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#### The Amazing Nest of a Meadow Mouse

By the middle of September the real work of storing up the winter's supplies began in earnest. As I did not see this work done, I can only describe the results as I found them in November, when I was out digging for nuts and chanced to unearth the home of a short-tailed meadow mouse. Yes, I was gathering hazel-nuts with a mattock and spade, queer as that may seem to you.

Having followed up a mouse run or two for some distance, and finding good evidence that there was a den under the large clump of hazel brush, where, it developed, the mouse had made his home, I prepared carefully to dig into it. There was no dirt piled about the clump of brush to indicate anything unusual. Sometimes there is loose earth at such places, but in this case there was none--another evidence of the shrewdness of our small hero.

The brush was old and tough, and the mouse had done his work well. After half an hour's digging I was about to give up, thinking perhaps I had been mistaken after all. The tunnel I was trying to unearth wound up and down among the roots and

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was difficult to follow. No coyote could possibly have dug out this mouse family. Just as I said to my brother, "Let's quit and go somewhere else," I happened to lift a shovelful of earth at the side of the brush, and thereby disclosed a pocket filled with thorn apples. This was not very far under the ground. It had been placed at just this depth in order that the apples might freeze when the first really cold days came, and yet prevent their thawing and freezing again with every change in the weather in early fall. This pocket was an oval, oven-shaped cell, smoothed at the sides and arched above with a skill equaling that of the best mason who ever wielded a trowel. It held perhaps a gallon and a half of ripe, red thorn apples, so snugly packed in that they could with difficulty be removed with the fingers. As I was not after thorn apples, however, I did not disturb them.

Leaving this cell, I followed a new tunnel, which ran considerably deeper and ended in an oval-shaped pocket holding about a peck of jack oak acorns as clean and bright as if they had been sorted and washed. These also I left, and followed still another tunnel, which ran downward at a sharp angle for a little distance and opened into a rather long-shaped pocket. This cell had a drain, so that no water could possibly stand in it.

Here was a treasure trove indeed--the royal storehouse, filled to the brim with beautiful brown

hazelnuts, a whole bushel and a half of them! They were packed in so tightly that they left dents in the wall when they were taken out. I did not find the room where the shells were to be stored when the nuts were eaten; but such a room is always prepared, for bobtailed meadow mice are not slack housekeepers by any means, and often it is so snowy that they cannot carry the shells out of their den after they have eaten the nuts. Besides, every mouse who makes any pretense to wisdom knows that a pile of nutshells says as plainly as words, not only to men but to chipmunks, that there are nuts near by. It is a silly mouse indeed who scatters his empty shells about his door.

Let's learn a lesson from the meadow mouse and be neat, wise, and hard working too! = ^ .. ^ =

## STORY LESSON

### How the Devil Pretends to be God

It all began about four thousand years ago although likely much of the idea came from before the flood. Shortly after the flood, a large group of people rebelled against God and His prophets by choosing a king and deciding to build the huge tower of Babel where they planned to have all their idols and worship them as well as worship the sun, moon and stars!

They wanted to be a 'monarchy' (ruled by a king) instead of the 'theocracy' (ruled by God through his chosen prophets) which was God's plan.

What makes people refuse to listen to God's guidance like that? Well our messenger told us something about it: "The more self is exalted, the more will faith in the testimonies of the Spirit of God be lessened. Those who are the most closely connected with God are the ones who know His voice when He speaks to them. Those who are spiritual discern spiritual things. Such will feel grateful that the Lord has pointed out their errors, while those who trust wholly in themselves will see less and less of God in the testimonies of His Spirit." 5 Testimonies 134.

So was that the problem with those people back there? Oh it surely was! The idea of this tower for one thing was they wanted to do scientific research, they wanted to prove that it was not God that sent that flood, they wanted their tower to reach up into heaven where they thought they could find out all about it. Even if they did decide it was God

that did it, their tower would be so high that they could escape if He did it again.

Of course they were ignoring the message God gave to us through Noah that He would never send that kind of flood again. Now you can be sure Satan was really directing these people as he wanted them to ignore what God said and even believe that God did not say it!

