

2. *Will this Debate Cause Others to Become Discouraged With Glenn's Research?*

As time progresses with Glenn's web site, some fairly interesting question/answers materialize. I cannot help but notice that Glenn omits any hints that these questions are actually being posed by individuals from his reading audience, so I am currently persuaded that he is the one asking the questions. The following question, especially, clues me in to the likelihood that Glenn is the one asking the question. The question addresses whether or not the disagreement we have with Glenn will cause others to become discouraged with his research. The only person who would logically be concerned about others becoming discouraged with his research is none other than Glenn himself. Of course, as with all aspects of this study, Glenn is welcome to prove us wrong. Here is the question/answer as it appears on Glenn's "Answers to Objections" page:

QUESTION: Is it possible that this intense debate between you and Larry Acheson could cause others to become discouraged with your research?

ANSWER: Oh yes, that is certainly possible--and, in fact, I expect many "surface readers" will elect to use this as an excuse to ignore or downplay this very valuable information. However, dialogue such as this can only result in the "fine tuning" of my studies and the eventual expulsion of most errors. As I have said before, I do not claim to be perfect nor to have all the answers. I would have preferred that this dialogue was on a more friendly note, done in private, instead of openly and in an adversarial framework. Indeed, that is how it began initially, as a friendly discussion and private research. But, regardless of this, this will also work. And I must commend Larry on his attention to detail and sharp mind. Of course, it is of no benefit to answer every single accusation or personal insinuation--as such will only detract from the focus of this website. I prefer to answer the major issues/questions for now and leave other less important issues for another time--or sometimes give no response at all, for those areas which involve obvious personal attacks.¹

Our response: I feel that Glenn answers his own question in an evasive manner. First of all, "surface readers" are not truth seekers. I'm pretty sure that Glenn, like June and me, has never really intended to reach "surface readers." Anything we write is written with the presumption that the reader shares our quest for truth. A "surface reader" may have his or her own reasons for "surface reading," but it would not reflect a search for truth.

Glenn goes on to inform us that he has never claimed to be perfect or to have all the answers. As I once told Glenn, I have never regarded him as trying to project being "perfect" or pretending to be a prophet. This is why he stops short of saying he's "100% certain" of his dates. He knows he can say he's 99.999% certain and still hold on to his fallibility as a disclaimer.

¹ Taken from Glenn Moore's website page entitled "Answers to Objections," originally located at http://www.itsaboutthattime.net/answer_objections.htm, but it is now located at http://www.itsaboutthattime.net/broken_vows.htm. Not only did Glenn move this question/answer to a new location, but he has also removed my name.

This brings us to the most interesting part of Glenn's response. He states that he would prefer that this dialogue be conducted on a friendlier note, done in private, instead of openly and in an adversarial framework. Indeed, as Glenn writes, that is how our discussion began initially, as a friendly discussion and private research. However, as pointed out in chapter one of this portion of our study, Glenn "reached a point" wherein he suddenly decided the entire world needed to know that he is 99% certain the 6,000th year of history will begin in the year 2015. *That which was once "private" went "public" by Glenn's own choosing.* It wasn't until Glenn decided to "go public" that June and I decided to compose our own study ... just in case someone who was aware of our previous association with Glenn might suspect that we support his proclivity for setting dates. Thus, contrary to Glenn's veiled suggestion that he wanted this discussion to remain private, our answer is, "*Glenn, if you truly wanted to keep the dialogue private, then you shouldn't have gone public.*"

Glenn goes on to write, "[And I must commend Larry on his attention to detail and sharp mind.](#)" While I appreciate Glenn's compliment, I can only defer to Yahweh as the source of any wisdom that has come from anything I have written. I have sought guidance from our Heavenly Father through prayer and study of His Word. I trust that Glenn has done the same, but obviously Yahweh has not given us both the same understanding of His Will.

