Coalgate Ch (Zion) - Mar. 25/73

Nanaimo W-Bap. - Aug 11/74

Med. Hst. - Coalgate Ch Conf - Nov 3/74

Poncha Bap. - May 4/75

Edmonton - Millbourne CMA May 9/75

Mayland Bto - Calgary - July 13/75

Wetaskwin - Labourg Bap - B. Class - Aug 24/75

Black Diamond B. Class - Oct 19/75

"Jesus is coming for us soon -  
O God send a revival before He comes  
to me."

That is the prayer God is  
waiting to answer