

God Has Spoken – 4200 years from Creation to Revelation

Thesis:

God created man in the year 4106 B.C.E. The Word of God has been declared over a span of 4200 years.

Summary:

Remarkably only a few events recorded in the Old Testament are used to estimate man's first year on earth; from Adam until Noah (1056); from Noah until Flood (600); the flood event (1); from after Flood until Abram (292); from Abram until Israel entered Egypt (290); Israel's sojourn in Egypt (430), from Israel's departure out of Egypt until construction of Solomon's temple (480). Lastly a modern estimate is used to place the 4th year of Solomon's reign (957 B.C.E.).

References:

Genesis 1:27; 2:1;5:1-32; 7:6; 11:10-26; 17:17; 25:26; 47:9; Exodus 12:40-41; 1 Kings 6:1.

Discussion:

The following discussion is divided into chronologically ordered notes supporting the thesis. Charts have been included to summarize chronological events stated in the Bible. The final chart summarizes the timeline starting from creation and ends 4,200 years later when the last book of the Bible was written by the apostle John. This study does not attempt to date: the exact timing of the birth of Jesus, his death, his resurrection, or future events.

Note 1 – Adam to Noah

The writer of Genesis recorded the pre-flood longevity of Adam's royal line. It is recorded that the oldest man Methuselah died at the age of 969 the same year of the flood when Noah himself was 600 years old (Genesis 5).

Note 2 – Solar calendar

It is possible that the father's age, indicated in whole numbers when the son was born (Genesis 5), also served as the first calendar marking solar years elapsed from the Genesis 1 account of creation. The maximum variation attributed to the twenty-two father genealogy from Adam until Jacob can be expressed as 4106 ± 22 B.C.E.

Note 3 – Rainbow covenant

There were ten generations from Adam until Noah whereupon God destroyed the world by flood. After the flood God made a covenant with Noah and his sons "Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth" (Genesis 9:11). The rainbow is the sign of that covenant and it remains unbroken to this day.

Note 4 – Abrahamic covenant

There were ten generations from Noah's son Shem until Abram. When Abram was 75 God made a covenant with him and gave him a new name Abraham. God made a covenant with him to give him the land of Canaan. Two generations later, or twelve generations from Shem, the same covenant was confirmed with Jacob and God changed his name from Jacob to Israel. God told him, "All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring" (Genesis 28:14).

Note 5 – The two covenants separated equally by 10 generations

There is a dimension of generations separating the covenant of Noah and the covenant of Abraham (2x10). There were 10 generations from Adam to Noah (rainbow covenant) and there were 10 generations from Shem to Abram (Abraham covenant).

Note 6 – The two covenants separated equally by 290 years

There is a separation of time between the covenant of Noah and the covenant of Abraham. There is a span of 290 years from Arphaxad until Abram the son of Terah was born. These were generations who had heard of the flood but never saw it. The covenant was affirmed by the God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob during a subsequent span of another 290 years. This is a dimension of time (2x290) that can never again be replicated.

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Note 7 – Dating Arphaxad's birth

This 4106 B.C.E. study assumes "two years after the flood" (Genesis 11:10) was in reference to the end of the flood, one year and ten days after it started, (Genesis 7:11; 8:13-14).

Note 8 – Noah to Jacob

Noah was 600 years old when God judged the world by flood. From the time Noah boarded the Ark to escape the flood another 600 years and 12 generations passed until Jacob, witness of the Abrahamic covenant, prophesied concerning each of his 12 sons before dying. (Genesis 47:28; Genesis 49). From the birth of Noah until the death of Jacob transpired 12 hundred years. Jacob foretold the coming of Messiah through the tribe of Judah and referred to the new covenant later to be ratified through blood of Jesus (Genesis 49:10-12; Luke 3:33, 19:30-35; 22:20; Revelation 1:14; 2:27).

Note 9 – Jacob to Moses

Six hundred (600) years elapsed from the time Jacob was born until Moses died on Mount Nebo overlooking Canaan. (Exodus 16:35, Deuteronomy 34:1-7). The sovereign hand of the God is evident from Jacob's birth until Moses death. God's promise to Jacob is unalterable and the 600 year span suggests that God had foreknowledge that Israel would be disobedient even while He was rescuing Israel from Egyptian slavery. Remember that God sealed up the door on Noah's ark during the flood when Noah was six hundred years old (Genesis 7:16). In a similar fashion God completed His eternal purpose with Moses (Deuteronomy 34:5-8).