What were the first words Satan said to Eve through the serpent? "Yea, Hath God said?" "Awe, comon! Did God really say that? You don't believe that do you?"

Do you hear people talk like that today? Oh yes we sure do! We hear people who claim to be scientists making fun of folk who believe in Creation. We hear people claiming that the stories of the Bible are only myths and legends. And saddest of all, we hear people that claim to be God's special people, telling us things that our modern day Messenger told us are wrong and when you show them that, what do they say? They say that well she just didn't know about this like we do.

So they show that they do not really believe that God sent the messages to us that she wrote out for us! "Yea, hath God said?" The more people want to do their own things, hang into thier sins, and have their own way the more they want to get rid of any message that comes from God. They don't seem to realize that this is Satan's plan, often they think they are being real smart.

Now Satan's aim was to be a god--to take the place of God, so he wants people to worship him. But just like he could never have fooled Eve if he just came along and said, "Hey, worship me!" So he used a serpent back then to treick her and he also later chose another symbol to represent himself, which was the sun,

Remember how the Bible says "Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness." Ezekiel 28:17. So by getting people to adore and worship the Sun, he was getting worship that way.

God also has a Sabbath so Satan chose one too. He chose the first day of the week, the one day that could never represent God's craetion, and later it was called 'day of the Sun' or Sunday.

Everyone who has studied pagan religions knows that the sun is one of the chief gods as is also the symbol of the serpent which is always found connected with the sun gods. If the Bible story is not true, why would we find this serpent symbol everywhere and especially connected to the

Sun? Snakes tend to be creatures of darkness.

Almost everywhere we find sun worship on the face of the earth, either ancient or modern, we find a sacred serpent accompanying such worship. Take ancient Egypt, for instance. On Egyptian inscriptions we find the sun always pictured in the sky encircled by the cobra. The cobra, likewise, is pictured as being a part of the headdress of the queen and of the Pharaoh, who was called the sun-god on earth. We also find the sun temples everywhere have their sacred serpent.

Both ancient and modern Indians of America, and among the most savage tribes of Africa, the Orient, or the islands of the sea. Everywhere the sun-god is accompanied by his sacred serpent.

### **When the Devil made Himself God**

That the devil himself, not the sun, is the real deity of paganism, seems almost unbelievable, but this is the case.

We learn the reason for such devil worship when we interview modern followers of this ancient religion. Worship, they say, has no other object than to appease the evil spirits. A good being needs no appeasing—he is naturally kind and good. It is the evil one that man must fear; worship him, and he will bless you and give fortune in place of misfortune.

But we see their whole idea is wrong because these people are all so degraded, superstitious, fear-crazed and unhappy who follow devil worship today. But this idea must have sounded true to the ancients who turned their back upon God and accepted Lucifer as their deity.

We can see that the sun as an object of worship is merely a visible manifestation of Satan even by the names the sun-god is called. Here are a few: “Lord of the lower world,” “sword,” “god of fire,” “raging king,” “the violent one,” “the one that lies in wait,” “the oppressor,” “the soul of the sun,” “the spy,” “prince of Hades,” “the lightning flash” “the plague”.

In one Babylonian hymn the sun-god is described thus: “Desire for rulership seizes his heart.” And then he is represented as saying, “I will take the tablets of the gods and decree the decisions. I will establish my throne, I will proclaim laws, I will give orders to all the spirits.”

We can see the similarity of these words of the sun-god to those of Lucifer found in Isaiah 14:13, 14: “I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation: ... I will ascend above

the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.”

With these words in mind, we are not surprised that Lucifer was not content to be worshiped only as a demon—he had higher aspirations than that. He wanted to be worshiped as a god as well as a devil. And so, just as we find almost every title by which we know the devil, applied to him by Babylonian sun worshipers, so also we find practically all the titles rightfully belonging to the true God used in addressing the sun.

