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A STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Why do we have four different authors telling basically the same story or what appears to be the same story as we begin the New Testament? There is a difference in that each author presents Jesus Christ in a different light. Matthew presents Jesus as Jehovah's king; Mark presents Him as Jehovah's servant; Luke presents Jesus as Jehovah's man while John presents Him as Jehovah Himself. I believe that if we keep these thoughts in mind as we study, one will see this difference as this difference is important for our better understanding.

(Read Matthew 1:1-17) Though most of the commentators that I have read after say that the genealogy given in Luke 3 is the genealogy of Christ, I believe the genealogy given here in Matt. 1 is the correct one and will try to prove it. Part of the problem that people stumble over is verse 17 that says there are fourteen generations from Abraham to David, and fourteen generations from David until the carrying away into Babylon, and fourteen generations from the carrying away to Christ. As we will see shortly, it is apparent that the numbers as given don't seem to add up to what verse 17 indicates. The fourteen generations from Abraham to David don't appear to be in question. It is the fourteen generations from David to the carrying away and the fourteen generations from the carrying away to Christ that begs the question. Let's look first at the list of kings from David to the carrying away. We need to understand that God unconditionally promised King David that his throne would last for ever. If it is

to last for ever, this has to be the throne that Christ will assume as He reigns as King of Kings. We find this promise in II Samuel 7:12-16 and I Chronicles 17:11-14 (Read). Notice that the promise is through the son of David that was to build an house for the LORD, i.e. David's son Solomon. The genealogy, as given here in Matt. 1, is through Solomon, the genealogy in Luke 3 is through Nathan, another of David's sons. This is our first clue as to which is the true genealogy of Christ.

The column on the left is the list of kings that we saw as we studied the history of Israel and Judah during the time of the kings. The column on the right is the list as it is given here in Matt. 1.

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| 1. Solomon | 1. Solomon |
| 2. Rehoboam | 2. Roboam |
| 3. Abijam | 3. Abia |
| 4. Asa | 4. Asa |
| 5. Jehoshaphat | 5. Josaphat |
| 6. Jehoram | 6. Joram |
| 7. Ahaziah | |
| 8. Joash | |
| 9. Amaziah | |
| 10. Azariah | 7. Ozias |
| 11. Jotham | 8. Joatham |
| 12. Ahaz | 9. Achaz |
| 13. Hezekiah | 10. Ezekias |
| 14. Mannasseh | 11. Manasses |
| 15. Amon | 12. Amon |
| 16. Josiah | 13. Josias |
| 17. Jehoahaz | |
| 18. Jehoiakim | |
| 19. Jehoiachin | 14. Jechonias |
| 20. Zedekiah | |

As we can see, there are a total of 20 kings that reigned from David to the carrying away to Babylon. So why does Matt. 1:17 say there were only 14? Let's first look at Azariah, Joash, and Amaziah, the first three that are left out of the column on the right. II Chronicles 21:5-7 tells us about Jehoram, the father of Ahaziah. (Read) Ahab was a king in Israel and is reputed to be one of, if not the most wicked king of Israel. Jehoram married one of Ahab's daughters, Athalia. Athalia's mother, Ahab's wife, was Jezebel. Jezebel's father was the high priest of Baal and Jezebel was a devoted follower. If you read all of the exploits of Ahab and Jezebel, you will see that they both were major Baal worshippers. Because of the sins of both Ahab and Jezebel, God commissioned a man named Jehu to be king over Israel and to carry out judgment on Ahab and his family. (Read II Kings 9:1-10) Jehoram, son of Ahab, had become king of Israel after the death of Ahab. Jehu, the man commissioned to carry out judgment on Ahab's house, killed Jehoram, son of Ahab, and all the males of the house of Ahab. Ahab had seventy sons. However, he did not kill Athalia, who bore Ahaziah to Jehoram, son of Jehoshaphat.