Glenn proceeds to intimate that I have "attacked" him. He writes, "[Of course, it is of no benefit to answer every single accusation or personal insinuation--as such will only detract from the focus of this website. I prefer to answer the major issues/questions for now and leave other less important issues for another time--or sometimes give no response at all, for those areas which involve obvious personal attacks.](#)" I suppose that, from Glenn's perspective, he has been attacked. I would respond, "*If I have attacked you, it is only because you asked me to do so!*" The primary example of this involves Glenn's public vow to embrace the 50-year Jubilee cycle belief if I could produce 70 Sabbatical/Jubilee cycles within a 430-year period. He didn't think it could be done, so he carelessly made the vow, and worse yet, he made it in public via his web site. I'm sure Glenn was very stunned when he found that I answered his challenge, and I'm also certain he was aware that this put him in a precarious position -- of either honoring his vow (per Torah mandate) or looking for an excuse to get out of it. According to Numbers 30:2, if we make a vow, we are to honor that vow. King David understood that we are to honor our vows even if it hurts us (Psalm 15:4). Since I presumed that Glenn understood the Torah command pertaining to vows, I wanted to see which of the two options he would choose. Although I didn't really have confidence that he would honor his vow, I gave him the "benefit of the doubt." Glenn was obviously hoping that finding an excuse to not honor his vow would escape my notice. However, it did not, and since Glenn had made a public show of his challenge for me to produce the chart as well as his vow to embrace the 50-year Jubilee cycles if I could do so, the tables were now turned. It was my turn to "go public" with my reminder that we are to honor our vows. Suddenly, Glenn feels he is being "attacked"! All this because I responded to his challenge and am now "calling him on the carpet," so to speak, for not living up to his end of the bargain!

Then, just to let the whole world know how sinister I really am, Glenn decides it's time to "air our dirty laundry" by bringing up the time I told him he is arrogant for saying he knows some things about prophecy that the New Testament writers didn't know. In fact, he produces a quote where I even told him in an e-mail that he is arrogant! I guess I should also mention how "mean-spirited" it was for me to tell him he was putting himself on the same level as Noah and Daniel, since he was justifying his own date-setting tendency by citing those Biblical characters as his examples of "date-setters." So, yes, from

Glenn's perspective, I am certain that it appears that I am coming at him with "personal attacks." From my perspective, I am responding to embarrassing and awkward binds that Glenn has imposed upon *himself*.

Thus, I believe Glenn gave a very weak answer to his own question. How would I answer Glenn's lead question? Well, first of all, I highly doubt that more than a handful of individuals is even *following* the "debate" that Glenn refers to. For anyone who may give a level of credence to Glenn's proposed dates, here is my own personal prediction, which I offer while simultaneously adding the disclaimer that I am in no way a prophet: I look for Glenn to continue promoting the year 2015 all the way up to the day listed on his web site's counter (Wednesday, September 16, 2015). I'm not entirely certain as to why Glenn selected September 16, since the moon will have been sighted over Israel the previous evening, but I'm sure he has his reasons. Nevertheless, the day designated on Glenn Moore's counter will dawn with nervous, yet excited anticipation on the part of Glenn and those who have chosen to agree with and accept his chronological determination. By September 2015, Glenn will have picked up more and more followers, and there may even be some TV interviews as the news of his impending deadline spreads. In fact, it appears that Glenn may be working towards making a name for himself even now, gearing towards his "15 minutes of fame." I say this because I noticed, while conducting some internet research on the topic of "dating Creation," that Glenn has seen to it his name has been added to the list of "researchers" whose names are duly recorded in Wikipedia. Certainly, having his name broadcasted as a credible researcher would be considered as a "feather in his cap." Here's an excerpt from the *Wikipedia* article entitled "Dating Creation":

In the second century BCE one Jewish writer wrote [the Book of Jubilees](#), an attempt to divide the Genesis chronology into 7 and 49 year cycles ([Sabbatical](#) and [Jubilee](#) cycles). [More recently, researcher W. Glenn Moore has written extensively about the Biblical chronologies, claiming to have found patterns in Genesis 5 and 11 that line up in 7 and 49 years cycles, similar to that in the Book of Jubilees. This chronology appears to demonstrate that Shem was born on a year of Jubilee, the flood ended on a year of Jubilee, Isaac was born on a year of Jubilee, and the seven year famine in Egypt ended on a year of Jubilee. He calls this the "Jubilee Code," and his \[chronological chart\]\(#\) gives 3985 BCE as the creation date.](#)²

I'm going to go "out on a limb" and state that I believe Glenn either submitted the above to Wikipedia or else he was able to persuade a friend or relative to do it on his behalf with the ultimate goal being that of elevating himself to the rank of "credible researcher." As the year 2015 approaches, I anticipate that Glenn will continue to seek as much attention as possible, and any free publicity directed his way by the media will likely be a "plus," especially if it isn't overly negative. Of course, even if the publicity *is* negative, Glenn can cite "persecution of the righteous" as yet another tool that will draw attention and followers.

