

A CENTURY POEM

of 25 verses

from

B. C. 4004

to

B. C. 400.

With a Century Chart.

All Dates in Round Numbers.

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<i>Centuries B. C.</i>	<i>Years B. C.</i>	
40 30 23 ½	4004 3000 2350	1 Man was created! Enoch translated! The people were fated, As Noah had stated, In the Ark to embark or to die!
22 ½	2250	2 When the deluge abated, The animals mated, Came out of the Ark, With the patri-arch, An arc was put in the sky!
22 ½	2250	3 A thousand years later, A babelling greater, Had never been heard! And vain hopes were shattered! And people were scattered! But none were destroyed!
20	2000	4 And then when to B.C. 2000 they came, When backwards or forwards the years were the same; Then Abram was born, who was Abraham later, Than whom there were none in the Testament greater! And there are two events, important related, Since Noah was buried, who animals mated!
14 ½	1450	5 And when Abram was called, and Abram obeyed, The promise concerning fair Canaan was made. And it found its fulfillment in four hundred years, When Joshua traversing the Jordan appears.
14 11 10 ½	1400 1100 1050	6 And three hundred the years that the Judges appear! And then of a king and a kingdom we hear! Of Saul whom, the conquering Philistines slew! Of David, who showed what a pebble could do!
10	1000	7 And then when to B.C. 1000 they came, The kingdom was ringing with Solomon's fame! And the Temple he builded and then consecrated, Ere his love for the god of his fathers' abated.
		8 And three were the Kings ere the kingdoms two! And two were the tribes that allegiance renew. These kingdoms were Judah and Israel called, And prophets approached them! Appealed! And appalled!

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9	900	9 There were good kings! And bad kings! And kings who were hated! An Elijah foretold! An Elijah translated! A queen in each kingdom who revelled in slaughter! And wicked Athaliah was Jezebel's daughter!
8 ½	850	10 And after Elijah by ravens was fed! But ere dead Elisha had quickened the dead! Of Jonah we learn! Of his most wicked wish, When he had gone in and gone out of the fish!
		11 Of the gourd that went in and went out of his sight! Each time in the very short space of a night! Of how God reproved him at being annoyed, At none of the Ninevites being destroyed!
		12 And Israel's kingdom was first to expire, Whilst Judah's revived under King Hezekiah! And the years were two hundred and fity and four, And nineteen the Kings who had broken God's law.
7	700	13 And the date of their woe in the mind we retain, Though Hosea's living in Hosea's reign! One pointed to earth! And the other to Heaven! The years, twenty one, and the centuries seven!
		14 And though the worst kingdom was the first to expire, Whilst Judah's revived under good Hezekiah! The ruin of Judah, Isaiah foretold, On King Hezekiah's displaying his gold.
		15 He said his descendants the servants should be, Of the kings that we later in Babylon see! And were they not servants? Was not Daniel one? When Nebuchadnezzar the Victory won!
6	600	16 And the date of their woe, in the mind we affix, As B.C. 600 the era of six! As three were the kings and the prophets were three, We in Egypt, Jerusalem, Babylon see!
		17 Ezekial at Chebar depicted the fray, And told of the year and the month and the day Of Babylon's conquest! Jerusalem's woe! And captives led forth by a pitiless foe!
		18 And unto the Jews in captivity dire, A letter was written, by sad Jeremiah! He wrote it in tears! And to lessen their fears, And told of its ending in seventy years!

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		19 And then when the seventy years had been ended, The pleadings of Daniel to Heaven ascended; Since Cyrus was King whom the Israelites claimed, As this was the Cyrus, whom Isaiah named.
		20 And then were the words of Isiah fulfilled! Permisson was granted the Temple to build! As King Cyrus made and proclaimed a decree, That granted permission to build it, we see!
		21 But ere to complete it, the people were able, Whilst under the guidance of Prince Zerubbabel. Good King Cyrus died, and his fated successor, Succeeded in proving a hated aggressor.
		22 And yet when the King Artaxerxes was slain, They thought not, or sought not, assistance to gain, Till Haggai recalled them, reprovded their delay, And the Temple completed in Darius' day.
5	500	23 And when at the height of their joy they arrive, It is B.C. 500 the era of five. And then is the Temple with joy dedicated, Ere their favor is cooled, and their ardor abated!
4	400	24 They have sadly abated in one hundred years, When Malachi last of the prophets appears. He tells of Elijah preparing the way, For Him, who was promised, in Abraham's day.
		25 Of Him, whom the wicked King Herod abhorred! Of the great and the horrible day of the Lord! And bidding them cling to the teachings of Moses, With Malachi's warnings the Testament closes!
		<i>The End.</i>