

THE EARTH IS UNDER SEVEN THOUSAND YEARS OLD!

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A biblical account of the history of the world, including a Scriptural timeline which demonstrates the true age of the Earth. Do you believe fallible, modern men of science, or do you believe the clear record which is found in God's eternal Word?

The following chart of Biblical events, beginning with the creation of the world, including Adam and Eve, is based upon my many hours of carefully and prayerfully studying the Holy Scriptures, and comparing verse with verse. Using God's Word in conjunction with secular history, similar to a number of other students of the Bible, I have personally arrived at the conclusion that the world, and mankind, may be approximately six thousand years old. It is not millions or billions of years old as is purported by modern-day atheist scientists. Within modern Christianity, there exists a belief which is held by some people which we might refer to as the "one thousand years for a day" concept. This doctrine is based upon the following verse:

"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."

2 Peter 3:8, KJV

If there is any truth to this concept, then according to my findings, the six symbolic days may possibly be about over, or may in fact already be over, and the seventh day of rest -- that is to say, the seventh millennium of creation -- may be about to begin, or has in fact already begun. I trust that the following information will serve as a useful and powerful tool in convincing others of the validity of the Bible. At this time, I believe that my overall results are accurate to within about one hundred years, and possibly even closer than that. While I have made educated guesses and approximations in certain places where the exact ages of certain individuals is not known, overall, this chart is pretty accurate, because

the dates and ages of the Earth are not based on the dates of those in-between events. Rather, they are based on the time frame and dates of the major events, for which there's clear, verifiable evidence.

Patriarch and Event: Earth, Sun, stars, Adam and Eve and all life created in six literal days.

Bible References : Gen 1:1-2:25, Exo 20:11, 31:17, Joh 11:9

Approx. Earth Age: 6 days

Patriarch and Event: Adam has Seth at 130 and dies at 930 years old.

Bible References : Gen 5:3-5

Approx. Earth Age: 130 yrs

Patriarch and Event: Seth has Enos at 105 and dies at 912 years old.

Bible References : Gen 5:6-8

Approx. Earth Age: 235

Patriarch and Event: Enos has Cainan at 90 and dies at 905 years old.

Bible References : Gen 5:9-11

Approx. Earth Age: 325

Patriarch and Event: Cainan has Mahalaleel at 70 and dies at 910 years old.

Bible References : Gen 5:12-14

Approx. Earth Age: 395

Patriarch and Event: Mahalaleel has Jared at 65 and dies at 895 years old.

Bible References : Gen 5:15-17

Approx. Earth Age: 460

Patriarch and Event: Jared has Enoch at 162 and dies at 962 years old.

Bible References : Gen 5:18-20

Approx. Earth Age: 622

Patriarch and Event: Enoch has Methuselah at 65 and walks with God at 365 years old.

Bible References : Gen 5:21-24

Approx. Earth Age: 687

Patriarch and Event: Methuselah has Lamech at 187 and dies at 969 years old.

Bible References : Gen 5:25-27

Approx. Earth Age: 874

Patriarch and Event: Lamech has Noah at 182 and dies at 777 years old.

Bible References : Gen 5:28-31

Approx. Earth Age: 1056

Patriarch and Event: Noah has three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth at 500 and dies at 950 years old.

Bible References : Gen 5:32, 9:28-29, 10:21

Approx. Earth Age: 1556

NOTE: Based on Genesis 10:21, it seems that Japheth was the elder son actually born when Noah was 500 years old followed by Shem two years later, and then Ham. This explains why Shem would be 100 years old two years after the Flood instead of being 102 years old.

Patriarch and Event: Thus, at the time Shem was born, the Earth's age was approximately 1558 years.

Bible References : (see above)

Approx. Earth Age: 1558

Patriarch and Event: Shem has Arphaxad at 100 and dies at 600 years old, two years after the Flood occurs.

Bible References : Gen 11:10-11

Approx. Earth Age: 1658

Patriarch and Event: Arphaxad has Salah at 35 and dies at 438 years old.

Bible References : Gen 11:12-13

Approx. Earth Age: 1693

Patriarch and Event: Salah has Eber at 30 and dies at 433 years old.

Bible References : Gen 11:14-15

Approx. Earth Age: 1723

Patriarch and Event: Eber has Peleg at 34 and dies at 464 years old.

Bible References : Gen 11:16-17

Approx. Earth Age: 1757

Patriarch and Event: Peleg has Reu at 30 and dies at 239 years old.

Bible References : Gen 11:18-19

Approx. Earth Age: 1787

Patriarch and Event: Reu has Serug at 32 and dies at 239 years old.

Bible References : Gen 11:20-21

Approx. Earth Age: 1819

Patriarch and Event: Serug has Nahor at 30 and dies at 230 years old.

Bible References : Gen 11:22-23

Approx. Earth Age: 1849

Patriarch and Event: Nahor has Terah at 29 and dies at 148 years old.

Bible References : Gen 11:24-25

Approx. Earth Age: 1878

Patriarch and Event: Terah has Abram at 130 and dies at 205 years old.

