



Christian Ambassadors

BIBLICAL TIMELINE

Column Definitions for Timeline Table

Birth Year	BC = counts from BEFORE CHRIST, i.e. Adam was born 4000 years before Christ. AC = counts from AFTER CREATION, i.e. Adam was “born” at creation in year 0.
Death Year	"Death" follows the same rules as "Birth", i.e. Adam died 3070 years BEFORE CHRIST --- which is the same as saying 930 years AFTER CREATION.
Lifespan	Person's age when they died. For BC Subtract "Lifespan" from "Birth Year" to get "Death Year", e.g. 4000 - 930 = 3070 BC when Adam died. For AC Add "Lifespan" to "Birth Year" to get "Death Year", e.g. 0 + 930 = 930 AC Adam died.
Scriptures	Tells when the "Person" was born by showing how old the “Person's” father was. And tells how old the “Person” was when they died.

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Person	Birth Year BC	Death Year BC	Life Span	Birth Year AC	Death Year AC	Scriptures	Comments
Adam [SC #120]	4000	3070	930	0	930	Gen 5:1-2, 5	Adam means “ruddy”. Related words prove his complexion was reddish brown like the red dirt he was made from, or like red lentil soup or like a red cow (Gen. 2:7-9; 25:30, 34; Num. 19:2). He probably resembled an Ethiopian or an 18 th century American Indian. He dies 126 years before Noah is born. Cain, Adam's firstborn son, murders Abel.
Seth	3870	2958	912	130	1042	Gen 5:3, 8	Seth means “substitute”. Parents might have thought he was the prophesied Savior. There's no proof he was righteous. Seth was “made in the image and likeness” of Adam & Eve, just like humans are “made in the image and likeness” of our Heavenly Parents --- God! (Gen. 5:3; 1:26 – 27)

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Enos	3765	2860	905	235	1140	Gen 5:6, 11	Enos means “man is mortal”. In his days man began to call upon the LORD (Gen. 4:26). Was this a spiritual revival? Perhaps they realized they were not immortal & needed the Immortal’s help.
Cainan	3675	2765	910	325	1235	Gen 5:9, 14	Cainan/Kenan means “fixed”, as in a nest or dwelling room.
Mahalalel	3605	2710	895	395	1290	Gen 5:12, 17	Mahalalel means “praise of God”.
Jared	3540	2578	962	460	1422	Gen 5:15, 20	Jared means “descending”. Could this indicate the collapse of morality?
Enoch	3378	3013	365	622	987	Gen 5:18, 23-24	Enoch walked with God. Only Abel & Enoch named righteous persons from Adam – Noah (Heb. 11:4-5). Enoch means “initiated”, as in consecrated into a special service for God. He knew, or at least knew of, Adam. Wherever “God took him” he eventually died (Heb. 9:27; Jn. 3:13).
Methusaleh	3313	2344	969	687	1656	Gen 5:21, 27	Methusaleh means “man who uses spears”. Might this indicate a time of great violence? <i>Died the year the Flood came.</i> He also knew, or at least knew of, Adam --- plus, he knew, or at least knew of, Noah!
Lamech	3126	2349	777	874	1651	Gen 5:25, 31	He also knew, or at least knew of, Adam --- plus, he is the father of Noah!
Noah	2944	1994	950	1056	2006	Gen 5:28 - 29, 9:29	2344 BC , 1656 years after creation, the Flood came (Gen 7:6) . Definitely the only righteous person alive (Gen 6:5-9). Noah means “rest/comfort” (Gen 5:29). Preached righteousness (2 Pet 2:5).
Shem	2442	1842	600	1558	2158	Gen 5:32, 11:11	When flood came, Shem was 98 (Gen 11:10); Japeth, the oldest was 100 (Gen 5:32, 10:21); Ham, the youngest was ? Noah was 600 (Gen 7:6). Shem means “name”. Ham means “black”. Japeth means “enlarged”. Lifespans begin to dramatically decrease. Shem’s line is mentioned, rather than Ham’s or Japeth’s, because Christ came thru Shem.
Arphaxad [HBD pg 60]	2342	1904	438	1658	2096	Gen 11:10, 12 - 13	Asshur (Assyrians) is his brother (Gen 10:22). Japeth’s sons, Javan, Magog, etc. (Greeks; Russians; Oriental Asians) are his cousins (Gen 10:2-5). Ham’s sons, Cush (Ethiopians; Sudanese; Nubians) & Mizraim (Egyptians) & Put (Indians from India) & Canaan (Mid-East), are his cousins (Gen 10:6-8).
Salah	2307	1874	433	1693	2126	Gen 11:12, 14 - 15	Salah and Nimrod are cousins. Nimrod, a descendant of Ham thru Cush, is born. Nimrod became a mighty hunter and builder, erecting Babylon, the earliest known civilization (Gen 10:8-10).
Eber [HBD pg 222]	2277	1813	464	1723	2187	Gen 11:14, 16 - 17	Father of Hebrew people. Building begins on the Tower of Babel. All of humanity was still together in the land of Shinar (Gen. 11:1 – 9).