If Glenn can continue to promote himself and his "Jubilee Code" to the masses, he may achieve the status of being a household name by the time the year 2015 arrives. By September of that year, the excitement may well be electrified as Glenn and his faithful followers will likely be joined by skeptics and the "undecided" crowd, who circle September 15th on their calendars to see if the religious

² From the *Wikipedia* article entitled "Dating Creation," which may be read in its entirety by accessing the following URL: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dating_Creation. I found this article in June 2009.

prognosticator knows what he is talking about. When the "big day" finally arrives, the hours will wind down as they await the appointed time (6:44 PM in Israel or 10:44 AM here in Texas). Soon, the hours are replaced by minutes, and then the countdown in seconds begins. Sixty seconds, fifty seconds, forty seconds ... ten seconds, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0 Glenn and his followers will look at each other in bewilderment, and Glenn may say, "It's okay, Yahushua said that no one will know the hour, so it's still possible that He'll come at a later hour." Thus, another countdown begins, as everyone anxiously waits to see what happens between that moment and the following sundown in Israel. Eventually, they all go to bed that night a little more uncertain of Glenn's calculations than they were the day before. The next day, they awaken and once again begin the task of nervously watching the clock. As the final seconds wind down and the deadline comes and goes, dejected expressions of disbelief will be exchanged, Glenn will reiterate that he never said he was 100% certain of his dates ("... and besides, I'm not really setting dates!"), and they will all part company a little more uncertain of the future than they had been when the week started.

Glenn's countdown as it appeared on April 5, 2009

Get Firefox!

Countdown To Actual 6000th Year of History

Wednesday, September 16, 2015
18:44 [+03:00]

336 weeks
3 days
16 hours
40 minutes
1 second

A countdown on your site?

Glenn's countdown as it will appear on September 16, 2015

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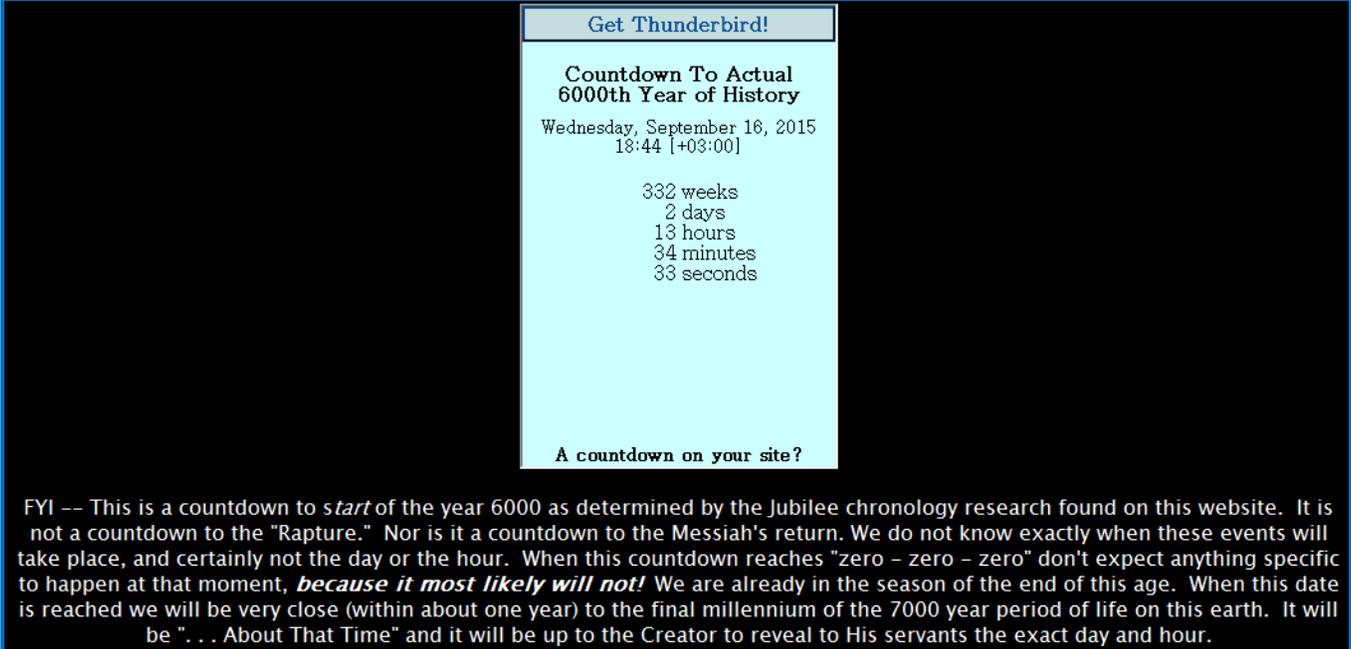
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A countdown on your site?

