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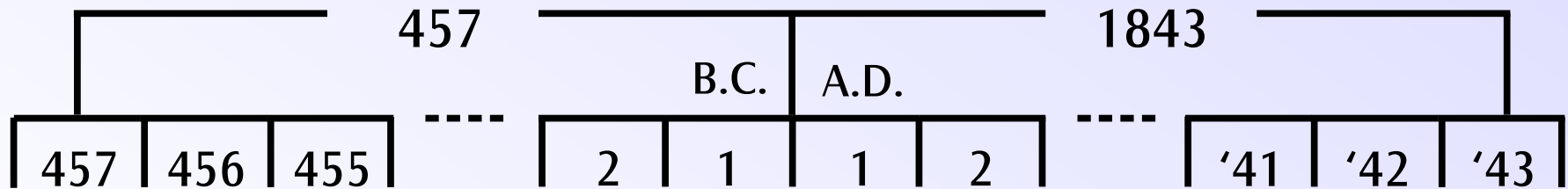
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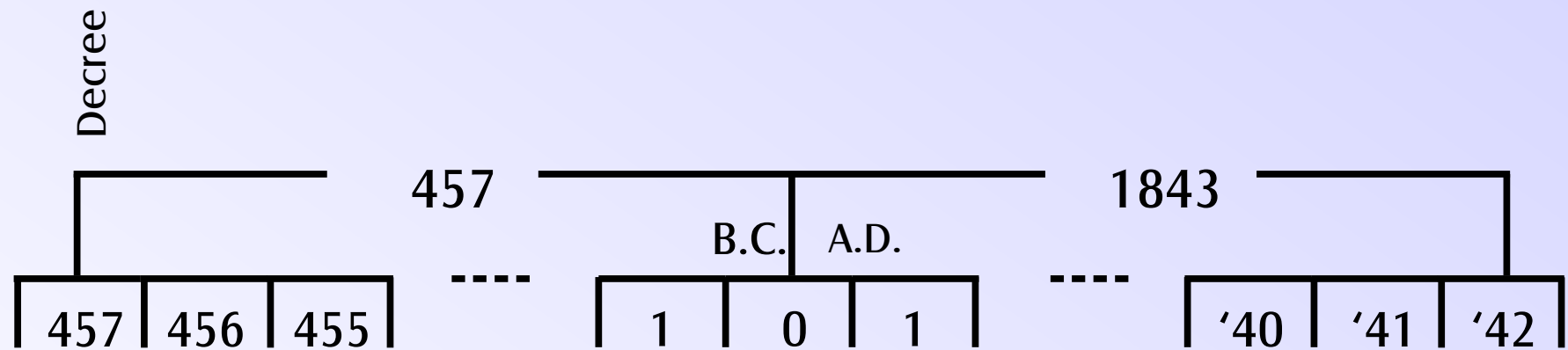
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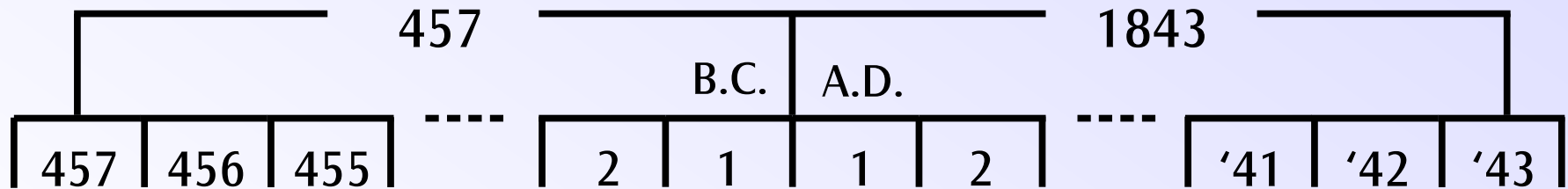
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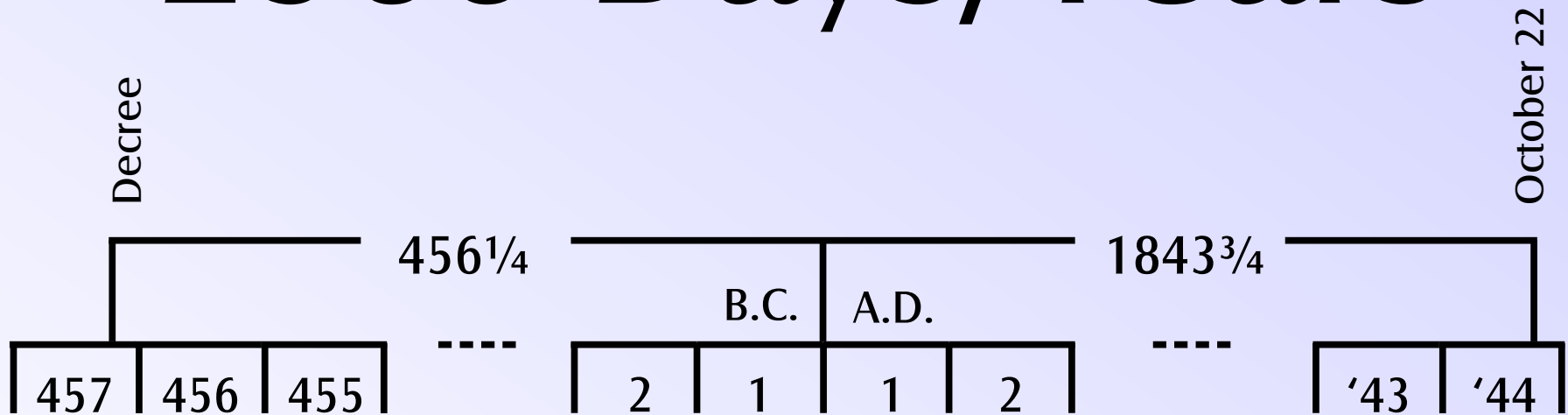
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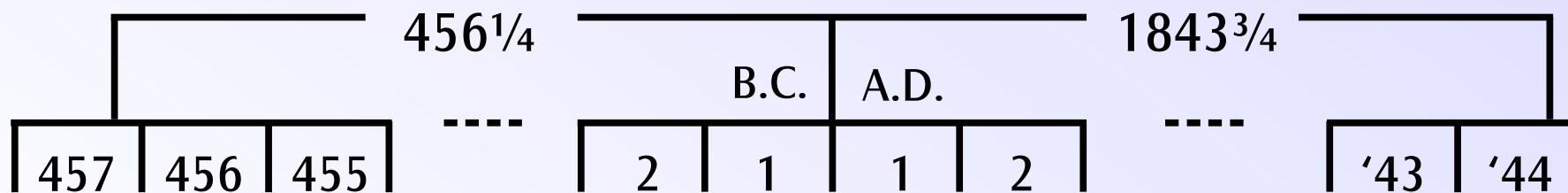
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Faith and courage. This doesn't come from just the bad news or just the good news. Some people only want to talk about one or the other—not good.