Lucifer was so jealous of the work of Christ the Creator, that he made desperate efforts to destroy Christ’s work as the Redeemer. He also took full advantage of his knowledge of the plan of salvation that he either got directly from God after his sin, or which he could have received when the plan was revealed to man in the Garden of Eden, to attempt to destroy the work of Christ by setting up himself, the destroyer of the world, to claim to be its redeemer!

So Lucifer established himself as a counterfeit god, a supreme deity in a false system of worship that was to spread over the entire world. As could be expected, Satan would never be content to leave a single genuine doctrine among his worshipers. so his task was to establish a nonscriptural counterfeit for every truth ever given by God to man.

Many of these same counterfeits are today to be found in the creeds of practically every professedly Christian church on the face of the earth. Sometimes the prophets of God felt discouraged as people would refuse to believe the very words of God and instead follow their own ideas or the teachings of the devil.

Our special messenger for today was given a message from Jesus to encourage her in her work that was often made hard by people’s unbelief. Here it is:

“Be not afraid of man, for My shield shall protect you. It is not you that speaketh: it is the Lord that giveth the messages of warning and reproof. Never deviate from the truth under any circumstances. Give the light I shall give you. The messages for these last days shall be written in books, and shall stand immortalized, to testify against those who have once rejoiced in the light, but who have been led to give it up because of the seductive influences of evil.” **From the lips of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.** {1SM 32.3} = ^ .. ^ =

## TRUE-STORY-TIME

### “The Prince of Portrait Painters”

Sir Joshua Reynolds was a great English painter. He did not paint pictures of animals as Rosa Bonheur and Edwin Landseer did. He painted pictures of people. These pictures are called portraits. The pictures he made were so lifelike that he has been called “The Prince of Portrait Painters.” One time, he painted a portrait of a boy who was away from home. The boy sent the picture to his father. The father said, “When I first saw your picture, I almost believed it was you standing before me.”

When Joshua Reynolds was a boy, he was bright and thoughtful. Whatever he did, he wanted to do well. His parents hoped that he would one day be a great man. At first, they wanted him to be a minister. Then they planned to make a doctor of him. But the thing that Joshua really loved most to do was to draw. The pictures he made when he was a little fellow were so funny that his older brothers and sisters always laughed at them. They called Joshua the clown. But he did not care. He kept on trying. At last, when he was only seven years old, he drew a picture that every one praised.

When Joshua was twelve, he began to draw portraits. He did so well, that when he was seventeen his father sent him to London to study drawing. After he began his work in London, he wrote a letter to his father.

“Father,” he said, “I am the happiest creature alive.” His father expected him to study in London four years. But when two years were gone, he could paint as well as his teacher, who was the best portrait painter in London. So Joshua went home.

After that, Joshua Reynolds painted portraits of some of the greatest people in England. He was kept very busy. He dearly loved children. In his studio he kept pets and playthings for them. He made them so happy that they always wanted to come to see him.

Every time he drew a new picture, he said to himself, “This picture must be better than any other I have ever painted before.” One of his loveliest paintings of children is one which he named “The Infant Samuel.”

One time, he coaxed a little child to come in to have his picture painted. After a while, the child became tired and went to sleep. Reynolds took a fresh canvas and drew a picture of the sleeping

child. When the child moved, he drew the picture in another position. When he finished the painting, he named it “Babes in the Woods.”

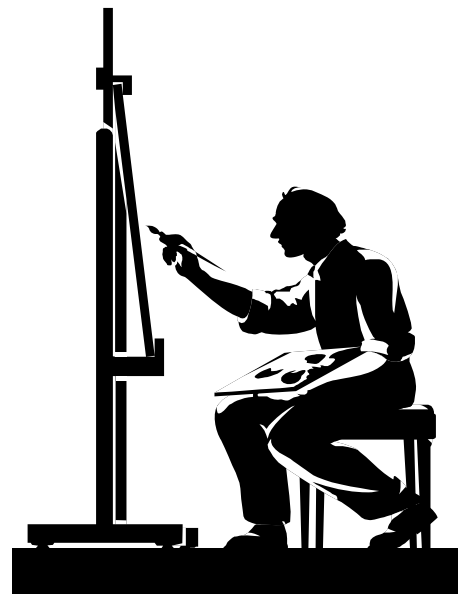
Joshua Reynolds would never allow anyone to excuse a failure he made by saying the subject was a poor one. He said there was always enough beauty in nature to make a good picture if the artist did his best. Here are some of the things he said to his students

“Draw until you can draw as easily as you can write.” “Learn to see nature.” “Work morning, noon, and night.” “Excellence is the reward of labor.” “Above all things, paint from nature.”