Bible References : Gen 11:26-32, Act 7:4

Approx. Earth Age: 2008

NOTE: In Genesis 11:26-32, we are told that Terah had three sons -- Abram, Nahor and Haran -- beginning at the age of 70. With Acts 7:4 and Genesis 12:1-4, we see that Abram left Haran at the age of seventy-five after his father had died. With these facts, and the assumption that Abram's father's death was part of the motivating factor for Abram to leave Haran, we know that Terah was at least 130 when Abram was born.

Patriarch and Event: Abram leaves Haran at the age of 75 to travel to Canaan.

Bible References : Gen 12:1-4

Approx. Earth Age: 2083

Patriarch and Event: Abram has Ishmael by Sarah's handmaid, Hagar, at 86 years old in the 11th year of his sojourn from Haran.

Bible References : Gen 16:16

Approx. Earth Age: 2094

Patriarch and Event: God makes the Covenant of Circumcision when Abram is 99 years old, at which time he is renamed Abraham and Sarai is renamed Sarah. It is at this same time that Sarah conceives Isaac when the Lord and two angels

visit them in the plains of Mamre. Based on what Paul tells us in Galatians, it seems that the 430 years of sojourning followed by captivity, may begin at this time.

Bible References : Gen 17:1-27, 18:1-15, Gal 3:17

Approx. Earth Age: 2107

Patriarch and Event: Abraham has Isaac at 100 and dies at 175.

Bible References : Gen 21:1-5, 25:7-8

Approx. Earth Age: 2108

NOTE: According to historical records, the time of Abraham was around 1900 BC.

Patriarch and Event: Isaac married Rebekah, the sister of Laban the Syrian at the age of 40.

Bible References : Gen 25:20

Approx. Earth Age: 2148

Patriarch and Event: Isaac has Jacob and Esau at the age of 60.

Bible References : Gen 25:21-26

Approx. Earth Age: 2168

Patriarch and Event: When Isaac is about 100 years old, Jacob goes to the house of Laban to seek a wife.

Bible References : Gen 28:1-5

Approx. Earth Age: 2208

Patriarch and Event: When Jacob is about 40, he works for his uncle Laban for 7 years to get his first wife, Leah.

Bible References : Gen 29:18-20

Approx. Earth Age: 2215

Patriarch and Event: Jacob works an additional 7 years for his second wife, Rachel.

Bible References : Gen 29:26-30

Approx. Earth Age: 2222

Patriarch and Event: Levi, the great grandfather of Moses, and the third son of Jacob by Leah his wife may have been born when Jacob was about 60.

Bible References : Gen 29:34

Approx. Earth Age: 2228

NOTE: This age for Jacob and year of Levi's birth is based on the following possibilities:

1] Jacob was about 40 when he began working for Laban.

2] It appears that Jacob may have shunned Leah for the full 14 years since he was in love with Rachel and had been tricked by Laban.

3] It appears that the Lord closed up Rachel's womb and did not permit her to bear children until Jacob finally gave in to the Lord and began having children by Leah first:

"And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me. And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon. And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi. And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing."

Genesis 29:31-35, KJV

4] Based on one child every two years, Leah would have had her third child, Levi, about 5 or 6 years later towards the end of the twenty years that Jacob served Laban. By this time, Jacob had 11 children by Rachel, Leah and their two handmaids. He left Laban shortly after his eleventh son, Joseph, was born:

"And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach: And she called his name Joseph; and said, The LORD shall add to me another son. And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country. Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee."

Genesis 30:22-26, KJV

"This twenty years have I been with thee; thy ewes and thy she goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten. That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, whether stolen by day, or stolen by night. Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes. Thus have I been twenty years in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and thou hast changed my wages ten times."

Genesis 31:38-41, KJV

Thus, in my view, the above figures for Jacob's age, the year of Levi's birth, and the age of the Earth seem to be close to accurate.

Patriarch and Event: Jacob has Joseph in his old age. I have estimated it to be about 90 based on other Scriptural references available.

Bible References : Gen 30:22-24, 37:3

Approx. Earth Age: 2258

Patriarch and Event: Kohath, the grandfather of Moses, and the second of three sons born to Levi, may have been born when Levi was around 42.

Bible References : Gen 46:11, 1Ch 6:1

Approx. Earth Age: 2270

Patriarch and Event: Joseph taken to Egypt at 17 years old and in Potiphar's house for some time.

Bible References : Gen 37:2-3, 36, 39:1-2

Approx. Earth Age: 2275

NOTE: According to historical records, the time of Joseph was about 1700 BC.

Patriarch and Event: Joseph is thrown into prison by his master Potiphar.

Bible References : Gen 39:20-23

Approx. Earth Age: 2286

Patriarch and Event: Isaac dies at the old age of 180.

Bible References : Gen 35:28-29

Approx. Earth Age: 2288

Patriarch and Event: Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dreams, is lifted out of prison, is renamed Zaphnath-paa-neah, is given Asenath for a wife, and becomes 2nd in Egypt at 30 years of age.

Bible References : Gen 41:1, 41-46

Approx. Earth Age: 2288

Patriarch and Event: The seven good years begin.