(Read Exodus 20:4-5) Ahaziah, Joash, and Amaziah were second, third and fourth generations respectfully of Ahab and Jezebel. I believe that in addition to whatever else they did, they were excluded from the genealogy of Jesus Christ as a result of the **“visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.”**

This brings us to Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, and Zedekiah. These were brothers, or at least half brothers, so they represented only one generation. Jehoahaz was only on the throne for less than three months before he was taken captive by the king of Egypt to Egypt and never released. Jehoiakim was on the throne for 11 years and it is apparently he was who should have represented their generation. However, he committed a very serious sin against God and His Word. God had given Jeremiah prophetic words to say and instructed him to have Baruch write them in a scroll or book. Once they were written, Baruch was to read this scroll before the people at the temple. He did so and one of the king's princes heard him. He went to the rest of the princes and told them they needed to hear what Jeremiah had spoken to

Baruch, so they had Baruch come and read the book to them. They decided the king needed to hear these words, so they arranged for the king to hear it. (Read Jeremiah 36:23-31) Jehoiachin was the son of Jehoiakim. Because of what Jehoiakim did, the curse was also passed on to Jehoiachin, so he only sat on the throne for about three months before Nebuchadnezzar took him captive to Babylon. Jehoiachin did have children, but because of the curse, none of his children ever sat on the throne of David. It appears to me then that because of what Jehoiakim did, he and his generation lost their place in the recording of the genealogy of Christ. This then leaves only 14 generations from David to the carrying away to Babylon.

Let's now look at the generations from the carrying away to Babylon to Christ. Again we're told that there are fourteen generations. Let's count them.

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| 1. Salathiel | 8. Eliud |
| 2. Zorobabel | 9. Eleazar |
| 3. Abiud | 10. Matthan |
| 4. Eliakim | 11. Jacob |
| 5. Azor | 12. Joseph |
| 6. Sadoc | 13. |
| 7. Achim, | 14/ Jesus Christ |

I left number 13 blank as this appears to be where the problem is. In the King James Bible, verse 16 reads: **“And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.”** The word “husband” is translated from the Greek word *“aner”* which Young's Analytical Concordance defines as “a man”. It is translated fellow 1 time, husband 50 times, man 156 times, and sir 6 times. I suggest that it should have been translated “man” in this verse. The generations were counted after the

men, not the women. In this case, Mary, though espoused to Joseph at the time of the conception of Jesus, was not yet married and had not yet known a man. I suggest that Joseph (#12) was actually Mary's father and because there was not a man for Mary's generation, Joseph, Mary's father not only was the man of his generation, but also the man of Mary's generation. There were two generations, but only one man, so he filled the roll for both generations. Though Joseph, the husband to be of Mary, was also descended from David, we see in Luke 3 that his father's name was Heli and as mentioned before, his descendency from David was through another of David's sons, Nathan, not Solomon.

(Read Matt. 1:18-25) There are frequent and numerous attempts being made to convince us that Mary was not a virgin when Jesus was conceived. Of course, this defies Scripture, both in the Old Testament and the New, but this doesn't stop the attempts. I use the word "convince" as I have never seen anyone try to actually prove that the Scriptures are wrong. They just ignore them as irrelevant because anybody know they can't be true, at least this seems to be the attitude.

Being espoused was as binding as marriage, though the couple had not come together in the conjugal sense. It was a contract in a sense, whether written or verbal much like our custom of engagement is. The couple did not come together until the marriage. But when Joseph found out that Mary was with child, he had every right to "put her away" since it appeared that she had violated the espousal contract. Since they had not come together yet, he did not own her as he would a wife, so putting her away was sufficient. But he apparently loved her enough that he did not want to disgrace her publicly and had decided to just put her away privately. However, an angel intervened and explained to Joseph what the situation was and Joseph believed him. Because of the refusal of so many to believe in the virgin birth today, I can imagine how difficult it would have been for Joseph to accept the angel's message on the face of the message itself. Yet he did accept it and took her for his wife, but did not know her until after Jesus was born.

We begin to see how Matthew portrays Christ as Jehovah's King in that he points out that all that happened to Joseph and Mary was in accordance with known prophecy.