Long before Joshua Reynolds lived, if a man did a brave deed, the king would send for him. The hero would kneel before the king, who was seated on his throne of gold. The king would praise him for his bravery. Then he would give him a beautiful sword, and say, “Rise, Sir Knight.”

In later years, if a man painted a wonderful picture or wrote a wonderful poem, the king would make him a knight. This was the greatest earthly honor that could be given to a man. Joshua Reynolds was made a knight by King George III of England. Then he was called Sir Joshua Reynolds. When Sir Joshua Reynolds died, it was said that he had painted three thousand portraits.

Truly, cheerfulness and hard work pays off!  
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**Year 3: 3rd Quarter:**  
**“GOD’S MESSENGERS: THE PROPHETS”**  
**WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 3:**  
**“TIME PROPHECIES”**

This series of Bible Story Lessons is about God’s Messengers, His Prophets. For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don’t forget to learn the text too.

**MEMORY VERSE: “Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.” Matthew 24:44**

**Sunday**

**Text: Genesis 6:3 “And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.”**

One of the most interesting types of prophecy found in the Bible are the ‘Time Prophecies’. These tell an event and then tell us when it will happen or when it will end. They are scattered all through the Bible and when we see how they always come true, they really boost our faith.

Our text is the first one in the Bible and it was given at the time that God called Noah to build the ark. It was in plain language, where many other time prophecies are given in a code where a ‘day’ really means a year.

One thing about time prophecies is God gives them to a prophet and usually a prophet comes along to announce the end of the time period. In this case, it was the same prophet, Noah, who

announced both ends.

We can learn many things from this time prophecy. Most of the world had rejected the Creator God and followed the ways of Cain, making up their own religion to suit their selfish hearts. The result was they had no protection against Satan and his cruel, wicked ways. They just got worse and worse until the earth was full of cruelty and violence and there was danger that the true and faithful would soon all be killed.

So God set a time line; 120 years, and told Noah to build a ship and preach the warning. He did both, and at first, many people believed him and there was some who came back to God. Some of these remained faithful and died before the time of the flood. Most, however, soon got over being worried and went back to their false worship, worse than ever.

Some had gone to their religious leaders and scientists to ask about the idea of a flood. They were told it was nonsense and Noah was crazy. They preferred to believe people rather than God’s Word, so they laughed at the Preacher of Truth.

**Thought** - At the end of the 120 years, the flood came and the laughing stopped.

**Monday**

**Text: Genesis 15:12-14 “And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.”**

Abraham was also a prophet, and God gave him a message about what would happen to his family way in the future. He was told that they would go into Egypt and that they would be made slaves there and after 400 years they would go out with a lot of riches. Then they would return to possess the land of Canaan, where Abraham was then living as a stranger.

The years passed, and we all know the story of Joseph and how God used him to save the land of Egypt and also his own family during a terrible time of famine. Pharaoh invited Joseph’s people to come and live in Egypt and gave them the land of Goshen to live in with their flocks and herds.

If you study history in worldly schools you soon learn that Egypt was a very powerful and rich country in ancient times. Seldom though do you learn why.

Egypt was also a country that worshipped idols, animals, the sun and so on, and not the God of heaven. Sadly, many people today who study Egypt, think that if they were so great, their worship must be good and so they try and learn about it and copy it.

But what made Egypt become great? It was God, through Joseph that did it. You know the story of how Pharaoh had dreams and no one could tell the meaning until Joseph was brought before him and told him what God was warning him about.

Joseph became second ruler in Egypt and through wisdom from God set up great grain banks and food storage. When the famine came, Egypt alone had food for sale. All nations around came to Egypt and bought food. This made Egypt very rich.