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“Ever repeating”--that’s why there is value in history.



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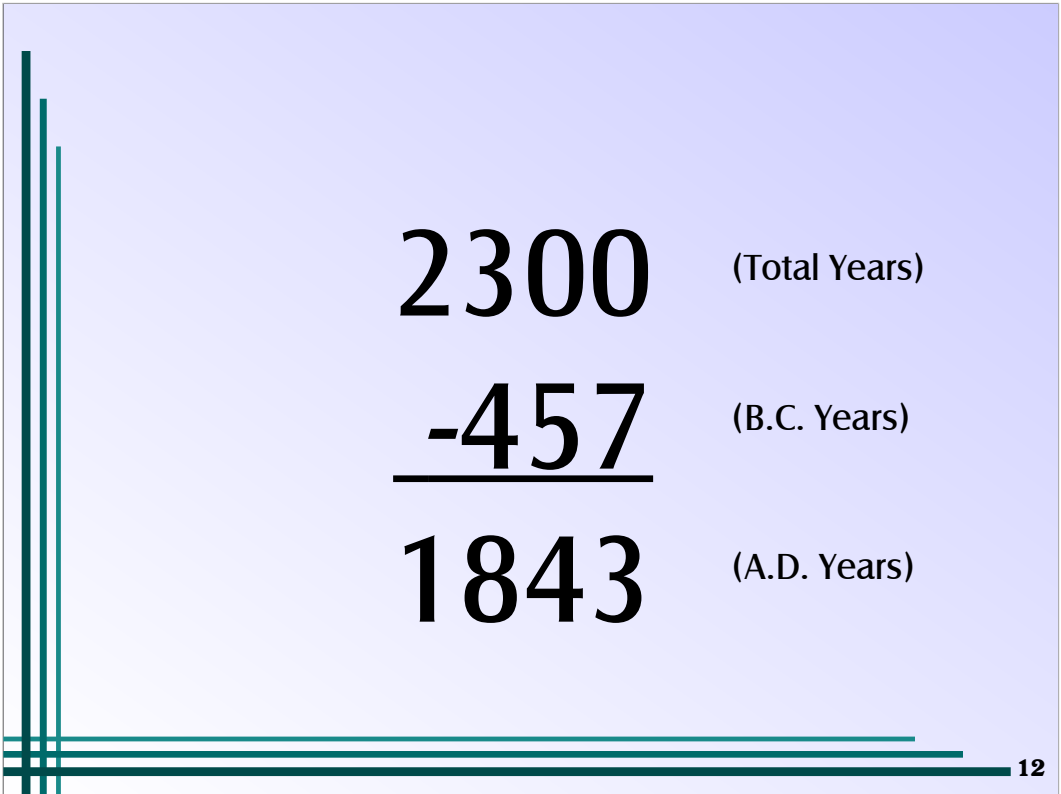
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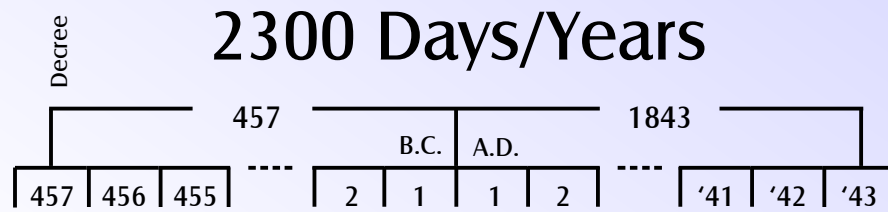


