

Bible Prophecy, Time, and Chronology

Commentary for May 15, 2016 — More on the ELM Timeline Project

We continue to be gratified by positive responses to the “[ELM Timeline Project](#)” produced for ASK by Henry Dye and Tim Parrott. It is a different and useful way of presenting biblical information for many people to view and learn from its visual information.¹

People around the world have responded with comments, suggestions, and corrections, that will be discussed, argued, rejected, and some will be incorporated into the timeline.

As I wrote previously, the project begins with the most significant biblical benchmark events of the central person in history and in God’s plan of salvation, the creator Jesus Christ²:

- Christ’s birth date on September 11, 3 BC.³
- His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension, during the Spring of 30 AD.⁴

I must add another important event I forgot to mention previously. If you are familiar with Dr. Martin’s writings, you will understand the significance of this next event:

- Christ’s giving of the final revelation of the Mystery to the apostle Paul and others later. Paul gave these teachings to the world in 63 AD.⁵

These are not only the three most important events in human history, they occurred at significant times within God’s plan of the eons.

I have another point regarding the timeline. We will not hesitate to “update” Dr. Martin’s historical findings or prophetic understandings as we progress, or as scientific or historical discoveries are made. While the Bible will always be true, our understanding of what it says will remain flawed until our resurrection from the dead at Christ’s return. However, as that

¹ One important key to learning any subject is to take one fact or bit of information and learn, discover, or “create” a valid and meaningful connection to another fact. That is how infants learn as they begin to use their senses. It is why we will learn so quickly in God’s Kingdom. God will give us an incomprehensibly rapid ability to relate an untold number of facts instantly, and accurately comprehend their relevance. This will result in us being in even greater awe of our Father in heaven, and His Son, and our Brother, Jesus Christ.

² Christ as creator: Colossians 1:15–19; Ephesians 3:9; Hebrews 1:2–3; Revelation 4:11. Christ has been subservient since He was created by God His Father (Colossians 1:15; Revelation 3:14). All things were subsequently created through Christ. Christ will give up all rule and place Himself in total subjection by giving the Kingdom of God to His father (1 Corinthians 15:27–28).

³ Dr. Ernest Martin, [The Star That Astonished the World](#).

⁴ Dr. Ernest Martin, [The Secrets of Golgotha](#).

⁵ Dr. Martin’s article “[The History of the Revelation of the Mystery](#)” and his book [Restoring the Original Bible](#) shows you how and when the Mystery was revealed, and his book [Essentials of New Testament Doctrine](#) presents the awesome significance of the Mystery for you and for all humanity.

time gets closer, God will give His children more precise understanding of His prophecies.

One regret I have is that Dr. Martin never put down his not-yet-mature “musings” about prophecy on paper. He kept such things in his head. He kept background research in files, but they are uncommented upon and do not contain his own notes. This was because he did not feel confident to put down in writing his thoughts until he dove into a subject. As a result, he never published a book-length statement of his prophetic understanding.

There was one instance, in May or June of 2001 that I regret not remembering better. My family and I lived in North County near San Diego while I worked as a typesetter at a local legal publication. Dr. Martin had commissioned me to line edit *Essentials* word-for-word one more time. He had business in Los Angeles and took a motel room down near where I lived. He and I were going over his approval of the latest edited pages that I input, along with my suggestions (not of content, but correcting errors, suggesting word usage and desirable rewrites if he wished). Taking a break, he wanted to get out of his room. We sat at the hotel breakfast area. He said he wanted to “bounce something off me” to see if it made sense.

He had never done this before. This was the only time he ever gave me an impromptu “lecture” of a significant prophetic event to look for in the future. On a sheet of paper (which he retained by the way), he explained prophecies and chronological biblical information, which I understood, and how it all fit into a time sequence, calculations and astronomical time cycles — much of which I was not able to follow. He intended to write about this information and he referred to it in the “[July 2001 Newsletter](#),” some seven months before he died:

“In the next few months I will be writing brand new material on prophetic subjects that are becoming clear in the biblical revelation. I am amazed at how clear some prophecies are beginning to be understood. When I survey the number of necessary subjects that I will have to cover, the task seems daunting and even awesome, but they must be brought to your attention. Indeed, I can state quite dogmatically that this whole world is going to go through a major cultural and societal change within the next twenty years.

People are going to start discovering that their past histories which they have been taught in schools, colleges and universities have been wrong. People in the educational professions will realize that a whole new way of appraising the past history of the world (the western world in particular) will have to be engaged. It will be a humiliating experience in some ways because the needed alteration in historical comprehension will impinge upon getting rid of the unfounded sanctity of our traditional religious and philosophical beliefs that touch the very foundations of our private emotions.”

Dr. Martin did not write the prophetic articles as he wanted, nor did he keep research notes on his computer. It was all in his head until he would sit down to write. New evidence on the Temple came to light and sidetracked him. God willing, someone will discover the prophetic information Dr. Martin tried to explain to me. I hope the [ELM Timeline Project](#) will be helpful to this end. A better understanding of biblical chronology will greatly help us to learn details and sequences of prophetic events. All of which relate to God and Christ’s salvific acts.

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