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Peleg	2243	2004	239	1757	1996	Gen 11:16, 18 - 19	Peleg means “division”; humanity divided at Tower of Babel during his lifetime (Gen 10:25). This could have been anywhere between 101-340 years after the Flood. God confounded languages and shortened lifespans to forestall the 2 nd destruction of mankind. The 2 nd destruction will be a flood of fire. Our “Ark” is Christ!
Reu	2213	1974	239	1787	2026	Gen 11:18, 20 - 21	Egyptian empire rises. Pyramid building begins. Patterned after Tower? Pyramids are shaped like the top of an obelisk. Did Tower resemble an obelisk?
Serug	2181	1951	230	1819	2049	Gen 11:20, 22 - 23	Africa and Canaan populated by descendants of Ham. Coastlands (Asia and Pacific Islands) populated by descendants of Japeth (Gen 10: 2-5).
Nahor	2151	2003	148	1849	1997	Gen 11:22, 24 - 25	Shem’s descendants migrated to Europe and Mid-East. Of course, all migrations have a mixture of people. Therefore, it is reasonable to believe that some Shemites migrated to Africa and some Hamitic people migrated to Europe, etc.
Terah	2122	1917	205	1878	2083	Gen 11:24, 32	Haran is Lot’s father; dies in Ur of the Chaldeans. Terah dies in Haran. Abe called out of Haran (Gen. 11:27 - 12:5). Only 3 people in 2,000 years (between Adam and Terah) are noted as righteous: Abel, Enoch & Noah.
Abraham	2052	1877	175	1948	2123	Gen 11:26, 25:7	Abe converted at 75 in 2023/1977 (Gen. 12:1-4; Josh. 24:2-3). Meets Melchizedec around 2028/1972 (Gen. 14). Ishmael born in 2034/1966 (Gen. 16:16). Covenant of Circumcision made in 2047/1953 (Gen. 17). Sodom & Gomorrah destroyed in 2047/1953 (Gen. 18-19). 430 years after Abe died, the Exodus and the making of the Old Covenant occurred, i.e. 1447 BC (Ex 12:40-41; Gal 3:16-18). {Key concept = inheritance by Law/Birth? NO!}
Isaac	1952	1772	180	2048	2228	Gen 21:5, 35:28	Dies in last year of Joseph's prison term. Joseph was 30 years old. Isaac means “laughter” as in mockery (Gen 17:15-18; 18:10-16; 21:5-6). Esau = Edomites (Gen. 25:30). Esau marries an Ismaelite (Gen. 28:9). Arabians are descendants from a mixture of Hebrews (Abraham), Egyptians (Hagar) and Edomites (Esau). Ishmael is Esau’s uncle.
Jacob	1892	1745	147	2108	2255	Gen 25:26, 47:28	Jacob means “supplanter”; he’s renamed Israel = “prevailer with God” (Gen 32:28; 35:9-12) when he’s 96 yrs old in 1796 BC . He’s 130 yrs old in 1762 BC when he comes to live in Egypt (Gen 47:9).

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From this point forward we will concentrate on event dates in BC connotation because God stops giving exact genealogical time markers for most of Jacob's descendants.