(Read Matt. 2:1-10) These wise men, or magoi, were probably from Persia. They were able to read the story of God's plan and purpose in the stars. (Read Psalms 19:1-4) I am not an astronomer, so I can't tell what stars and constellations they read the story in, but they did understand that Jesus, who would ultimately sit on the throne of David over all His people, had been born. The star that they were following led them to Jerusalem where they started asking where Jesus might be found. When King Herod heard that they were asking, he immediately gathered the priests and scribes together to see if they could tell him where Christ would be born. They quoted Micah 5:2 to him, "**And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a governor, that shall rule my people Israel.**" Keep in mind that Herod is half Jew and half Edomite.) Herod then called the wise men to him privately and told them that Christ was to be born in Bethlehem and told them that when they found Him, to come back to him and tell him where he was so he could go worship Him as well. Again the star led them to exactly where Jesus was.

(Read Matt. 2:11-12) It is often assumed that because there were three gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh, that there were three wise men. There is nothing in Scripture to tell us how many wise men there were. There being three gifts does not prove in any way that there were just three men. It is also assumed that they visited Jesus in the stable where he was born, But we're told here that they found him in a house, so though we're not told how long after Christ was born that they visited Him, I think we can safely determine that some time had elapsed from His birth to the visit of the wise men. Once they had given their gifts and worshipped Him, because they had been warned by God in a dream to not go back to Herod, they departed and went back to their homeland by a different way.

(Read Matt. 2:13-15) When the wise men had departed, an angel appeared to Joseph and told him to take Mary and the child to Egypt because Herod would be looking for Him soon. Joseph did as the angel told him and took them to

Egypt where they stayed until the death of King Herod. This would not necessarily have been a long period of time. The timing of Herod's death also helps us determine the time of Jesus birth. However we have to go to the historian Josephus for the information. In Antiquities of the Jews, XVII, vi, 4, as part of Josephus' narrative of the death of Herod, he tells us that about two weeks before Herod's death, Herod dismissed Matthias from the high priesthood and had another priest, by the same name, and his companions burned alive.

"That Herod deprived this Matthias of the high priesthood, and burnt the other Matthias, who had raised the sedition, with his companions, alive. And that very night there was an eclipse of the moon."

The editor of the translation of Antiquities of the Jews put a footnote on this verse stating this had to be March 13, 4 B.C. However, this does not compute with a number of other known facts. There were seven lunar eclipses from Nov. 8, 8 B.C. to Nov. 8, 2 A.D. It is known that Jesus was born in September or early October. The only eclipse that matches all the events surrounding Herod's death was on Jan. 9, 1 B.C.

Josephus also tells us a little earlier in the same chapter that Herod was almost 70 years old.

"And as he despaired of recovering (for he was about the seventieth year of his age) he grew fierce and indulged the bitterest anger upon all occasions."

Historians know that he was 25 years old when he began his career when his father appointed him governor of Galilee in 47 B.C., so this would have made him 70 in 2 B.C. He died then in January of 1 B.C.

There are more details that tell us that he died in January of 1 B.C. and all of the events tells that Jesus was born then in Sept. of 2 B.C. This agrees with Daniel's 70 week prophecy that we discussed in earlier studies.

All this tells us that Joseph, Mary and Jesus would have only had to stay in Egypt no more than six months, though we don't know just how long they did stay.

(Read Matt. 2:16-18) As we have seen in the writings of Josephus, Herod was beginning to be quite ill tempered and when the wise men did not come back to tell him where they found Jesus, he had a temper tantrum and commanded that all

of the children in Bethlehem that were two years old and younger be killed. Matthew tells us that this was fulfillment of the prophecy of Jeremiah 31:15.

(Read Matt. 2:19-23) When King Herod died, tradition called for a thirty day mourning period. Archelaus assumed the throne of his father and after the 30 day mourning period, he began a time of listening to the people airing their complaints against his father. We don't know just how long this went on, but finally during Passover, he decided to get rid of the ones who had been leading the sedition against the king. Josephus writes:

"Now Archelaus thought there was no way to preserve the entire government but by cutting off those who made this attempt upon it, so he sent out the whole army upon them...which horsemen slew three thousand men, while the rest went to the neighboring mountains." (Par. 3)

So we see that Joseph had good reason to fear Archelaus, and not return to Jerusalem, but rather went to Nazareth in Galilee. This apparently fulfilled another prophecy, though we are not told who prophesied it. JRL

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

We have been studying Ezekiel 38 and were attempting to identify the people listed in the first few verses of this chapter with their current day counterparts. We want to continue this discussion in this issue.