Note 10 – Twenty-two patriarchs from Adam until Jacob

Concerning Luke's genealogy of Jesus and also an obscure reference to "the son of Cainan". Please refer to Luke 3:23-37. A few interesting points. Starting from Joseph, husband of Mary, there are 42 ancestors from Joseph up to and including David. Starting from David there are 12 ancestors from David up to and including Jacob. Starting from Jacob there are 22 ancestors from Jacob up to and including Adam. The name "Cainan" mentioned in Luke 3:36 is not mentioned in the Genesis account and therefore is not included in the 22 count. Please refer to NIV study notes on Genesis 11:12-13 for possible origin of this reference. That there are only 22 descendants from Adam to Jacob, and no more, is made more certain when reading God's command for how the Lampstand is to be constructed (Exodus 25:31-40). The number of "cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms" adds up to 22 or the same number of patriarchs from Adam up to and including Jacob.

Note 11– Abraham to Solomon's temple

The sequence of recorded events is unbroken tracing from the construction of Solomon's temple all the way back through Adam. Solomon was a man full of discernment (1Kings 3:12) so it is unlikely a mere coincidence that temple construction started on the 12 hundredth year from Abraham's birth (290+430+480).

Note 12– God's covenant with Abraham

God established his covenant with Abraham (Genesis 17:1,4,5), Issac (Genesis 17:19-20), and Jacob (Genesis 28:13-15; 32:27-29) . God's covenant was to bless all peoples through the line of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob. Israel was numbered according to its 12 tribes (Num 1:44). God has always kept a remnant of Israel (see Revelation 7:4-8). The names of the 12 tribes of Israel have eternal significance (see Revelation 21:12-14).

Note 13 – Dating Solomon's temple

This 4106 B.C.E. study proposes that the founding date for Solomon's temple was 957 B.C.E.

The book *Reading the Old Testament* cites Solomon's reign from 961-922.¹ This infers that the 4th year of Solomon's reign was 958-957 B.C.E.

¹ Bandstra, Barry L, *Reading the Old Testament An introduction to the Hebrew Bible*, (Wadsworth Publishing Company, 1999), Chapter 9, 4. Kings as a whole. Online: http://www.hope.edu/bandstra/RTOT/CH9/CH9_4.HTM

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Josephus, around 100 C.E., wrote “Therein it was recorded that the temple was built by king Solomon at Jerusalem, one hundred forty-three years and eight months before the Tyrians built Carthage; and in their annals the building of our temple is related; for Hiram, the king of Tyre, was the friend of Solomon our king, and had such friendship transmitted down to him from his forefathers.”²

The Age of Solomon book describes how a temple founding date of 957 B.C.E. is arrived at using the Tyrian records cited by Josephus.³

Note 14 – Abraham to Christ the Lord

The book of Matthew records the genealogy connecting Abraham to the new covenant through Christ as a dimension of 3 sets of 14 generations. These two covenants are separated by a span of 40 earthly fathers and a generational enumeration of 42 (3 x 14). David is mentioned twice highlighting the prophetic and royal lineage of David (Matthew 1:1-17).

Note 15 – Dating the book of Revelation

This 4106 B.C.E. study proposes that Revelation was delivered from heaven to the Apostle John in A.D. 95.

“The traditional view for the date of Revelation is during the reign of emperor Domitian (A.D. 81-96). The early church fathers affirmed this and most scholars since have agreed. The date has been traditionally set at between A.D. 94-96 (during the final and most severe years of Domitian’s reign). It is likely that John wrote Revelation during his exile on the island of Patmos.”⁴

“The exile of Patmos must be placed in the last years of Domitian, about A.D. 94-97.” His work references Jerome as follows: “According to Jerome (Vir. Ill.ix), St John wrote the Apocalypse when an exile in Patmos, in the fourteenth year of Domitian (95); and under Nerva (96-98) obtained permission to return to Ephesus.”⁵

Note 16 – 4,200 years from Creation to Revelation

The inspired Word begins with Genesis and ends with Revelation (Genesis 1:1; John 1:1; Revelation 22:13) .

The span of time from the beginning when God created man until the last book “the revelation of Jesus Christ” was written down by the apostle John for the churches to read and hear is evidently 4200 years (4106 – 1 + 95) . This number is determined with the help of two human estimates: dating the construction of Solomon’s temple to 957 B.C.E.; and dating of Revelation to C.E. 95.

Note 17 – 4,200 completed

4,200 years

Noah was six hundred years old when the entire earth was destroyed by flood. Only Noah, his family, and the animals in the ark were saved. The word of God has been declared to man over a span of 4,200 (7 x 600) years. God has the power to save those who, like Noah, obey the Word.

50,400 months

$$4,200 \text{ years} = 4,200 \times 12 \text{ months} = 50,400 \text{ months}$$

The number 50,400 can be expressed as:

$$1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 \times 6 \times 10 \times 7$$

Beginning with **Genesis** until the **Revelation** of Jesus Christ, the word of God is complete and holy (Genesis 1:5; 1:8; 1:13; 1:19; 1:23; 1:31; 2:1; 2:3).