Bible References : Gen 41:47-56

Approx. Earth Age: 2288

Patriarch and Event: Joseph has his first son whom he names Manasseh, before the 7 years of famine begin. I estimate this to be when he is about 32 years of age.

Bible References : Gen 41:50-51, 46:20, 48:5

Approx. Earth Age: 2290

Patriarch and Event: Joseph has his 2nd son whom he names Ephraim, before the 7 years of famine begin. I estimate this to be when he is about 34 years of age.

Bible References : Gen 41:50, 52, 46:20, 48:5

Approx. Earth Age: 2292

Patriarch and Event: Joseph's brethren return to Egypt the 2nd time with Benjamin during the second year of the famine.

Bible References : Gen 45:6, 11

Approx. Earth Age: 2297

Patriarch and Event: Jacob goes to Egypt with his family at 130 years old. Joseph is now about 40 years old.

Bible References : Gen 47:7-11

Approx. Earth Age: 2298

Patriarch and Event: Jacob stays in Egypt 17 years, dies there at 147 years old.

Bible References : Gen 47:28

Approx. Earth Age: 2315

Patriarch and Event: Amram, the eldest of four sons, and the father of Moses, is born to Kohath when he is around 80 years.

Bible References : Exo 6:18, Num 3:19, 1Ch 6:2

Approx. Earth Age: 2350

Patriarch and Event: Joseph's brother, Levi, the great grandfather of Moses, dies at 137 years of age.

Bible References : Exo 6:16

Approx. Earth Age: 2365

Patriarch and Event: Joseph dies at 110 years old after seeing the birth of his grandchildren.

Bible References : Gen 50:22-26

Approx. Earth Age: 2368

Patriarch and Event: Egyptian bondage begins after rest of

Joseph's generation dies off.

Bible References : Exo 1:6, 8

Approx. Earth Age: ???

Patriarch and Event: Kohath, the father of Amram, and grandfather of Moses dies at the age of 133.

Bible References : ???

Approx. Earth Age: 2403

Patriarch and Event: Aaron, the elder of the two sons of Amram and Jochebed, the daughter of Levi may have been born in Goshen in the land of Egypt when Amram was around the age of 104.

Bible References : Exo 6:20, 7:7, Num 26:59

Approx. Earth Age: 2454

Patriarch and Event: Moses, the younger of the two sons of Amram, may have been born in Goshen in the land of Egypt when Amram was around the age of 107.

Bible References : Exo 2:1-10, 6:20, Num 26:59, 1Ch 6:3, 18

Approx. Earth Age: 2457

Patriarch and Event: Amram, the father of Aaron and Moses, dies at the age of 137.

Bible References : ???

Approx. Earth Age: 2427

Patriarch and Event: Israelites multiply in Egypt during their time of bondage.

Bible References : Exo 1:9-12

Approx. Earth Age: ???

Patriarch and Event: Moses lives royally in Egypt 40 years, kills the Egyptian and flees to the the desert and becomes a shepherd.

Bible References : Exo 2:11-15, Act 7:22-23

Approx. Earth Age: 2497

Patriarch and Event: Caleb the son of Jephunneh, of the tribe of Judah is born about two years after Moses flees Egypt.

Bible References : Jos 14:7

Approx. Earth Age: 2499

Patriarch and Event: Joshua the son of Nun is born about two years after Moses flees Egypt.

Bible References : ???

Approx. Earth Age: 2499

NOTE: This assumption that Caleb and Joshua were born about the same time is based upon a variety of factors shown later.

Patriarch and Event: Moses spends his young adult life in the land of Midian where he marries Zipporah and has children.

Bible References : Exo 2:16-22

Approx. Earth Age: ???

Patriarch and Event: Moses hears from God at Mt. Horeb and begins his ministry as the Deliverer.

Bible References : Exo 3:1-22

Approx. Earth Age: ???

Patriarch and Event: Moses returns to Egypt and speaks to Pharaoh at 80 years old.

Bible References : Exo 7:7

Approx. Earth Age: 2537

Patriarch and Event: After God sends the plagues, the 430 years of sojourning and Egyptian bondage ended.

Bible References : Exo 12:41

Approx. Earth Age: 2537

NOTE: This figure, 2537, is based on the 430 years beginning when Abraham consummated the Covenant with God through circumcision, when he was 99 years old. If we have the 430 years beginning 24 years earlier when Abram first left Haran at the age of 75, then the age of the Earth at the time of the liberation from Egypt would have been about 2513 years.

Patriarch and Event: Children of Israel cross the Red Sea while Pharaoh's army is drowned

Bible References : Exo 14:1-31

Approx. Earth Age: 2537

Patriarch and Event: Moses received the commandments on the top of Mount Sinai in the third month following their liberation

Bible References : Exo 19:3-32:7

Approx. Earth Age: 2537

Patriarch and Event: Joshua was a young man of about 38 years at the time that Moses received the Commandments. Moses was 80, so in his eyes, describing Joshua as a "young man" might have been an appropriate description.