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Here's a little number line to make it simple.

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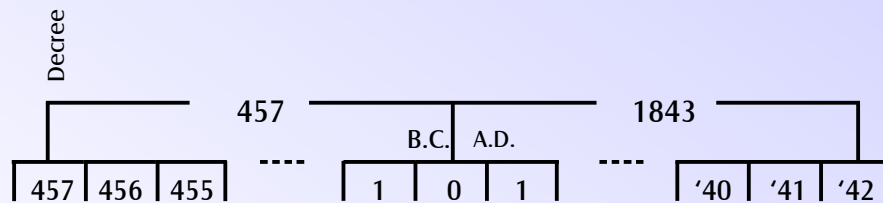
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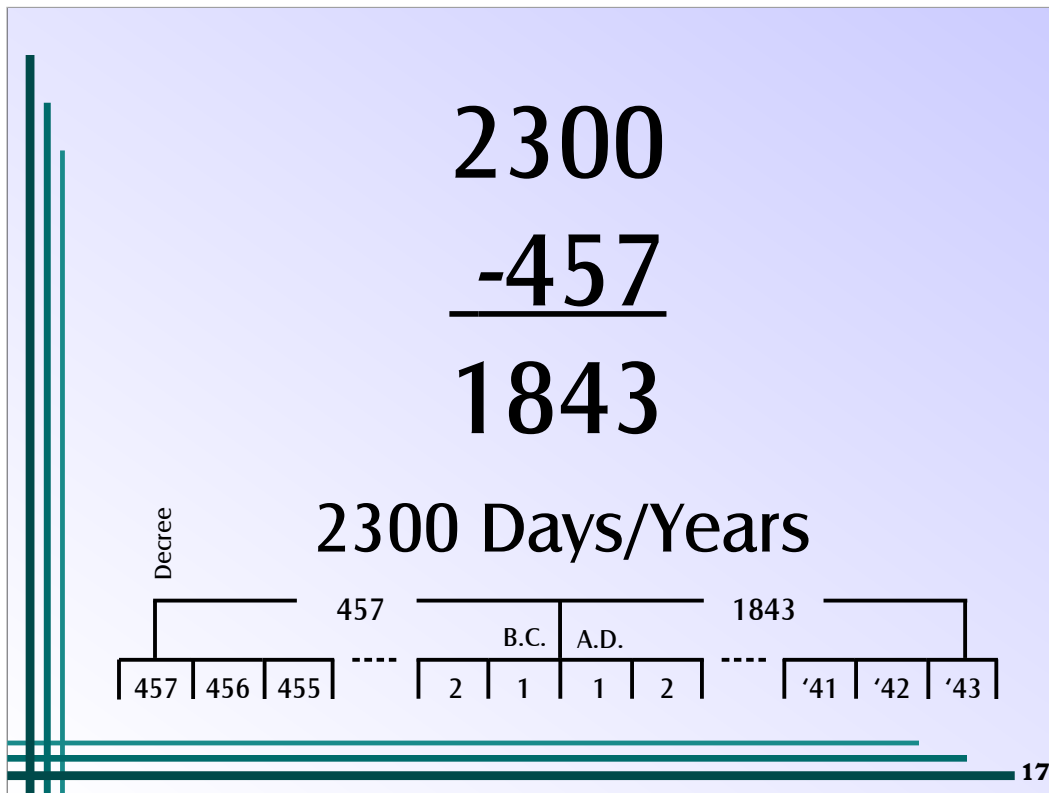
And they're always wrong!