God did this so the story of Joseph and the true God of heaven could be known by all these nations and Egypt in particular. Remember it was God who allowed the famine and His reason was to try and get these idol worshippers to see their false gods were powerless and invite them to worship Him. How many did learn, we don't know, but most just refused to learn.

**Thought** – It wasn't long before Egypt was the richest country in the world.

### Tuesday

**Text: Exodus 12:41** “And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.”

For thirty years all was well. After Joseph died, there came a time when a Pharaoh came to the throne and he was not at all interested in anything to do with the God of Heaven. You see when people have truth come to them and they refuse it, they become more wicked than they were before. So this guy decided to make good use of the Hebrews and he made them into slaves.

This is the second way that Egypt became great, they had a whole nation to work for them for free. But they did not have the blessing of God. Why did God allow this to happen? Because the Hebrews

had become involved in . . . you guessed it, pagan sun worship and idolatry. They married with the heathens and so God was not able to bless and protect them anymore.

The slaves built the great cities, pyramids and tombs that honored the false gods of Egypt, and they groaned under their heavy burdens. Because of the false ideas the people who study ancient Egypt have, it is thought the time that Egypt was great is much longer than it really was. Really they became rich and powerful under Joseph and they fell way back once Israel left under Moses.

Yes, Moses was the prophet raised up to announce the end of the 400 years told to Abraham. History shows that on the very day of the end of those years foretold, Israel marched out of Egypt, leaving it a ruined and desolated land. The time prophecy announced by Abraham was fulfilled and Moses was the prophet who announced the end of it.

God had done all He could to show Egypt and the heathen nations that their paganism was only a pack of lies, but only a few individuals listened, most just kept on anyway.

**Thought** – God never does anything in vain and in heaven there will be people from Egypt who did learn about the true God and did believe Him.

### Wednesday

**Text: Jeremiah 25:11** “And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.”

**Jeremiah 29:10** “For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.”

Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, gave the time prophecy that Judah would be captured and forced to serve Babylon for 70 years.

Why did Jeremiah have such a hard time? From the time God chose him as a young man to the end of his life he preached the warning that if Judah did not turn away from the heathen idolatry they had gotten into, and turn and worship the God of Heaven, and keep His Sabbath day, that they would be taken captive by Babylon and Jerusalem would be burned and the temple become heaps.

Did the people listen? They did not. In fact at one place there were false prophets saying that

Nebuchadnezzar would not attack Jerusalem when Jeremiah was saying the opposite and the Prince was actually already camped outside the city! How blind are those who don't want to see.

So Judah went into captivity in Babylon and Jerusalem was burned and the temple became heaps. Some of the faithful helped some of the heathen to learn about the true God. We know about Daniel and that Nebuchadnezzar actually ended his life as a worshipper of the God of heaven and will be saved.

But what did most of Babylon do? They refused to learn and kept on with their sun worship and wicked ways. Did Judah learn her lesson? Some of them did. It is shown that the Jews never did worship idols any more after that captivity.

But many of them did something that was even worse. They studied the Babylonian system of magic and brought back many ideas of sacred symbols and numbers and so on and they mixed them with their own religion. So even though they didn't worship the images, they still had the same paganism.

At the end of the seventy years, the people of Judah were allowed to return and Jerusalem and the temple were rebuilt. Ezra was one of the prophets who helped at the end of the time prophecy.

**Thought** – God wants us to worship him as He directs in His Holy Word, and not add anything or leave out anything. When the people of God turn away from Him, they always do it by first adding something 'new' to the worship of God.

### Thursday

**Text: Daniel 9:25 “Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.”**

Down through the centuries after the fall in Eden, the faithful looked for and longed for the coming of the Promised Seed that would bruise the serpent's head. During the seventy years of captivity in Babylon, Daniel the prophet was given a most amazing Time Prophecy.

It started with the final decree to rebuild Jerusalem and it actually gave the very year that

the Messiah would begin His work and the year He would die. It is called the prophecy of the 'seventy weeks'.

