

APPENDIX F
1872 vs. 1874
(1873) (1875)

Because the difference between 6000 years from Adam's creation ending in A.D. 1872 (1873) and the 6000 years from Adam's fall ending in A.D. 1874 (1875) is not explained until Volume 3 of **Studies in the Scriptures**, many who have studied the Biblical chronology of Volume 2 have not seen clearly the significance of this variance. There is only one known way of determining the length of Adam's stay in Eden before sin entered. This is by deduction -- but a very strongly reasonable kind of deduction. The chronology of man as depicted on these tables is based on the addition of genealogy and historic periods beginning with Adam's creation. It is clear from Scripture that this creation was **in the sixth creative day**. How long it was before the **seventh creative day** arrived must be computed thusly:

1. Brother Russell added historical data to find the close of 6000 from Adam's creation because the entire basis of prophetic chronology is the concept that Jesus returns to be the ruler of the 7th thousand years.
2. Unfortunately, the addition of dates from Adam's creation for 6000 years **will not yield** the 7th millennium of the seventh day because Adam was created toward the end of the 6th day.
3. Thus, the beginning of A.D. 1873 as the end of 6000 years of sin and the beginning of 1000 years of restoration under the returned Jesus is manifestly wrong! But -- and this is the first hypothesis of Brother Russell's chronology -- it should get us **in the neighborhood** of the 7th part of the 7th day.
4. Letting his findings regarding 1873 rest temporarily, Brother Russell turned to finding the prophecies related to the date of the times of Restitution -- a term he held to be synonymous with the 7th millennium. His discovery of the Jubilee prophecy helped him determine that restitution times (and, therefore, the return of Jesus, and, therefore, the antitypical Sabbath over which Jesus was to be Lord) began in 1875 (the fall of 1874).
5. Philosophically it is evident that restoration would not be prophesied before there was a need for it. Therefore, 1875 must be 6000 years since the **Fall** (when the **need** for restitution began). 1875, if it begins restitution, must be preceded by 6000 years of condemnation to labor under sin.
6. Therefore, by default, the two-year discrepancy between 1873 and 1875 must be the period of innocence in Eden; Adam's sin (and the beginning of the first 6/7ths of the 7th day -- 6000 years of sin) must have taken place two years after his creation.

In the 1960's when many Bible students were undermining this chronology, it was popular for dissenters to claim that Adam was in the garden for a century. Now that we have reached the close of the 20th century, that hypothesis has been proven impossible. Since Adam fathered Shem at age 130, and since prior to that he had a minimum of three grown children (Cain, Abel, and Cain's wife), it is simple to show that pushing Adam's creation back 100 years into the 6th creative day would result in his having progeny before his expulsion from the garden - a position which destroys the entire function of the ransom.