Date BC	Event
1802	Joseph born. We know that Joseph was 40 when Jacob came to Egypt, and Jacob was 130. Therefore, Jacob was 90 when Joseph was born. Since Jacob was born in 1892 BC, we subtract 90 years and come to 1802 BC when Joseph was born. See next three dates for scriptural proof.
1785	Joseph 17 when sold into slavery (Gen 37).
1772	Joseph 30 when released from prison (Gen 41:14, 39-46). Manaseh & Ephraim born when Joe is between 30–37 (Gen 41:47-52).
1762	Joseph 40 when Jacob comes to Egypt. We calculate this by showing Joe was 30 when let out of prison. He was 37 after the 7 years of plenty in which he gathered food (Gen 41:48). He was 39 after 2 years of famine had elapsed (Gen. 41:53-54; 45:1-6); this is also when he reveals himself to his brethren who had sold him into slavery. Joe is 40 the next year when his father, Jacob, comes to Egypt (Gen 45:9 – 46:6; 47:1-9).
1692	Joseph 110 when he dies; lives to see Ephraim's children, grandchildren and great-grands (Gen 50:22–26), and possibly Levi's grandchildren (Gen 46:8-27).
1527	Moses born. We know this date because Moses was 80 yrs old in 1447 when he returned to Egypt to lead Israel's Exodus.
1447	Exodus . Moses was 80 (Act 7:22-30; Ex 7:1-7); Caleb was 40 (Josh 14:6-7); Joshua was?
1407	Israel Enters the Promised Land. Moses was 120 (Deut 34:7); Caleb was 80; Joshua was?
1396	Israel INHERITS* the <i>Promised Land</i> exactly 400 years after Israel received promise for the 1 st time! (Josh 21:43 – 22:4).
1362?	Joshua 110 when he dies (Josh 24:29). The period of the Judges begins (Othniel to Samuel), and lasts approximately 312 years (1362 – 312 = 1050)**.
1107	Jephthah says it had been 300 years since Israel took the Amorites land around right before entering the Promised Land in 1407 BC (Jdg 11:12-26; Num 21).
1050	Saul rules 40 years from 1050 - 1010 (Act 13:21)
1010	David rules 40 years from 1010 - 970 (2 Sam 5:4)
970	Solomon rules 40 years from 970 – 930 (1 Kng 11:42) {HBH pg 194-195}
967	Solomon begins building the Temple in the 4 th year of his reign --- 480 years after the Exodus in 1447 BC (1 Kng 6:1)

*400 years DOES NOT and CAN NOT refer to the number of years Israel was under Egyptian affliction (Gen 15:13; Act 7:6). Joseph died at 110 years old in 1692 BC. Even if Israel's affliction commenced immediately after his death --- which it didn't --- 400 years later would put the Exodus at 1292 BC. From 1292 BC - 967 BC (the 4th year of Solomon's reign) = 325 years. But 1 Kng 6:1 says it was *480 years from the Exodus to the 4th year of Solomon's reign*.

400 years DOES refer to the question Abraham asked God: how long shall it be before my descendants INHERIT the PROMISED LAND? (Gen 15:6-7). God answers by saying:

- 1) Israel will be sojourners for 400 years --- during which, for a part of that time, they will be enslaved.
- 2) 4 Generations will span the 400 years. Afterwards, Israel will come back to the same land where Abraham is dwelling.
- 3) God unconditionally guarantees this covenant.
- 4) Abraham will not live to see its fulfillment.

The two obvious questions we must ask are:

- 1) When did the 400 year prophecy start?
- 2) When did the 400 year prophecy end?

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400 HUNDRED YEAR PROPHECY

The 400 year prophecy found in Genesis 15 is focused on the Nation of Israel INHERITING The PROMISED LAND.

Gen 15:1-3 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am your shield, and your exceeding great reward. And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt you give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? Behold, to me you hast given no seed: one born in my house is mine heir.

Abram is reminding God about His promise to give him a multitude of descendants and make them a great nation (Gen 12:1-2).

Gen 15:4-5, 7 And, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, This shall not be your heir; but he that shall come forth out of your own bowels shall be your heir. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if you be able to number them: and he said to him, So shall your seed be ... And he said to him, I am the LORD that brought you out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give you this land to inherit it.

God says, don't worry, I'll keep my word. I brought you out of Ur specifically to give you *THIS LAND TO INHERIT IT*.

Gen 15:6, 8 And he believed in the LORD; and the LORD counted it to him for righteousness ... And he said, Lord GOD, how shall I know that I shall inherit it?

Abram says, I believe you but show me a sign.