At this point, I need to interject somewhat of an apology. I had written most of the above, as well as portions of the remainder of this chapter, in late April 2009. That same week, Glenn incorporated a change under his "counter" that reminded me of how I occasionally misunderstand his 2015 – 2016 timeline. It seems that I occasionally forget that Glenn's countdown to the 6,000th year of history and the beginning of what he believes will be the 7th millennium are two different things. I had this same problem with what was known as Y2k. As the year 2000 approached, the topic of the 21st century would frequently surface. With the abrupt change from 1999 to 2000, it seemed natural that the year 2000 would also represent the rollover into the next century. However, the experts would always jump in and explain that the 21st century wouldn't actually start until we arrived at the year 2001. We had to wait a year!

Nevertheless, when the year 2000 came, I accepted it as life in the 21st century even though, technically-speaking, I had to wait a year.

The same principle applies for the start of "Year 6000," or as it may become known, "Y6k." When Y6k arrives, the new millennium will not have begun. We'll have to wait another year for that. Thus, I need to revise my previous commentary ... somewhat. The countdown to Y6k is actually the countdown to *another* countdown ... the countdown to the seventh millennium, which will begin a year after Glenn's current countdown expires. As I just mentioned, Glenn explains this with the latest revision to his website. What follows is a screen shot of what I noticed in early May 2009:



The screenshot shows a light blue rectangular box with a dark blue border. At the top, it says "Get Thunderbird!". Below that, the text reads "Countdown To Actual 6000th Year of History". The date and time are "Wednesday, September 16, 2015 18:44 [+03:00]". The countdown is listed as "332 weeks", "2 days", "13 hours", "34 minutes", and "33 seconds". At the bottom of the box, it says "A countdown on your site?". Below the box, there is a paragraph of text starting with "FYI -- This is a countdown to start of the year 6000 as determined by the Jubilee chronology research found on this website. It is not a countdown to the 'Rapture.' Nor is it a countdown to the Messiah's return. We do not know exactly when these events will take place, and certainly not the day or the hour. When this countdown reaches 'zero - zero - zero' don't expect anything specific to happen at that moment, **because it most likely will not!** We are already in the season of the end of this age. When this date is reached we will be very close (within about one year) to the final millennium of the 7000 year period of life on this earth. It will be ". . . About That Time" and it will be up to the Creator to reveal to His servants the exact day and hour.

As explained by Glenn, we shouldn't really expect anything to happen between now and the year 2015, at least not in terms of any events that would prove to the world that we're about to enter into what is known as the "Millennial Reign."

When, then, does the *real* countdown expire? The date of October 2, 2016 is or will be Glenn's most likely choice. According to our astronomy software program, the new moon should be sighted over Israel shortly after Sunset on October 2nd. The sun should set there at around 6:23 PM that evening. It will be eight hours earlier here in the United States, so if I had to guess, I would expect Glenn to be very intent on the clock between 10:00 AM and noon on October 2, 2016. Although he hasn't, to the best of my knowledge, yet announced the date on which he expects the new millennium to begin, it appears that this will be his most likely choice.