It was part of the 2300-day prophecy that tells us actually when the final judgment time for the earth began, in 1844. The first part of that prophecy shows the seventy weeks that were allowed to the Jews.

God was giving them time to repent and return to Him so He could bless them and use them to tell the gospel to the world. But although some individuals did serve the Lord and will be saved, most just kept mixing in the ways of the world and the false religions of the Pagans and the philosophy of the Greeks until they didn't even really know God any more. The very scriptures, which they were the keepers of, they could no longer understand.

So when the time came for Messiah the Prince to begin His work, few recognized Him at all. But was there a prophet around to announce the fulfillment of this Time Prophecy? There surely was: John the Baptist was on the job and what did he say? "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

And when Jesus was Baptized, John announced, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." And when Jesus started to preach, what did He say? "Repent, for the time is fulfilled!" What 'time'? The time prophecy of Daniel!

"And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined." Daniel 9:26

And precisely in the middle of the week, Messiah was 'cut off', crucified in the spring of AD 31, and in AD 70 the city was destroyed.

**Thought** – Jesus was also a prophet and He was God's Word to mankind.

### Friday

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

This is the Longest Time Prophecy of all! Daniel announced it and it started in 457 BC in the fall. It ended in 1844 in the fall and it shows us that the final judgment of God's people is happening right

now. This is the last thing to take place before Jesus comes to take His faithful ones home.

Was there a prophet around to announce when this prophecy ended? Yes indeed, God gave the prophetic gift to Wm. Foy and he did some announcing, to Hazen Foss, (but he refused it) and finally the young girl, Ellen Harmon, though whom the Lord showed the answer to the Mystery.

Now I want you to see something very interesting:

Revelation 10:5-7 "And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, **that there should be time no longer:** But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets."

Here is an angel and when we study to know Who He is, we learn it is none other than Jesus Himself. He stands both on the sea and the earth, meaning the whole world, and makes an announcement, "Time no longer". What time?



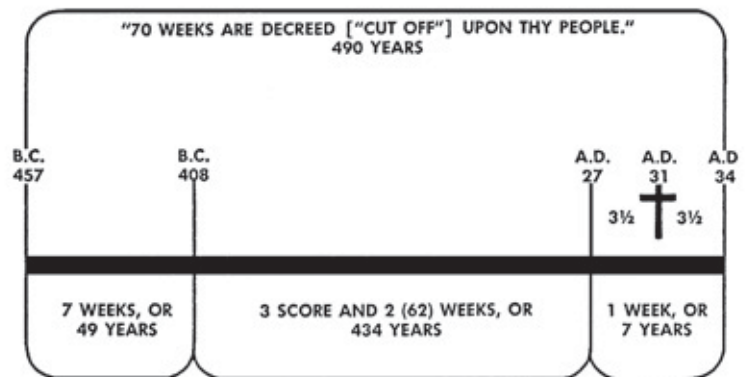
**Egyptian False Gods**

Well it is the Time Prophecies. The longest one ended in 1844 and we are told there will never be another message based on 'time' after that. Jesus even makes a solemn oath that this is true. The 'Mystery' is ended, the 2300-day mystery that was sealed up in the book of Daniel and opened at the 'end time', and no more time prophecies are to be looked for.

But, you say that you have heard lots of people figuring out time prophecies now and in the future? They take ones fulfilled in the past and 'reapply' them, or they don't know where they belong in the past and so put them into the future. They are doing it a lot these days and sadly, many who do not know their Bibles well enough, are listening and getting very mixed up.

Satan wants to keep the people of God confused and looking into the far future for Jesus return. But our probation could close suddenly with no warning. We could die today, probation for the world will soon close suddenly. We need to be ready for Jesus today; tomorrow may be too late! Think to yourself, "Am I ready to die today?" Talk to Jesus about it and ask Him to show you how to get ready and stay ready!

**Thought** - If someone comes to you telling a time prophecy for now or the future, you are wise if you don't listen to them. = ^ .. ^ =



A chart of the "seventy weeks" which were decreed to God's people. Christ's advent proved the prophecy true.

**The 70-Week Time Prophecy**