After Jacob stole Isaac's blessing by deception, Esau came in thinking he was going to receive the blessing. Upon finding out that Jacob had already received it, he begged his father Isaac to give him a blessing also. Beginning in Gen. 27:39, Isaac told him, "**Behold, thy dwelling**

shalt be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of the heaven from above; And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion (become restless), that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck." Because Jacob had stolen the blessing by deception, God is going to give Esau a time when he will break Jacob's yoke from off his neck.

Then we are told in Malachi 1:4, **"Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, the border of wickedness, and, the people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever."**

We need to remember that the birthright that Isaac gave to Jacob carried the promise that God had given to Abraham that his seed would rule the world. Esau apparently did not fully realize what this meant until after he had traded the birthright for a bowl of food. However, once he realized this, it was and still is his intent to get it back. This is the intent and theme of Zionism. It is the belief of the Zionist that once the temple is rebuilt in Jerusalem and the Zionist has full control of Jerusalem, he (speaking corporately) will then be able to rule the world. Building up to this of course is gaining control of the world economic system, political system and religious system. They have made great headway so far in accomplishing this and God has allowed it because of what Jacob did and what Isaac told Esau. When we realize that today's Jews, who are mostly Zionists, are made up of Jews who reject Christ, Edomites, and descendants of the Khazars (Gomer and Torgarmah) who have taken up the Jewish religion and the Zionism that goes with it, then I think we can see the prophecy of Isaac to Esau and the intent of Edom as recorded by Malachi coming to pass. We have to keep in mind the last part of Malachi 1:4 however.

We have probably seemed to be all over the board in this lesson, but it has been to make the point that the invasion spoken of up through verse 10 of Eze. 38 may have already taken place in that the Zionists have certainly invaded Palestine at this point. Vs. 5 tells us that Persia, Ethiopia and Libya would join them. These are countries where Sephardic Jews have lived for centu-

ries and these Jews have migrated to the Israeli state as Zionists. About 1% of the Israeli population is from the Falashas, who are black Jews from Ethiopia. Essentially, Ezekiel was speaking of a great Zionist invasion of "the mountains of Israel," Ashkenazim from the north and Sephardim from Africa and from as far as Iran.

In Eze. 38:8 we read, **"After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them."** The Zionists claim this applies to them now in the land of Palestine. However, up to and ever since 1948 when the British government agreed to let the Jews have this land as a homeland, there has not been peace or security, especially after 1948. If I read history correctly, the Palestinians were at reasonable peace prior to 1948, but it was even then somewhat tenuous. The Zionists have attempted to portray themselves as the invaded rather than the invaders, but they made their mission very clear following 1948 that they intended to, through immigration, invade the land. At that time 700,000 Palestinians were forced out of their homes and never allowed to return. This has continued to happen to present. If this was the invasion that verse 8 speaks of, and I believe it reasonable to believe that it is, as we read further, I think we would have to agree that there is more than one invasion.

While there was not a military invasion in the classic sense, neither can there be in the sense that we might think as we read verse 9. In our modern day warfare, stopping such a massive force as we might envision here would be no difficult task, especially to a nation with nuclear capabilities.

(Read Eze. 38:10-12) Here we find a second invasion that is to happen in addition to and at the same time as the first invasion. This invasion is to be of a land of unwallled villages without bars or gates. The intent here is to take a spoil.

(Read Eze. 38:14-23) This tells us that the people who were dwelling in the land of unwallled villages without bars or gates are God's people of Israel. This would eliminate those who we today call Jews as we have already established that the majority of people who are called Jews today are

NOT God's people Israel. However, as we have studied the prophets over the last several months, I think we can identify God's people Israel as the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic and Scandinavian people of western Europe, Britain, North America, Australia, etc., most all of whom occupy lands that are un-walled and not heavily fortified with the people living in relative safety.