Thus, instead of the date September 16, 2015 looming large, the *true* date that Glenn will most likely circle on his calendar will be *October 2, 2016*. According to Glenn, it will *really really* be "About That Time" on the morning of October 2, 2016. He will be very nervous, of course, because he had been expecting some bona fide signs that the new millennium was about to begin, but instead he found himself

writing about the same diseases, epidemics, pandemics, earthquakes, volcano eruptions, weird weather patterns and moral decay that he had been writing about back in 2009. Glenn will be faced with the somber realization that if the Messiah doesn't return by day's end *somewhere* on the earth, he will be officially exposed as a charlatan.

So it will (likely) be. The newspapers, *presuming the media is interested in Glenn's prediction*, will produce headlines reading something like, "**Another Prognosticator's Doomsday Prediction Fails.**" On the heels of the mistaken notion that the Mayan calendar revealed the end of the world (as we know it) in 2012, Glenn's failed prediction will make more of a laughingstock out of those who believe in the Messiah's Second Coming. Of course, with each failed prediction, apathy towards religion increases. Another false prognosticator, who is fully persuaded that the Millennium will begin in 2018, will replace whatever spotlight Glenn may enjoy in 2016.³

As the post-countdown days pass by and it slowly sinks in that Glenn has joined the ranks of date-setters whose chronological prognostications failed to materialize, I doubt that any *immediate* repercussions will be noticed by anyone. Another religious fanatic who thought he had it all figured out will be exposed as a "phony fake" -- it will make for a few hearty laughs from the skeptics, and Glenn's now-disillusioned followers will get on with their lives, most likely hoping that no one identifies them with Glenn's ministry.

Rise of the Skeptics

Although I don't look for any immediate aftershocks, with the passing of time I anticipate plenty of negative consequences from Glenn's missed appointment. With each failed prediction, the spotlight glares a little more brightly on date-setters' failures, laying bare their inability to forecast the timing of the Messiah's return in spite of what appeared to be, on the surface at least, expert calculations. As a result, more and more skeptics will scoff at anyone who so much as *suggests* a possible year for the Messiah's return (or the year in which the new Millennium begins). With the growth of skepticism, more and more believers begin to question their faith, and the year 2015 - 2016 will probably not be an exception. Many fringe believers will become agnostics. Others will outright reject the belief that there is a Creator. How widespread the growth of skepticism becomes will be driven by how much publicity is given to Glenn's proposed date. Suffice it to say that Glenn's miscalculation will contribute to the rise of the skeptics referenced by Peter in 2 Peter 3:3-4:

³ ¶ Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

⁴ And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.

³ Cf., *Mystery of Tammuz 17*, by Herbert R. Stollorz, with Christopher J. Patton, chapter 9, "Twelve Final Observations as Proofs," Copyright © 2006 Faith in the Future Foundation. This chapter may be read online by accessing the following URL: <http://www.apocalypse2008-2015.com/documents/booklets/book2/book2-chapter9.pdf>. In this chapter, the author writes, "A 'season' of a little more than two years occurs between the last cycle of the Apocalypse (2016) and the start of the one thousand years that will begin in 2018."

While we should always be vigilant and ready for Yeshua's return, there are many believers out there whose faith isn't all that strong, who may be at a spiritual crossroads in their lives. They may be leaning towards belief in a Creator and trusting in the atoning sacrifice of His Son, but not fully committed to serving Them. As Yeshua said, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the Almighty's kingdom" (Luke 9:62). How many individuals, still unsure and unsteady in their walk, will "look back" as a result of Glenn's missed calculation? Will it even make a difference? *The answer is yes!*

The consequences of setting incorrect dates run deeper than many people realize. Those who know the history of the Seventh-Day Adventist movement understand the negative impact that failed predictions can have on religion in general. When the Messiah didn't come in 1844, many Millerites left the movement. Here is a very brief summary of this event, as presented by the Charlotte, Michigan Seventh-Day Adventist Church:

In 1831 a Baptist preacher named William Miller began preaching that, based on his study of Daniel 8:14, Jesus would return to earth sometime between 1843 and 1844. Excitement spread, and others in the movement refined the calculation, determining October 22, 1844 as the specific date. **When Jesus did not appear, all were disappointed, and thousands left the movement.** A few, however, went back to their Bibles for deeper study on the matter. This small group that refused to give up after "the great disappointment" concluded that, rather than returning to earth on that specific date, Jesus entered the heavenly temple and began at that time a special ministry in heaven for His followers. A young couple, James and Ellen G. White, and a retired sea captain named Joseph Bates stood out among this group of believers as leaders.⁴

On a more modern note, June and I once met a very dear man named Ron, now deceased, who spent an afternoon in our home. Ron and his wife had been members of the Worldwide Church of God back in the 60's and 70's. It was during this time that the members of this church were persuaded that the Messiah would return in 1975, and the Great Tribulation would begin in 1972. The faithful church members were promised protection if they would flee to the "place of safety" in Petra, Jordan.⁵ Lukewarm believers, of course, would suffer through the Tribulation along with unbelievers.⁶ According to Ron, when 1975 came and went without the Messiah's return, his wife unexpectedly announced that she wanted a divorce, explaining that she had only married him because she believed he would take her to the "Place of Safety" before the Messiah's return. Since that didn't happen, and since that was her only reason for getting married, she filed for divorce, leaving both him and the church.

⁴ The Charlotte Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1516 S. Cochran, Charlotte, Michigan 48813. This summary may be read by accessing the following URL: <http://charlotte22.adventistchurchconnect.org/article.php?id=32>

⁵ For a documentary regarding failed prophecies, you might find the transcript from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's national radio program, *The Spirit of Things*, with Rachael Kohn, broadcast on Sunday 01/23/2000, to be helpful. This broadcast, entitled "When Prophecies Fail," was from Part 4 of their series "Millennial Dreams." A link to this transcript is available at <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/relig/spirit/stories/s92228.htm>.

⁶ For more information about this prophecy, here's the link to an article named "Petra and the Place of Safety": <http://www.giveshare.org/BibleStudy/127.petra.html>

The above is just one of many true accounts experienced by those who trusted man's miscalculations. With each successive failed prediction, the hungry mouth of skepticism is fed, and skepticism hasn't been getting any leaner over the years.

So what will become of Glenn Moore when his "Great Disappointment" overshadows his 20+ years of Jubilee research? Depending on how persuaded he is of his 2016 appointment, I look for him to either "go back to the drawing board" or else come up with an alternate explanation of what "really did" happen in 2016. Since Yahweh has plainly identified the start of His year as occurring in the spring, Glenn may look ahead to the new moon of Abib in the year 2017 and point to it as the date he should have selected all along. Once that prediction fails, Glenn's credibility will be all but depleted.

Of course, another possibility is that Glenn, as he ponders and agonizes over where he went wrong, and not coming up with the answer, may well join his agnostic (former) followers. However, just as the Millerites of the 1840's recovered from their "Great Disappointment" by re-interpreting the prophecies of Daniel (a re-interpretation that Glenn agreed with even after he left the Seventh-Day Adventist organization), I look for Glenn to re-interpret his own findings, saying something to the effect of, "My calculations were correct -- I just didn't understand *how* the new Millennium would be implemented." Certainly, even now, Glenn has not shared with anyone exactly *how* we're going to know we're officially in the New Millennium. I've presumed that it would be the advent of Yeshua the Messiah, since Glenn is on record stating that He may return anytime *prior* to the Millennium. However, if Yeshua doesn't return by the end of the year 2016, I look for Glenn to come up with an alternate explanation. Since there will not likely be a celestial gong to announce the New Millennium (at least not Glenn's perception of the New Millennium), if Yeshua doesn't come by the end of 2016, I anticipate a scrambling of sorts on the part of Glenn in an attempt to salvage some semblance of credibility. The result? Glenn will achieve precisely the *opposite* of what he's hoping for. Instead of bringing others to a closer relationship with the Messiah, he will push them further away. It is due to these sad, heartbreaking consequences that I told Glenn, after he went public with his date-setting, "*You had better be right!!*"