Bible References : Exo 33:11, Num 11:28

Approx. Earth Age: 2537

Patriarch and Event: Two years after leaving Mount Sinai, Caleb, at the age of 40, assisted Joshua and ten other tribal leaders in spying out the Promised Land at which time the Earth's age was.

Bible References : Num 1:1, 9:1, 10:11, Jos 14:6-7

Approx. Earth Age: 2539

Patriarch and Event: Children of Israel condemned to wander for forty years in the wilderness due to their murmuring and unbelief after they spied out the Promised Land for forty days. The Lord tells them that they will wander one year for

each day that Joshua, Caleb and the rest were spying out the Promised Land.

Bible References : Num 14:27-34

Approx. Earth Age: 2539

Patriarch and Event: Aaron, the brother of Moses, died at the age of 123 on the top of Mount Hor in the fortieth year just before they entered the Promised Land.

Bible References : Num 33:38-39

Approx. Earth Age: 2577

Patriarch and Event: Moses died on top of Mount Nebo/Pisgah at the age of 120 years in the final fortieth year, just before entering the Promised Land.

Bible References : Deu 34:1-12

Approx. Earth Age: 2577

Patriarch and Event: Children of Israel end their 40 years of wandering in the wilderness and enter the Promised Land, coming in through the East by Jericho. The Earth's age was approximately.

Bible References : Jos 2:1, 5:6

Approx. Earth Age: 2577

NOTE: Due to the fact that Moses was 80 when he appeared before Pharaoh, and that he died at 120, this indicates that the 40 years of wandering included the first two years when they were encamped at the foot of Mount Sinai.

Patriarch and Event: Caleb received Hebron for an inheritance at the age of 85.

Bible References : Jos 14:10, 13-14

Approx. Earth Age: 2584

Patriarch and Event: Following the above event, there is Scriptural evidence that another time period lapsed before Joshua died at the age of 110. If he and Caleb were born in

the same year, this would be an additional 25 years.

Bible References : Jos 21:44, 23:1, 24:29, Jud 2:8

Approx. Earth Age: 2609

Patriarch and Event: Period of the Judges begins in Israel (Gideon Deborah Baruk Samson etc.) perhaps 20 years later after the rest of Joshua's generation have died. The first Judge was Othniel, the son of Kenaz, Caleb's brother.

Bible References : Jud 2:16, 3:9

Approx. Earth Age: 2629

Patriarch and Event: Samuel, the last Judge, anoints Saul, a Benjamite, as the first king of Israel.

Bible References : 1Sm 9:1-2, 21, 10:1, 24

Approx. Earth Age: 2933

Patriarch and Event: David, the future king, is born to Jesse, the son of Obed, of the tribe of Judah.

Bible References : 1Sm 17:12, Rut 4:17, 22

Approx. Earth Age: 2943

Patriarch and Event: Samuel, the aging Prophet, anoints young David as the 2nd king of Israel, possibly when David was 24. This would have been 430 years after coming out of Egypt.

Bible References : 1Sm 16:12-13

Approx. Earth Age: 2967

Patriarch and Event: Samuel the Prophet may have died during the final six years of Saul's reign. Saul used the witch of Endor to raise up Samuel from the dead the last day of his forty-year reign.

Bible References : 1Sm 7:15, 8:5, 25:1, 28:3-19

Approx. Earth Age: 2973

Patriarch and Event: Saul ruled 40 years and died in battle

after being rejected by the Lord because of his disobedience.

Bible References : 1Sm 13:13-14, 15:10-11, 23, 31:3-4, Act 13:21

Approx. Earth Age: 2973

Patriarch and Event: David is anointed king a second time in Hebron by the elders of Israel. He began his reign at the age of 30.

Bible References : 2Sm 5:1-5

Approx. Earth Age: 2973

NOTE: According to historical records, the reign of King David began in approximately the year 1010 BC.

Patriarch and Event: David reigned 40 years, 7 in Hebron, and 33 years in Jerusalem. He died at the age of 70.

Bible References : 2Sm 5:1-5, 1Kg 2:11, 1Ch 29:27

Approx. Earth Age: 3013

Patriarch and Event: Solomon, the young son of David, is anointed as the 3rd king of Israel by Zadok the priest and Nathan the Prophet in the sight of David.

Bible References : 1Kg 1:30-39, 1Ch 29:1, 22

Approx. Earth Age: 3013

NOTE: According to historical records, David's reign would have ended, and Solomon's reign begun, around 970 BC.

Patriarch and Event: Beginning of construction of Solomon's Temple 480 years after coming out of Egyptian bondage, in the 4th year of Solomon's reign.

Bible References : 1Kg 6:1, 2Ch 3:1-2

Approx. Earth Age: 3017

Patriarch and Event: Temple construction ended after seven years in Solomon's 11th year as king.

Bible References : 1Kg 6:38

Approx. Earth Age: 3024

Patriarch and Event: Solomon died after reigning 40 years.

Bible References : 1Kg 11:42

Approx. Earth Age: 3053

NOTE: The Book of Acts says that the period of the Judges continued "until Samuel the prophet". Thus, it seems that he should be included as the final judge/prophet in this 450-year period. These people served as both Judges and Prophets. A clear example is Deborah, as in this verse:

"And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time."

