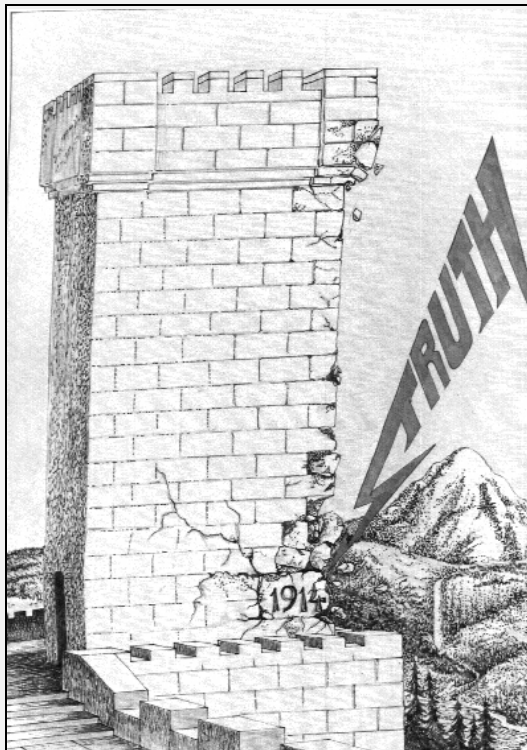


607 WITNESSES AGAINST THE WATCHTOWER



HOW SOLID A FOUNDATION
HAS THE 1914 CHRONOLOGY?

A billion publications per year ...

Papering over the cracks

For almost 120 years, boasts *The Watchtower*, its pages have “faithfully” pointed first forward, then backward, to the date they have not hesitated to herald as “God’s date”, the most important fixed point in the “Divine Plan of the Ages”. Their knowledge of the significance of the year 1914 -- especially *in advance* -- is viewed by JW’s as somehow bestowing prophetic, oracular authority on Watchtower leaders, the “faithful and discreet slave”. Note the awestruck tone:

Very noteworthy was the striking accuracy with which that book [*Three Worlds, and the Harvest of this World*] pointed to the end of the Gentile Times, “the appointed times of the nations” ... Just think of it! Jehovah granted his people that knowledge nearly four decades before those times expired. *1975 Yearbook of Jehovah’s Witnesses* pp.36-37

Only God by his holy spirit could have revealed this to those early Bible students so far in advance. *Watchtower* July 1, 1973 p.402

But *The Watchtower* has consistently covered up the cracked and decrepit condition of its 1914 cornerstone. Not only was the 1914 ‘prediction’ tied to a chronological miscalculation (which has been admitted in recent years, albeit under pressure of critics¹), but the expectations regarding the date **completely failed**². With astonishing brazenness, *Watchtower* writers have attempted to rewrite this history:

Although this was still decades before the first world war, it is surprising how accurately the events that finally took place were actually foreseen. *Jehovah’s Witnesses in the Divine Purpose* (WTBTS, 1959 p.31)

That *Watchtower* leaders should attempt to buttress their foundational doctrine is not surprising. They have, after all, rested confidently the full weight of their “good news” on the 1914/last days/this generation scenario. Can we therefore be astonished that the “governing body” has thrown a smokescreen around the **most** dangerous crack in the 1914 doctrine -- the date of the **beginning** of the “appointed times”, supposedly 607 BCE³.

Incompetent research -- or dishonesty?

Repeatedly *Watchtower* publications have attempted to obscure the difficulties of the 1914 calculation with “straw man” arguments; that is, deflecting attention from the issue of the date itself by not so subtle swipes at those who hold other dates for Jerusalem’s fall. For example:

Modern secular historians do not generally present 607 B.C.E. as the date for this event, but they are dependent on the writings of men who lived centuries after ... *Is This Life All There Is?* (WTBTS, 1974 p.158)

We cannot therefore go along with the chronologers of Christendom who date Jerusalem’s destruction as occurring in 587 B.C. ... “*Babylon the Great Has Fallen!*”

God's Kingdom Rules! (WTBTS, 1963 p.372)

“Secular historians”, “chronologers of Christendom” -- guilt by association, Watchtower leaders hope, will throw the less demanding reader off truth's trail. (Though alarms should go off when “secular historians” and “chronologers of Christendom” are **both** slapped with the same brush!) But there is an additional deviousness about the *Watchtower* defense of the 607/1914 calculation: What are JW's or prospective converts supposed to understand by the careful wording “modern secular historians do not GENERALLY present 607 ...”? Would not this guarded admission at least suggest -- to the unsuspecting -- that there are **some** supporters for the Society's date, even if they are a minority? But in 1981 the *Watchtower* became extraordinarily bold, in the wake of the research done by JW's like Carl Olof Jonsson:

... based primarily on such secular records, SOME PERSONS FIGURE that Jerusalem was destroyed in 587/6 B.C.E. ... *Let Your Kingdom Come* (WTBTS, 1981 p.138, emphasis added)

What should JW's and other sincere readers of *Watchtower* publications understand from this verbal sleight-of-hand -- but that SOME [other] PERSONS DON'T so figure? And do these “some persons” have any credibility at all, or are their opinions automatically tossed on the trash heap with the “secular historians” and “chronologers of Christendom”? And who are the mysterious, unspecified **others** -- those who, we are allowed to conclude, would NOT hold to the 587/6 date?