Let's try putting in a “zero year” just to see what would happen...

2300 Days/Years



Just makes things worse!



Here it is again without the “zero year”—but what’s wrong with it?

No matter how they looked at the Jewish calendar, the Millerites couldn’t stretch “1843” any further than sometime in the spring of 1844. But nothing had happened. Very disappointing. Still, many were convinced that this movement had been of God, so they hung on, looking for some explanation. But the prophetic math always ended up with 1843.

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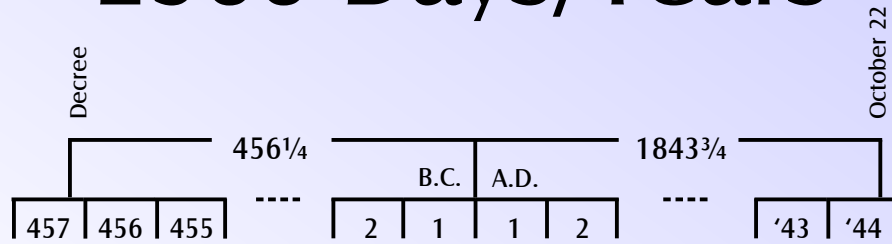
The answer to their question came at a camp meeting in August, 1844. Joseph Bates was on the platform, preaching what everyone already knew, and not providing any answers. Then S.S. Snow came galloping up on his horse, sat down next to his sister-in-law (Mrs. Couch), and whispered to her.

She stood up in the middle of the meeting and said, “It’s too late, Brother Bates. Too late to say the same old thing. There’s someone here who has new light on this subject.”

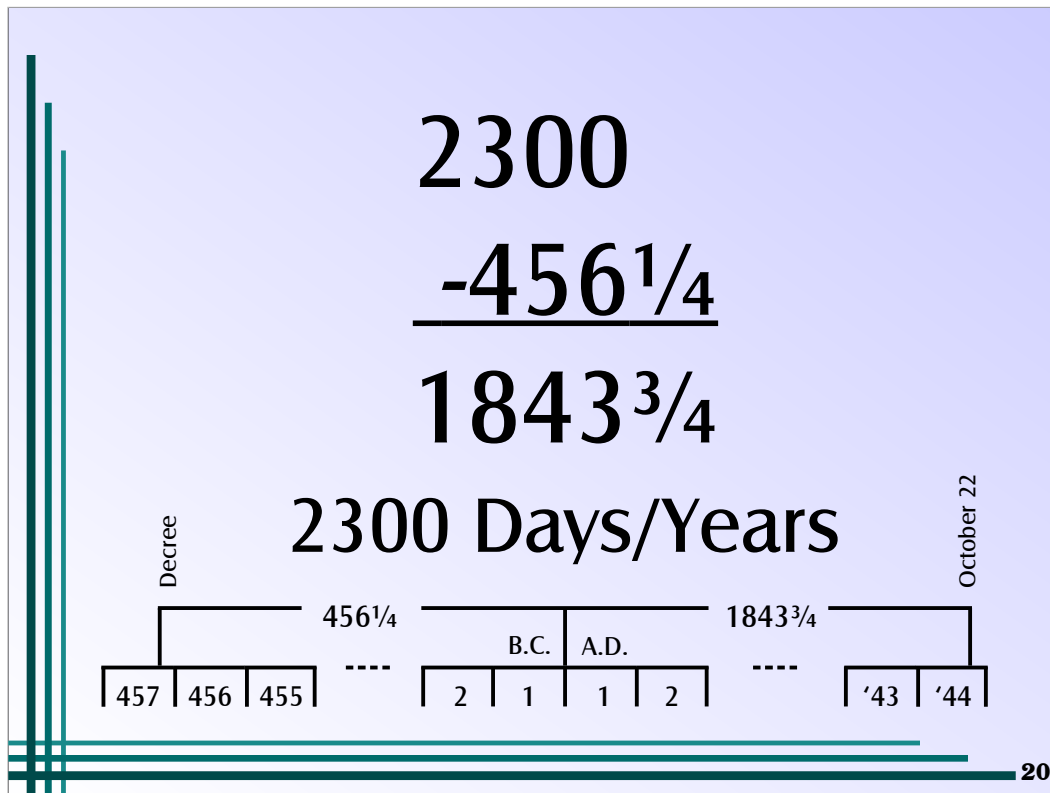
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Kids always say, “See you next year,” then come back to school “a year later” after Christmas vacation. But it hasn’t been a year. That’s what they had done with the first year of the prophecy.

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The decree was in the fall of the year.



The extra $\frac{3}{4}$ wraps on over into 1844.

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