² Whiston, William, *The Project Gutenberg Etext of Against Apion, by Flavius Josephus* ([etext #2849] 2001),1.17

³ Handy, Lowell K, *The Age of Solomon*, (Brill 1997), p 97.

⁴ Krell, Kieth , *The book of Revelation an Overview* (www.timelessword.com, 2003).

⁵ Ebrard, John, *Biblical commentary on the Epistles of St. John* (Oxford University, 1865), 38

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Jesus Christ completed the story

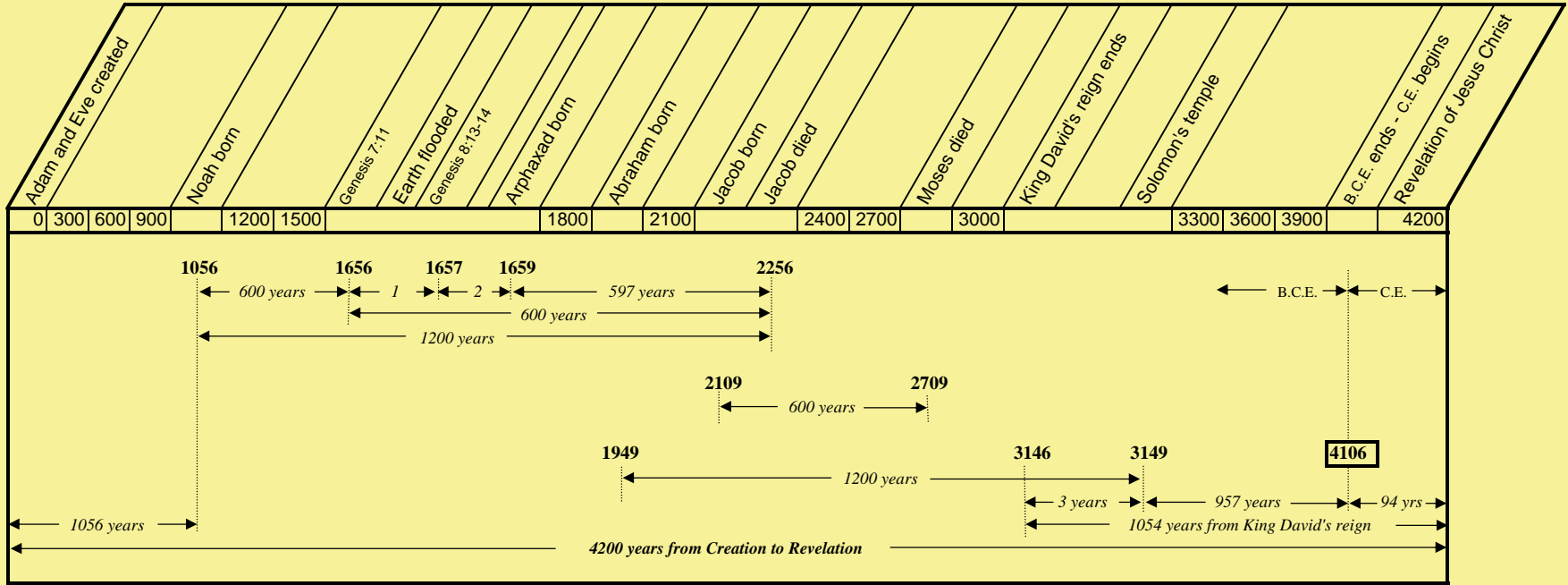
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“But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.” Romans 3:21-25

	Adam	Seth	Enosh	Kenan	Mahalalel	Jared	Enoch	Methuselah	Lamech	Noah (flood)
1656	130	105	90	70	65	162	65	187	182	600
	Noah (dry ground)									
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	Shem (100)	Arphaxad	Shelah	Eber	Peleg	Reu	Serug	Nahor	Terah	Abram
292	2	35	30	34	30	32	30	29	70	
	Abraham	Issac	Jacob	Egypt	Temple					
1200	100	60	130	430	480					
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- Adam, son of God (Luke 3:38).
- Noah, the tenth in descent beginning with Adam.
- Abraham, the tenth in descent beginning with Shem.
- Jacob, the son of Issac, the son of Abraham.
- Judah, the son of Jacob, tribe of Israel (Genesis 49:10).
- David, king of Judah, the fourteenth in descent beginning with Abraham (Matthew 1, Psalm 89:3-4,27-29).
- Josiah, king of Judah, the fourteenth in descent beginning with David (Matthew 1).
- Jesus, king of Judah, the fourteenth in descent beginning with Jeconiah (Matthew 1; 27:37, John 1:49-51).
- Jesus, the son of David, the son of Abraham (Matthew 1:1).
- Jesus, the son of Mary, the son of God (Luke 1:26-35, Matthew 16:13-17, Hebrews 4:14).

"He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God." Revelation 19:13



"On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS." Revelation 19:16