

# 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 an account by the ancient Jewish historian Josephus is used to place the 4<sup>th</sup> year of Solomon's reign in the context of a modern calendar.

## 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 sections supporting the thesis. The table below summarizes the number of solar years starting from creation.

	Adam	Seth	Enosh	Kenan	Mahalalel	Jared	Enoch	Methuselah	Lamech	Noah (flood)
1656	130	105	90	70	65	162	65	187	182	600
1	1									
292	2	35	30	34	30	32	30	29	70	Abram
1200	100	60	130	430	480					
957	957									
<b>4106</b>	B.C.E.									
-1	1 B.C.E. to C.E. 1									
2011	C.E.									
<b>6116</b>	A.M.									

Table-1 Solar years from creation. AM (Anno Mundi means "in the year of the world").

### Adam to Noah's flood (1656 years)

There were ten generations from Adam until 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). 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.

Ge 5:1 This is the written account of Adam's line. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.

Ge 5:2 He created them male and female and blessed them. And when they were created, he called them "man."

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Ge 5:3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth.

Ge 5:4 After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 5:5 Altogether, Adam lived 930 years, and then he died.

Ge 5:6 When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father of Enosh.

Ge 5:7 And after he became the father of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 5:8 Altogether, Seth lived 912 years, and then he died.

Ge 5:9 When Enosh had lived 90 years, he became the father of Kenan.

Ge 5:10 And after he became the father of Kenan, Enosh lived 815 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 5:11 Altogether, Enosh lived 905 years, and then he died.

Ge 5:12 When Kenan had lived 70 years, he became the father of Mahalalel.

Ge 5:13 And after he became the father of Mahalalel, Kenan lived 840 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 5:14 Altogether, Kenan lived 910 years, and then he died.

Ge 5:15 When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he became the father of Jared.

Ge 5:16 And after he became the father of Jared, Mahalalel lived 830 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 5:17 Altogether, Mahalalel lived 895 years, and then he died.

Ge 5:18 When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch.

Ge 5:19 And after he became the father of Enoch, Jared lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 5:20 Altogether, Jared lived 962 years, and then he died.

Ge 5:21 When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah.

Ge 5:22 And after he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 5:23 Altogether, Enoch lived 365 years.

Ge 5:24 Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

Ge 5:25 When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of Lamech.

Ge 5:26 And after he became the father of Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 5:27 Altogether, Methuselah lived 969 years, and then he died.

Ge 5:28 When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son.

Ge 5:29 He named him Noah and said, "He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed."

Ge 5:30 After Noah was born, Lamech lived 595 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 5:31 Altogether, Lamech lived 777 years, and then he died.

Ge 5:32 After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth

Ge 7:6 Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth.

### **Duration of flood (1 year)**

The flood lasted one year and ten days (Genesis 7:11; 8:13-14).

Ge 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened.

Ge 8:13 By the first day of the first month of Noah's six hundred and first year, the water had dried up from the earth. Noah then removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry.

Ge 8:14 By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the earth was completely dry.

### **Rainbow covenant**

After the flood God made a covenant with Noah and his sons (Genesis 9:11). The rainbow is the sign of that covenant and it remains unbroken to this day.

Ge 9:11 I establish my covenant with you: 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."

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## Shem to Abram (292 years)

Arphaxad was the son of Shem who was the son of Noah. He was born two years after the flood.

There is a span of 290 years from the birth of Arphaxad until Abram the son of Terah was born. These were generations who had heard of the flood but never saw it.

There were ten generations from Noah's son Shem until Abram.

Ge 11:10 This is the account of Shem.

Two years after the flood, when Shem was 100 years old, he became the father of Arphaxad.

Ge 11:11 And after he became the father of Arphaxad, Shem lived 500 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 11:12 When Arphaxad had lived 35 years, he became the father of Shelah.

Ge 11:13 And after he became the father of Shelah, Arphaxad lived 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 11:14 When Shelah had lived 30 years, he became the father of Eber.

Ge 11:15 And after he became the father of Eber, Shelah lived 403 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 11:16 When Eber had lived 34 years, he became the father of Peleg.

Ge 11:17 And after he became the father of Peleg, Eber lived 430 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 11:18 When Peleg had lived 30 years, he became the father of Reu.

Ge 11:19 And after he became the father of Reu, Peleg lived 209 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 11:20 When Reu had lived 32 years, he became the father of Serug.