In the spirit of impartial inquiry we have attempted to compile a representative selection of these “some persons”. At the same time we have attempted to locate ANY **other** persons who, with Watchtower leaders, challenge the 587/6 date. All available sources have been drawn upon -- whether “secular” (i.e. non-religious historians, archaeologists, chronologers) or religious (Jewish, as well as “Christendom”, Roman Catholic and Protestant, both conservative and liberal in their suppositions -- this is important as Witnesses attempt to undermine those who attack the 607 date by impugning their faith in the Bible.) Here follows the result of the last 12 years research. The code across the page explains the sources.

1. *Revelation - Its Grand Climax at Hand!* (WTBTS, 1988 p.105) The Society has the miscalculation arranged “providentially”, thus implicating God in their error! [*The Concise Oxford Dictionary* lists the primary meaning of **providential** as “of or by divine foresight or interposition”]
2. See *The Time is at Hand* (WTBTS, 1889) pp.76-78. All 7 (11?) predictions failed.
3. How the Witnesses arrive at this date can be seen in *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* (WTBTS, 1982) pp.138-141. Even zealous JW's often try to avoid the subject!

ABBREVIATIONS FOR SOURCES

AB	Anchor Bible	KD	Keil-Delitzsch Old Testament Commentary
ABC	Abingdon Bible Commentary	Lange	Lange's Commentary
BKC	Bible Knowledge Commentary	Knox	Knox Bible Commentary
BSC	Bible Study Commentary	Lay	Layman's B
Cam	Cambridge Bible for Schools	LBC	Liberty Bible Commentary
CCHS	Catholic Commentary on Holy Scripture	NBC	New Bible Commentary
Cent	Century Bible	NBD	New Bible Dictionary
CLB	Christian Living Bible	NC	New Commentary on Holy Scripture
Cook	Cook's Commentary	NCB	New Century Bible
DSB	Daily Study Bible	NIC	New International Commentary
EBC	Expositor's Bible Commentary	OTL	Old Testament Library
Ell	Ellicott Bible Commentary	OTM	Old Testament Message
Exp	Expositor's Bible	PCI	Peake's Commentary (1924)
HDB	Hasting's Dictionary of the Bible	PCII	Peake's Commentary (1963)
IB	Interpreter's Bible	PCBE	Popular & Critical Bible Encyclopedia
IBC	Interpreter's Bible Commentary	Ref	reference work
ICC	International Critical Commentary	Sonc	Soncino Books of the Bible
IDB	Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible	SU	Student's Union Commentary
IB.1V	Interpreter's Bible One Volume Commentary	TB	Torch Bible Commentary
ITC	International Theological Commentary	WBC	Wycliffe Bible Commentary
ISBE	International Standard Bible Encyclopedia	WC	Westminster Commentaries
JBC	Jerome Biblical Commentary	Word	Word Biblical Commentary
JFB	Jamieson, Fausset & Brown	ZPEB	Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible

ABBREVIATIONS FOR CODE COLUMN

A	archaeologist	LP	liberal Protestant
CP	conservative Protestant	R	Roman Catholic
H	historian	Ref	reference work
J	Jewish		

NOTE: Where a question mark appears in the listing, the source gives no actual date for the destruction of Jerusalem, but that date may be deduced from other Neo-Babylonian chronological data on the reference page.

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Let the honest-hearted person compare the kind of preaching of the gospel of the Kingdom done by the religious systems of Christendom during all the centuries with that done by Jehovah's Witnesses since the end of World War I in 1918. They are not one and the same kind. That of Jehovah's Witnesses is really "gospel," or "good news," as of *God's heavenly kingdom that was established by the enthronement of his Son Jesus Christ at the end of the Gentile Times in 1914.*

[Italics ours] [*The Watchtower* May 1, 1981 p.17]

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We have here endeavoured, we believe impartially, to bring forth the best evidence from *all available sources* bearing on the actual date of Jerusalem's fall to Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. We have failed to find even *a single reference* from a reputable source -- that is, a source that has credibility outside of *The Watchtower*. We therefore challenge the leaders of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society to come forward with a single credible witness who will publically defend their date for the fall of Jerusalem, 607 B.C.

Until that time we stand on the word of Jesus Christ himself: 'at the mouth of two or three witnesses every matter may be established' (Matt.18:16, NWT; see also John 8:17; Deut.19:15)