Have the Zionists that we have discussed also gone elsewhere besides Israeli? I think we all know the answer to this. Mr. Benjamin Freedman, an ex-Jew, who was raised a Jew, moved in the inner circles of Zionism with some of the most powerful people in the world like Bernard Baruch, Samuel Untermyer, President Woodrow Wilson, Joe Kennedy and others. John F. Kennedy gave a speech 1961 in Washington D.C. by starting it out saying, "Here in the United States, the Zionists and their co-religionists have complete control of our government." In this speech he tells how Germany had won World War I by the year 1916, and the Kaiser had offered peace terms to the vanquished. He tells how his own fellow-Jews had then told the British government that they would induce America to enter the war on their side, if the British would give Palestine to the Jews. So the Balfour Declaration (a letter from the U.K. Foreign Secretary to Baron [Walter] Rothchild stating that the British government looked with favor on establishing Palestine as a home for the Jews and promising they would do all they could to bring it about.) was written in 1917, America entered the war, and Germany lost.

Germany had treated the Jews very well up to that time, but when the betrayal was known, it caused great resentment among the German people. This, of course, led to the election of Hitler in 1933, and ultimately to WW II.

The point is that a foreign agent has taken over the governments of most of the nations descending from the Israelites of the Assyrian captivity.

If I am correct in the interpretation of this prophecy to this point, obviously we are not at the end of the prophecy yet. How literal the rest of the fulfillment will be I believe we will only have to wait to see.

(Read Eze. 39:1-7) Obviously we are dealing with events at the end of this age. To confirm this, vs. 4 says, "**Thou shalt fall upon the**

mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured." then if we look ahead at verses 17-20 (Read) we find this phraseology expanded considerable. With this in mind, turn to Rev. 19 where God is talking about the fall of Babylon. In verses 17-18 we read, "**And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God: that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.**" I believe we are talking about the same event or time. However, as I said, I don't know how literal this will be. What was literal in the Old Testament in the types and shadows we see the events in the New Testament often have a different type of fulfillment after the cross. For example, Rev. 17 talks of the woman who's name was **Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth.** Jezebel was the Old Testament type of this corporate woman of the New Testament and she was literally eaten by the dogs. But because we're told that Christ would come on a white horse, clothed in a vesture dipped in blood with His sword being a sharp sword coming out of His mouth (Rev. 19:11-15), I think the battle that we see depicted here to be something very different from the battles of the Old Testament. The sword being His Word tells me that we won't see literal bloodshed, but to those affected, death might have been better than to face the living God.

(Read Eze. 39:8-29) Again, if we are correct in identifying the participants of the events of these two chapters, I believe we are in the midst of these prophecies. Because it has looked in the past and might be beginning to look again like Russia might attack the old land of Israel and the people of true Israel, I think we need to keep in mind that it is only a portion of the people who make up today's Russian population that we're told are going to do the invading. It is not the Rus, or those of Meshech or Tubal, but basically Gomer and Torgarmah and some from Persia, Ethiopia and Libya. No nation or individual has

been identified as Gog. If we have correctly identified this group as Zionists, then I believe we can easily identify them today and we certainly know that their interests have been to take a spoil from the lands that they have invaded and to rule the world. God's intent is expressed in verse 25-29 after He describes the destruction of the armies of Gog. Vs. 28 is especially relevant, **"Then shall they (Israel) know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there."**

It may be well to point out that this doesn't totally spell the end of this entity called Gog. Rev. 20, after speaking of the first resurrection and the thousand year reign of Christ, says in verses 7-9, **"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together in battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."** I look at this as the final fulfillment of Eze. 38-39. We aren't given any details of what this means, but it does tell us some about the "thousand years" and conditions at the end of that time. It will not be a time of perfection as there will still be death. All the enemies of Christ, including death, have not yet been put under His feet. The stone that Daniel saw in his vision in Dan. 2 has not yet filled the whole earth but is still growing.