Judges 4:4, KJV

In 1 Samuel, we also see another indication that Samuel served as Prophet and Judge:

"And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. And he went from year to year in circuit to Bethel, and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places. And his return was to Ramah; for there was his house; and there he judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the LORD."

1 Samuel 7:15-17, KJV

Another indication that Samuel should be included as the final Judge/Prophet is in the way Paul associates him with others in Hebrews chapter eleven:

"And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:"

Hebrews 11:32, KJV

Paul seems to be including Samuel with David and the Judges, and then saying ". . . and of the prophets." The problem we face with all of the above information is that if Samuel was the final Judge, and even if he died in the last year of Saul's reign, that still only gives us 354 years for the period of the Judges, and not the "about 450" years which is claimed in the Book of Acts by Paul. With my current calculations, the only way to arrive at the full 450 years is to include the reigns of Saul, David, Solomon, Solomon's

son, Solomon's grandson, and the beginning of the reign of his great grandson. In addition, Paul seems to be implying that the period of the Judges ended when Saul became the first king. It is because of these facts that no matter how we juggle the figures, it is impossible to reconcile the 450 years of the Judges, with the 480 years from the liberation from Egypt to the beginning of the construction of the Temple. If we trust the 450 years, this would bring us to the Earth age of 3079, instead of 3053. This has plagued Biblical chronologists for decades -- if not longer -- and there is no clear solution. For this reason, for now, I am going to accept the 3053 and continue the timeline from that point.

Patriarch and Event: Solomon's son Rehoboam becomes king at 41 years and reigns 17 years in Judah.

Bible References : 1Kg 11:43, 14:21

Approx. Earth Age: 3070

Patriarch and Event: Rehoboam's son Abijam becomes king and reigns three years in Judah.

Bible References : 1Kg 14:31, 15:2

Approx. Earth Age: 3073

Patriarch and Event: Abijam's son Asa becomes king and reigns 41 years in Judah

Bible References : 1Kg 15:8, 10

Approx. Earth Age: 3114

Patriarch and Event: Asa's son Jehoshaphat becomes king at age 35 and reigns 25 years in Judah.

Bible References : 1Kg 15:24 22:42

Approx. Earth Age: 3139

Patriarch and Event: Jehoshaphat's son Jehoram becomes king at age 32 and reigns 8 years in Judah.

Bible References : 2Kg 2:16-17

Approx. Earth Age: 3147

Patriarch and Event: Jehoram's son Ahaziah becomes king at age 22 and reigns 1 year in Judah.

Bible References : 2Kg 8:26, 9:27

Approx. Earth Age: 3148

Patriarch and Event: At his death, Ahaziah's mother Athaliah reigns over Judah for six years.

Bible References : 2Kg 11:1-3

Approx. Earth Age: 3154

Patriarch and Event: Ahaziah's son Joash/Jehoash becomes king at 7 after his mother is slain and reigns 40 years in Jerusalem.

Bible References : 2Kg 11:12-16, 12:1

Approx. Earth Age: 3194

Patriarch and Event: After Joash's assassination, his son Amaziah became king at age 25 and reigned 29 years in Jerusalem.

Bible References : 2Kg 14:1-2

Approx. Earth Age: 3223

Patriarch and Event: After Amaziah's assassination, his son Azariah/Uzziah became king at age 16 and reigned 52 years in Jerusalem.

Bible References : 2Kg 14:21, 15:2

Approx. Earth Age: 3275

NOTE: According to historical records, King Uzziah/Azariah died about 740 BC.

Patriarch and Event: Azariah's son Jotham became king at age 25 and reigned 16 years in Judah.

Bible References : 2Kg 15:32-33

Approx. Earth Age: 3291

Patriarch and Event: Jotham's son Ahaz became king at age 20 and reigned 16 years in Jerusalem.

Bible References : 2Kg 15:38, 16:2

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Patriarch and Event: Ahaz's son Hezekiah became king at age 25 and reigns 29 years in Judah.

Bible References : 2Kg 16:20, 18:1-2

Approx. Earth Age: 3336

Patriarch and Event: Hezekiah's son Manasseh became king at age 12 and reigned 55 years in Jerusalem.

Bible References : 2Kg 20:21, 21:1

Approx. Earth Age: 3391

Patriarch and Event: Manasseh's son Amon became king at age 22 and reigned 2 years in Jerusalem.

Bible References : 2Kg 21:18-19

Approx. Earth Age: 3393

Patriarch and Event: After Amon's assassination, his son Josiah became king at the age of eight.

Bible References : 2Kg 21:23-22:1

Approx. Earth Age: 3393

Patriarch and Event: In the 13th year of Josiah's reign, Jeremiah begins prophesying against Jerusalem.

Bible References : Jer 1:2-3, 25:3

Approx. Earth Age: 3406

NOTE: According to the historical record, Nabopolassar -- the father of Nebuchadnezzar II -- was the first king of

Babylon and ruled from about 626 BC. to 605 BC.

Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian empire, was prophesied against by the Prophet Nahum. According to the historical record, it was destroyed by the Babylonians in about 612 BC.

Patriarch and Event: Josiah reigned 31 years in Jerusalem and died in battle against Necho king of Egypt.

Bible References : 2Kg 22:1, 23:29-30, 2Ch 35:20-24

Approx. Earth Age: 3424

Patriarch and Event: After Josiah dies in battle, his son Jehoahaz, a.k.a. Shallum, became king at 23 and reigned 3 months, after which Pharaoh of Egypt took him prisoner where he died. Pharaoh made Josiah's other son Eliakim -- who he called Jehoiakim -- king.

Bible References : 2Kg 23:30-36, Jer 22:11-12, 2Ch 36:1-5

Approx. Earth Age: 3425

Patriarch and Event: In the third year of Jehoiakim's reign, King Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem and took part of the Temple vessels and part of the royal seed to Babylon. In this group was the Prophet Daniel.

Bible References : Dan 1:1-7, 2Ch 36:5-7

Approx. Earth Age: 3428

Patriarch and Event: In the first year of the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon -- which was the fourth year of the reign of King Jehoiakim -- Jeremiah began writing his book, 23 years after he had begun prophesying. This may have been about 605 BC.

Bible References : Jer 25:1-3, 36:1-2

Approx. Earth Age: 3429

Patriarch and Event: In the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, the Prophet Daniel described Babylon as the head of gold. Later he described Babylon as a lion with eagle's wings under King Belshazzar.

Bible References : Dan 2:1, 2:32, 38, 7:1, 4

Approx. Earth Age: 3430

Patriarch and Event: It appears that Jehoiakim ended his eleven-year rule when the forces of Nebuchadnezzar attempted to bind him in chains to carry him captive into Babylon. This attempt may have resulted in his death because Jeremiah says he was buried outside of Jerusalem like an ass.

Bible References : 2Ch 36:5-6, Jer 22:18-19

Approx. Earth Age: 3436

Patriarch and Event: Jehoiakim died and his son Jehoiachin became king at age 18 and reigned 3 months when Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem. Nebuchadnezzar replaced Jehoiachin with his uncle Mattaniah whom he renamed Zedekiah. He began ruling at age 21.

Bible References : 2Kg 24:6-18, Jer 22:24-30, 52:1, 2Ch 36:8-10

Approx. Earth Age: 3437

NOTE: We have two slightly different accounts concerning Jehoiachin, a.k.a. Coniah or Jeconiah. According to the account in Kings, he remained in Jerusalem while his uncle ruled in his stead. Seven years later, in what would have been his eighth year of reign, Jehoiachin was taken as a prisoner to Babylon where he died. According to Chronicles, he was taken prisoner to Babylon at the end of that very same year. I am going to use this second version, so that when he and his family, servants, etc., were taken to Babylon, the Earth's age was about 3,436 years old.

Patriarch and Event: The Prophet Ezekiel, who was also taken captive, began receiving his visions from the Lord in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity in Babylon.

Bible References : Eze 1:1-3

Approx. Earth Age: 3442

Patriarch and Event: In Zedekiah's final 11th year, which was Nebuchadnezzar's 19th year in power, Nebuzaradan invaded and tore down walls of Jerusalem after two years of siege, and took the remnant captive to Babylon. Gedaliah was made

Nebuchadnezzar's puppet ruler, but was killed 7 months later

Bible References : 2Kg 25:8-12, 21-26, 39:1-10, 52:4-16

Approx. Earth Age: 3448

Patriarch and Event: The fall of Jerusalem occurred in the year 587 BC. according to historical records. At this time, Jeremiah ended his forty years of prophesying.

Bible References : Jer 1:2-3

Approx. Earth Age: 3448

Patriarch and Event: According to the historical record, Evil-merodach, a.k.a. Amel-Marduk, succeeded Nebuchadnezzar and ruled from about 561 BC. to 558 BC. In the first year of his reign, he freed Jehoiachin who had been in prison for 37 years.

Bible References : 2Kg 25:27-30, Jer 52:31

Approx. Earth Age: 3474

NOTE: According to the historical record, Nergal-shar-usur succeeded Evil-merodach to the throne of Babylon in about the year 558 BC.

According to the historical record, Nabonidus succeeded Nergal-shar-usur to the throne of Babylon in about the year 554 BC.

Patriarch and Event: According to the historical record, Belshazzar succeeded Nabonidus to the Babylonian throne in about 537 BC. One source states that he was the son of Nabonidus; however, the Scriptures indicate that he was the direct son of Nebuchadnezzar.

Bible References : Dan 5:11, 18, 22

Approx. Earth Age: ???

Patriarch and Event: Medo-Persia was a dual empire, but the Persians were the stronger of the two kingdoms as depicted and prophesied by the Prophet Daniel.

Bible References : Dan 2:32, 38-39, 7:5, 8:3, 20

Approx. Earth Age: ???