Ge 11:21 And after he became the father of Serug, Reu lived 207 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 11:22 When Serug had lived 30 years, he became the father of Nahor.

Ge 11:23 And after he became the father of Nahor, Serug lived 200 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 11:24 When Nahor had lived 29 years, he became the father of Terah.

Ge 11:25 And after he became the father of Terah, Nahor lived 119 years and had other sons and daughters.

Ge 11:26 After Terah had lived 70 years, he became the father of Abram, Nahor and Haran.

When Abram was 75 God made a covenant with him and gave him a new name Abraham. God made a covenant 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).

## Twenty-two patriarchs from Adam until Jacob

The number of solar years from the creation of Adam until Jacob settled in Egypt can be considered to be accurate within a small range of years (2239-2261). This range of possible years takes into account that the birth month or day was not recorded in the genealogy. However this study treats the entire span as 2239 years using only the numbers recorded in scripture.

Additional scriptural evidence that there are only twenty-two descendants from Adam to Jacob is made certain when reading God's command for how the Lampstand was to be constructed (Exodus 25:31-40). The number of "cups shaped like almond flowers with buds and blossoms" adds up to 22 which is the same number of patriarchs from Adam up to and including Jacob.

## 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 Abraham covenant, prophesied concerning each of his 12 sons before dying. (Genesis 47:28; 49). From the birth of Noah until the death of Jacob transpired 12 hundred years.

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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).

## Jacob to Moses

The sovereign hand of God is evident from Jacob's birth until Moses' death because six hundred years elapsed from the time Jacob was born until Moses died on Mount Nebo overlooking Canaan (Exodus 16:35, Deuteronomy 34:1-7).

Remember that in an earlier time God sealed up the door on Noah's ark at the onset of the flood when Noah was six hundred years old (Genesis 7:16). In a similar fashion God completed His eternal purpose with Moses after six hundred years (Deuteronomy 34:5-8).

## God's covenant with Abraham, Issac, and Jacob (290 years)

God established his covenant with Abraham (Genesis 17:1-5), Isaac (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, Isaac, 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).

Ge 17:17 Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man a **hundred** years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?"

Ge 25:26 After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was **sixty** years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

Ge 47:9 And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The years of my pilgrimage are a **hundred and thirty**. My years have been few and difficult, and they do not equal the years of the pilgrimage of my fathers."

## Abraham to Solomon's temple (1200 years)

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 the temple construction started on the 12 hundredth year from Abraham's birth (290+430+480).

Ex 12:40 Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egypt was 430 years.

Ex 12:41 At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all the LORD'S divisions left Egypt.

1Ki 6:1 In the four hundred and eightieth year after the Israelites had come out of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, the second month, he began to build the temple of the LORD.

## Dating Solomon's temple (957 years)

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

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

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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.”<sup>1</sup>

*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.<sup>2</sup>

According to Roman legend the city of Carthage was founded in 814 BC.<sup>3</sup>

### **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 x14). David is mentioned twice highlighting the prophetic and royal lineage of David (Matthew 1:1-17).

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 Isaac, 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).

### **Dating the book of Revelation (-1 + 95 years)**

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.”<sup>4</sup>

“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.”<sup>5</sup>

The reason -1 is introduced is that the transition in years from 1 BC to 1 AD is zero years. If -1 is not used then we would be over counting by one year.

### **Scripture Completed (4200 years)**

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

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<sup>1</sup> Whiston, William, *The Project Gutenberg Etext of Against Apion, by Flavius Josephus* ([etext #2849] 2001),1.17

<sup>2</sup> Handy, Lowell K, *The Age of Solomon*, (Brill 1997), p 97.

<sup>3</sup> <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carthage>

<sup>4</sup> Krell, Kieth , *The book of Revelation an Overview* ([www.timelessword.com](http://www.timelessword.com), 2003).

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

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(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.

### 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 (or 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:

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

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).

### Jesus Christ completed the Bible

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & 4200 & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & 7 & \times & 6 & \times & 10 & \times & 10 \\ \text{holy} & \text{man} & \text{complete} & \text{complete} & & & & \end{array}$$

Ro 3:21 But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

Ro 3:22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference,

Ro 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Ro 3:24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Ro 3:25 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—

Rev 22:7 **“Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book.**

Rev 22:12 **“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.**

Rev 22:13 **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.**