I look at Satan as the Babylonian system, the system that man has devised over the centuries to take the place of God's system. Gog is but an element of that system. That God releases them at the end of the thousand years gives God legal cause to bring about the full and final destruction of the system. Note that it is destroyed by fire, God's judgment. Anything more that I might see beyond that time would be pure speculation beyond my imagination. I don't believe we will understand what happens beyond that point until we reach that time.

In the next four chapters of Ezekiel, Ezekiel was taken in visions to the land of Israel where he met a man with a line of flax and a measuring

reed in his hand and Ezekiel is instructed to watch as he measures a structure which appears to be the temple. I have to admit that I do not understand the significance of this. However, I remembered reading a blog entry by Dr. Stephen Jones several years ago in which he related the measurements to time, so I found the entry and am offering it here for your consideration. I am not offering it as a full explanation of these four chapters, but I think you will find the information quite interesting. We don't have room for the full entry in this issue, so will continue it next issue. Following is that entry:

Some years ago, as I was driving through Montana and praying as I went, I suddenly made the connection in Revelation 11 about prophetic time and linear measurements.

[Revelation 11:1](#) speaks of "a reed" and then verse 3 speaks of a period of "42 months." I came to see that a reed actually represents 42 months, because it is precisely 42 handbreadths in length.

That simple connection is the key that unlocks all prophetic linear measurements. I have not written about this previously, because most people will find it rather complex and hard to understand. But here is a basic outline, which you will understand if you study it carefully.

There are three basic units of measure in Scripture: (1) a handbreadth, (2) a cubit, and (3) a reed.

This is made a little more complex by the fact that there are two types of cubit in Scripture. There is a regular cubit, and there is a sacred cubit (called in Scripture a "great cubit"). A regular cubit is 6 handbreadths long, while a sacred cubit has an extra handbreadth in it.

This is pointed out in Ezekiel's measurements of the temple, which obviously use the sacred cubit. [Ezekiel 43:13](#) says, *"And these are the measurements of the altar by cubits (the cubit being a cubit and a handbreadth). . ."*

So the cubit used to measure the altar in Ezekiel's prophecy is the "great cubit" of 7 handbreadths.

Now a "reed" is the length of either 6

sacred cubits or 7 regular cubits. The reed is the common denominator between the two types of cubits. Six sacred cubits equals a reed, because 6 cubits times 7 handbreadths is 42 handbreadths, or one reed. On the other hand, 7 regular cubits also equals a reed, because 7 regular cubits times 6 handbreadths also equals 42 handbreadths, or one reed.

I hope you can form a mental picture of this so it is not confusing.

[Ezekiel 41:8](#) defines a reed as "six great cubits."

To be less confusing, I will confine this discussion to great cubits (sacred cubits) and ignore the regular cubit. After all, both Ezekiel and Revelation 11 are dealing with measurements of the "temple," and so the sacred cubit is really all that matters for our purposes. To summarize:

Handbreadth = the basic unit of measure, about the width of one's hand.

Sacred Cubit = 7 Handbreadths

Reed = 6 Sacred Cubits, or 42 Handbreadths

Going back to Revelation 11, take note that the unit of measure is the reed, which is 42 Handbreadths, and that it correlates with 42 months. This means one linear Handbreadth translates to one month of time.

1 Handbreadth = 1 Month

42 Handbreadths = 42 Months

CUBITS ARE SEVEN MONTHS

Going the next step, that means a cubit is 7 months of time. It is the amount of time it takes to [complete](#) the full set of feast days given under Moses. A regular cubit falls short and does not manifest that seventh month, in which are Trumpets, Atonement, and Tabernacles. That is why it was important for them to use a sacred cubit. It was

part of the revelation. The regular cubit did not encompass these feast days from a prophetic standpoint, as if to say that non-believers are not those inheriting the first resurrection (Trumpets) or the promise of Tabernacles.

We will continue next issue this article concerning time and linear measurement by Dr. Stephen Jones that possibly could be applied to the measuring of the temple that Ezekiel saw in a vision. I pray that you keep these issues of the Spirit for reference month to month. JRL