NOTE: According to the historical record, Cyrus ruled as king of Persia from somewhere between 550 and 558 BC., to 529 BC. There appears to be some conflict as to when his reign actually began.

Patriarch and Event: The 70 years of captivity ends in the first year of the reign of Cyrus, king of the Persian Empire, when he encourage the captives of Judah to return and rebuild the house of the Lord. They number 42,360 plus 7,330 servants and maids.

Bible References : 2 Chr 36:20-23, Ezra 1:1-3, 2:1, 64, 5:13

Approx. Earth Age: ???

Patriarch and Event: According to the historical record, Darius I ruled as king of Persia from 521 BC. to 486 BC. He was the son of King Ahasuerus of the Medes, who reigned with Queen Esther.

Bible References : Dan 5:31, 9:1, Book of Esther

Approx. Earth Age: ???

Patriarch and Event: Temple construction begins in the 2nd year after captivity ends but is halted by Artaxerxes after sedition by the enemies of Israel until the 2nd year of the reign of King Darius.

Bible References : Ezz 3:8, 4:19-24

Approx. Earth Age: ???

Patriarch and Event: The Prophets Daniel and Jeremiah both prophesied the defeat and death of Belshazzar, and his kingdom being given to Darius the Mede. Belshazzar means "Bel protect the king".

Bible References : Dan 5:25-31, Jer 51:27-28, 44

Approx. Earth Age: ???

Patriarch and Event: In the second year of his reign, Darius orders that the Jews be left alone to build their Temple.

Bible References : Ezr 6:6-12

Approx. Earth Age: ???

Patriarch and Event: The Temple is completed in the 6th year of the reign of Darius. Darius the Mede was around 62 years of age when he conquered Babylon.

Bible References : Ezr 6:14-15

Approx. Earth Age: ???

NOTE: According to the historical record, Xerxes I ruled as king of Persia from 486 BC. to 465 BC.

Patriarch and Event: Ezra goes to Jerusalem in the 7th year of the reign of Artaxerxes and the king passes a decree regarding financing the construction of the 2nd Jewish temple.

Bible References : Ezr 7:6-8, 11-26

Approx. Earth Age: ???

Patriarch and Event: In the 20th year of the reign of Artaxerxes, Nehemiah is given permission to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem.

Bible References : Neh 2:1-9

Approx. Earth Age: ???

Patriarch and Event: Nehemiah is still acting as governor of Judah twelve years later.

Bible References : Neh 5:14

Approx. Earth Age: ???

Patriarch and Event: Malachi, the last written Prophet, continues to preach against the sins of Israel during the same time frame as Ezra and Nehemiah.

Bible References : Book of Malachi

Approx. Earth Age: ???

Patriarch and Event: Alexander the Great, King of Macedonia -- the Grecian Empire -- rules as prophesied by Daniel and dies in 323 BC according to historical records. His kingdom was then divided into four areas by his generals as prophesied by Daniel.

Bible References : Dan 2:32, 39, 7:6, 8:5, 21-22, 11:2-4

Approx. Earth Age: ???

NOTE: Following the Prophet Malachi, there was a period of 300+ years during which there were no recorded prophesies, in part because God was fed up with Israel, and also because at that time, the Jewish law and oral tradition was held in very high esteem by the Jewish religious leaders. As such prophesying was frowned upon and could result in excommunication from the temple. In short, Israel no longer wanted to listen to God. During this time was the reign of the family of the Maccabees. It was at this time that the Book of Jubilees was written. Judas Maccabeus died in 160 BC according to the historical record as well as the Apocrypha.

Patriarch and Event: It was also in these last couple of hundred of "silent years" when the Romans came into power as predicted hundreds of years before by Daniel. According to the historical record, Tiberius Caesar lived from 42 BC to 37 AD and was in power when Jesus was crucified.

Bible References : Dan 2:33, 40, 7:7, 23

Approx. Earth Age: ???

Note: Due to the uncertainty and conflict between certain historical dates during the final six centuries before the time of Christ, it seems to me that if we take the latest possible age of the Earth based on the Scriptures, and add the possible historical date that it equates to, and then add our current date and the number of years since then to it, we will have a very close figure regarding the actual age of the Earth. In my view, this would be the final 37th year of the captivity of King Jehoiachin. At this time, based on my calculations, the age of the Earth was 3,474 years at that time. His freedom came twenty-six years after the fall of Jerusalem, since he had already been imprisoned for eleven years in Babylon.

At this point we have to trust the historical record to be accurate concerning the date of the final fall of Jerusalem to the forces of Nebuchadnezzar. As shown above, 587 BC seems to be the date which is agreed upon by a number of historians. This year equates to the Earth age of 3,448 years. If we subtract the twenty-six years from 587 BC to bring it up to Jehoiachin's release from prison, that brings us to the date 561 BC which agrees with the historical record. Thus, if we add 561 years to the Earth age of 3,474 when the king was freed from prison, that brings us to 4,035 years at what is normally referred to as the year "zero".

