



Why October 22, 1844? The Biblical Calendar | Live Bible Study Part 1

Purpose: To show from God's Word the certainty of God's prophetic Word and that He is the author of prophetic time, as was fulfilled under the 1st and 2nd angels' messages. He is called the "Wonderful Numberer of Secrets" for a profound reason.

Gen 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

Firmament – sky, expansion

What is the purpose of these lights in the sky or expansion?

Ans. To divide the day from the night, and for signs, seasons, days and years.

What are these lights?

Ans. **Gen 1:16** And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also.

Greater Light – rule the day

Lesser Light – rule the night

Note: Sunlight rules the day and moonlight rules the night, but there is a distinction made in relation to the stars, so our focus will be on the sun and moon.

Day = light or morning

Night = night or evening

Note: "Thus, the evening and the morning = a complete day, or *yom*."

This is important because it will establish the basis for determining days and the beginning of months, which in turn provides the understanding needed to show how God is the author of all time, including prophetic time. He is the creator of solar, lunar and prophetic time.

Ezekiel 4:6 And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: **I have appointed [H5414] thee each day for a year.**

Appointed – Genesis 1:17 "And God set [H5414] them [sun, moon] in the firmament..."

Note: It is the "forty days" in which God appointed each day for a year. And specifically the sun is the means for determining this since He explicitly told us that it is to rule the day or days.



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Let us look at three ways in which the sun, which rules the day by dividing light from darkness, determines all time, including prophetic time.

1. **Solar** – 365.2422 days
2. **Mean-Solar Day** = 24 hours = 360°

Note: We will also discuss lunar, which pertains to the moon which reflects the light of the sun, later, as it works together with the sun in order to establish, years and months as it relates to prophetic time and the yearly festivals or biblical calendarization.

Lunar = 354.37 days

We have several biblical examples which happen to correlate time-wise with prophetic time, showing a 30-day month and a prophetic time of 360 days.

Genesis 7:11 — “In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the **second month, the seventeenth day of the month**, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.”

Genesis 7:24 — “And the waters prevailed upon the earth **an hundred and fifty days**.”

Genesis 8:3-4 — “And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the **hundred and fifty days** the waters were abated. And the ark rested in the **seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month**, upon the mountains of Ararat.”

Note: The five months mentioned here are shown to be 150 days. Five months, 30 days × 5 = 150 days, or 150/30 = 5.

Here is another demonstration of the same.

Revelation 12:6 — “And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there **a thousand two hundred and threescore days**.”

Revelation 12:14 — “And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for **a time, and times, and half a time**, from the face of the serpent.”

Revelation 11:2 — “But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot **forty and two months**.”

Revelation 11:3 — “And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy **a thousand two hundred and threescore days**, clothed in sackcloth.”

Note: 1260/42 = 30 days per month. 30 × 42 = 1260 days. 1260/3.5 = 360 days per time. So, by these simple calculations we are provided with a 30-day prophetic month and 360 days per prophetic time. And this is all determined by a DAY consisting of evening and morning.

Gen 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the **evening and the morning** were the first day.