The rest of our math is simple. We add our current year of 2025 to the Earth age of 4,035 years at the imaginary year of 0 BC/AD to give us the sum of 6,060 years for the approximate age of the Earth. It is important to note that this age is based upon placing the beginning of the 430 years of sojourning and bondage at the Earth age of 2,107 years when Abraham was ninety-nine years old and sealed the Covenant with God through circumcision. If we were to take the beginning of this 430 year period and place it twenty-four years before when Abraham first left Haran and began his sojourning, then we could subtract twenty-four years from the approximate Earth age of 6,060 and have the sum of 6,036 years.

If we also take into consideration my own human error or lack of perfect understanding in everything I have presented in this article, I think it is quite possible that the current age of the Earth might possibly be closer to 6,000 years old. Trust me; researching and compiling all of this data from Genesis forward was not an easy feat. Thus, there is room for a small amount of error on my part. Please also note that while some people use other methods for determining the Biblical age of the Earth -- such as using Daniel's "Seventy Weeks Prophecy" -- or 490 years -- to move from the Old Testament period into the New Testament period -- in the end, we still arrive at close to the same ballpark figure of around six thousand years being the age of the Earth.

In contrast, in Book VIII Chapter III of his "Antiquities of the Jews", Jewish historian and general, Flavius Josephus offers us this interesting information regarding the age of the Earth:

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"Solomon began to build the temple in the fourth year of his reign, on the second month, which the Macedonians call Artemisius, and the Hebrews Jur, five hundred and ninety-two years after the exodus out of Egypt, but after one thousand and twenty years from Abraham's coming out of Mesopotamia into Canaan, and after the deluge one thousand four hundred and forty years; and from Adam the first man who was created, until Solomon built the temple, there had passed in all three thousand one hundred and two years."

----- End Quote -----

According to historical records, David's reign would have ended, and Solomon's reign would have begun around 970 BC. Based on my above chart, the Earth would have been 3,013 years old at the time that Solomon was coronated as the second king of Israel. Furthermore, as Joseph notes, and as I also show in my previous chart, construction of the temple began during the fourth year of Solomon's reign. It would have been the approximate year of 966 BC, which equates to the Earth being 3,017 years old. Construction of Solomon's Temple was completed seven years later in the eleventh year of King Solomon's reign. This equates to the approximate year of 959 BC, at which time the Earth would have been 3,024 years old.

So, if the Earth was about 3,024 years old in 959 BC, if we add 959 years to the 3,024 years in order to arrive at the imaginary year of 0, we arrive at the conclusion that the Earth was about 3,983 years old in the imaginary year of 0. This is based on what Josephus wrote, and on my personal calculations above as well:

$3,024 \text{ years old} + 959 \text{ years to year } 0 = 3,983 \text{ years old}$

The rest of the math is simple. To arrive at the current approximate age of the Earth, we simply add our current year to 3,983. This places the age of the Earth at about 6,008 years old. So as you can plainly see, we are still in the ballpark of the Earth being around 6,000 years old, when we consider my Biblical calculations, Josephus' writings, and the actual historical record:

$3,983 \text{ years old at year } 0 + 2025 \text{ AD} = 6,008 \text{ years old}$

Now, I should also add that a Jewish year is NOT the same as a secular year. Jewish years -- which are also known as

Biblical years or prophetic years -- are only comprised of 360 days each, and NOT 365.24 days according to our solar calendar. Thus, if Josephus was writing in Jewish years, then we need to convert his 3,102 years -- which was the age of the Earth at the time that Solomon built the first temple -- into solar years using the following method:

$3,102 \text{ Jewish years} \times 360 \text{ days per year} = 1,116,720 \text{ days}$

$1,116,720 \div 365.24 \text{ days per solar year} = 3,057.496 \text{ solar years}$

So, based on Flavius Josephus' calculations, the Earth was about 3,057 solar years old at the time that Solomon built the temple. This equates to the aforementioned approximate year of 959 BC according to the historical record. Please note that Josephus does not clearly specify whether he is referring to the start date for the temple, or the finish date seven years later. I will assume the finish date. So, we perform the same math as before in order to determine the Earth's age in the imaginary year of 0:

$3,057 \text{ years old} + 959 \text{ years to year } 0 = 4,016 \text{ years old}$

So, I arrived at about 3,983 years old at the year 0, while Josephus' figures take us to about 4,016 years old at the imaginary year 0. So we have a difference of 33 years which is not very much in the overall timescale. So now we add the 2025 AD to Josephus's calculations in order to arrive at the current approximate age of the Earth:

$4,016 \text{ years old at year } 0 + 2025 \text{ AD} = 6,041 \text{ years old}$

So again, I arrived at the figure of 6,008 years old, while Josephus' figures give us 6,041 years old in our current year of 2025 AD. Again, that is not very much difference when we consider the overall timescale. We are still close to 6,000 years old for the approximate age of the Earth. Of course, we already know that modern science scoffs at such information and considers it total nonsense. So it really comes down to this: Which source are you going to believe; God's Word -- the Bible -- or modern science? It is really your choice, so choose wisely.

With these thoughts, I will bring this article to a close. It is my hope that you've found it informative and enlightening, and I pray that it has been a blessing in your life as well. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr or with

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