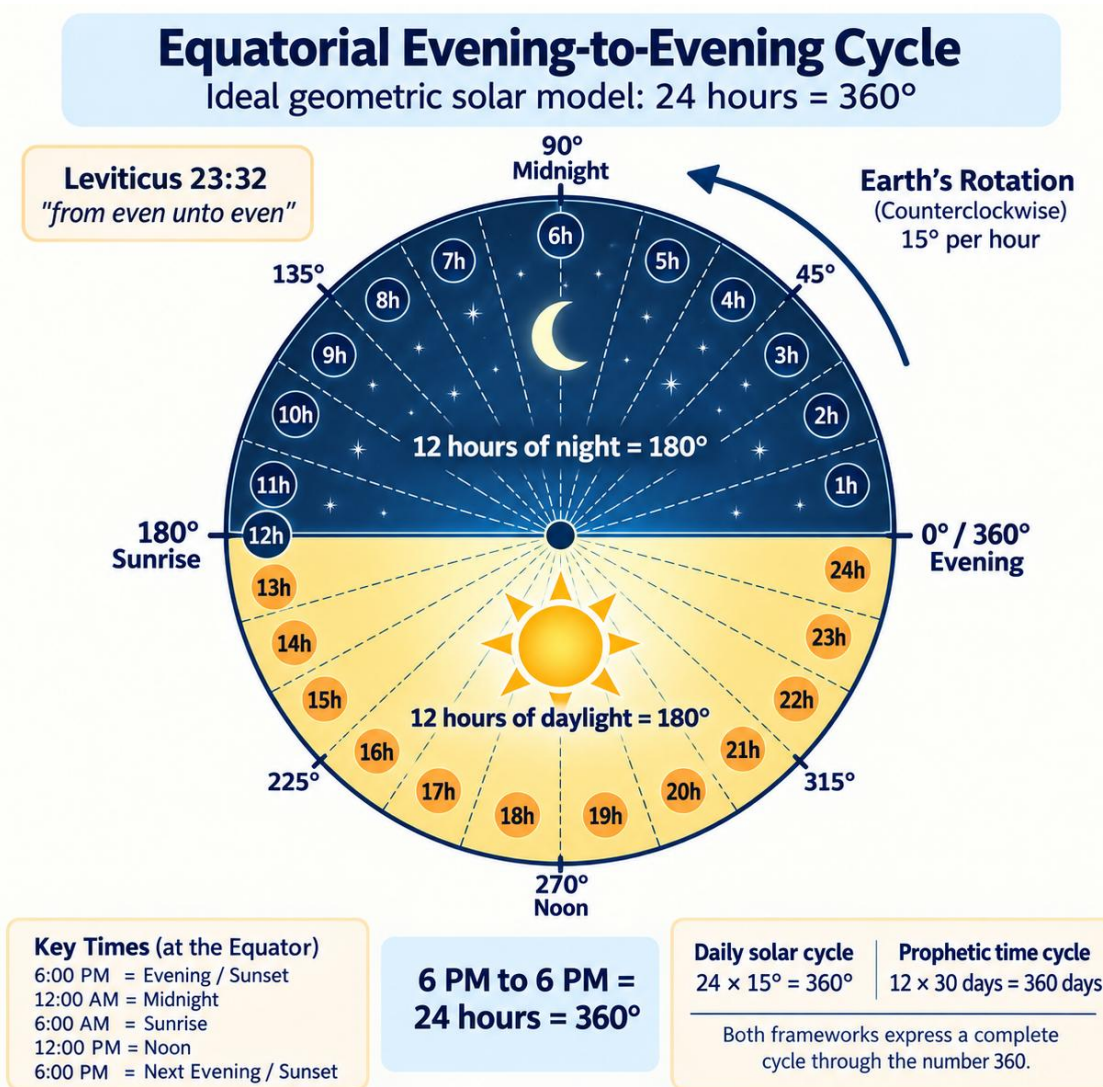
Dan 8:14 And he said unto me, Unto **two thousand and three hundred** days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

Dan 8:26 And the **vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true**: wherefore **shut thou up the vision; for it shall be for many days**.



“Let us now look at a visual illustration as to how this division of night and day works in reference to the 360 framework and Jesus’ statement below. See Exhibit.”

John 11:9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.



Note: This is an ideal geometric model. Actual observed sunrise and sunset can differ slightly because of atmospheric refraction, the Sun’s visible disk, and local viewing conditions.

Note: In our defined geometric reference model, a complete mean-solar day is 24 hours = 360°.



1 hour = 15°

12 hours × 15° = 180°

24 hours × 15° = 360°

Jesus states, “Are there not twelve hours in the day?” Thus, in our model, the twelve hours of daylight correspond to 180°, while the remaining twelve hours correspond to the other 180°, completing the full 360° evening-to-evening cycle.

Note: The Bible and true science do not represent competing systems. Both originate with the same Author. Scripture reveals that God appointed the heavenly lights for signs, seasons, days, and years; true astronomy discovers the mathematical order inherent in those created motions. Therefore, where the biblical prophetic structure and the mathematically demonstrable celestial structure exhibit the same 360 framework, the biblical worldview would understand the scientific relationship as a discovery of divine order rather than as a human invention imposed upon Scripture.

“In true science there can be nothing contrary to the teaching of the Word of God; for both have the same Author. A correct understanding of both will always prove them to be in harmony.”

— Ellen G. White, *The Ministry of Healing*, p. 462

“The book of nature and the written word shed light upon each other. They make us acquainted with God by teaching us something of the laws through which He works.”

— Ellen G. White, *Education*, p. 128

“God does not annul His laws or work contrary to them, but He is continually using them as His instruments.”

— Ellen G. White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 114

“Nature testifies of an intelligence, a presence, an active energy, that works in and through her laws.”

— *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 114

“God is perpetually at work in nature. She is His servant, directed as He pleases.”

— Ellen G. White, “Science, True and False, and Revelation.”

Closing Summary

As we close Part 1, we can see that God has not left prophetic time to uncertainty. The same God who established the sun, moon, days, months, seasons, and years also appointed the prophetic periods found in His Word. The fulfillment of those periods under the **first and second angels’ messages** therefore rests upon a divine system of time that is orderly, measurable, and certain.

The prophetic calculations are not arbitrary. Scripture itself gives us the relationships between **days, months, times, and years**, and the created heavens reveal the same mathematical order established by their Author. This gives us confidence that the prophetic periods were fulfilled according to God’s appointed time.

In **Part 2**, we will build upon this foundation by looking more closely at the **sun and moon working together in the biblical calendar**, the beginning of months, the appointed feasts, and the specific calendrical evidence that leads us toward the question:

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