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Gen 15:9-10, 17, 11 And God said to him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. And he took to him all these, and laid each piece one against another and divided them in the midst: but the birds he divided not. And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp passed between those pieces. And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

Dividing/cutting the animals is symbolic of cutting a deal/covenant with someone. It also states that if the covenant is broken then the one who breaks it deserves to be cut in pieces/killed. For a clear example of this, let's read Jer. 34:18-20. "And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof. The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts of the calf; I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life: and their dead bodies shall be for meat to the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth."

Gen 15:12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and a horror of great darkness fell upon him.

"Tardemah" is the Hebrew word for "deep sleep". God put Adam into a deep sleep when He removed a rib to create Eve (Gen 2:21), which is to show that Adam had nothing to do with Eve's birth. Abram's deep sleep was symbolic of Abram not having anything to do with the fulfillment of God's promise. God stands by His own word.

Genesis 15:13 And He said to Abram, Know of a surety that your seed shall be a stranger four hundred years in a land *that is* not theirs, (and they shall become servants; and they shall be afflicted).

Based upon loads of Biblical evidence, this is the best way to translate verse 13. Dr. E. W. Bullinger, in his companion Bible, Appendix 6, gives the best explanation of the grammatical structure of this sentence. Bullinger says the structure of the sentence is known as an **Ep'i-tre-chon**, meaning "A sentence, not complete in itself, thrown in as an explanatory remark. A form of Parenthesis." "In **a** and **a** we have the whole sojourning and duration. In **b** and **b** the servitude in Egypt (215 years)."

This is how he illustrates it:

a | Your seed shall be a stranger, etc.

b | and shall serve them.

b | and they shall afflict them

a | four hundred years.

After Jacob's name was changed to Israel, Israel (Jacob and his family) sojourned in Canaan, Egypt, the Wilderness, and Canaan again until they eventually INHERITED IT.

Gen 15:14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

Indeed, that nation whom Israel served, Egypt, was judged by the 10 Plagues.

Gen 15:15 And you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age.

Abram died before Israel began its sojourning.

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Gen 15:16 But in the fourth generation they shall come here again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.

After 4 generations of sojourning, Israel came back to Canaan. We know God was talking about coming back to Canaan when He said “come here again” because Abram was in Canaan as God is speaking this prophecy to him. God waited to bring judgment on the Amorites until Israel was ready to take over the Promised Land after 4 generations of sojourning. Who brought Israel “here again” to Canaan? Moses! Did you know that it was only 4 generations from Levi to Moses? Let’s count them.
1 = Levi 2 = Koath 3 = Amram 4 = Moses. Please see Ex 6:16-20.

Why is Levi the starting point for the 4 generations? Why didn’t God start with Abraham and say it would be 7 generations?
When God gave His Promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob it had two parts --- a physical and A SPIRITUAL part! When God gave His Promise to Israel (Jacob’s descendants), it contained just the physical part. Let’s investigate this closer.

To Abraham

Gen 12:1-3 Now the LORD had said to Abram, Get out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you: And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curses you: and IN YOU SHALL ALL FAMILIES OF THE EARTH BE BLESSED.
Gen 22:16-18 By myself have I sworn, says the LORD, for because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son: That in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and your seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And IN YOUR SEED SHALL ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH BE BLESSED; because you hast obeyed my voice.

To Isaac

Gen 26:2-4 And the LORD appeared to him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell you of: Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you, and will bless you; for to you, and to your seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father; And I will make your seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give to your seed all these countries; and IN YOUR SEED SHALL ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH BE BLESSED.

To Jacob

Gen 28:13-14 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon you lie, to you will I give it, and to your seed; And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and IN YOU AND IN YOUR SEED SHALL ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH BE BLESSED.

To Physical Israel

Gen 48:3-4 And Jacob said to Joseph, God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, And said to me, Behold, I will make you fruitful, and multiply you, and I will make of you a multitude of people; and will give this land to your seed after you for an everlasting possession.
Exo 33:1-2 And the LORD said to Moses, Depart, and go up hence, you and the people which you hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, to the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, To your seed will I give it: And I will send an angel before you; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite.
Deu 34:4 And the LORD said to him, This is the land which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, I will give it to your seed: I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over thither.

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To Spiritual Israel

Acts 3:25-26 You are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, And IN YOUR SEED SHALL ALL NATIONS OF THE EARTH BE BLESSED. To you first GOD, HAVING RAISED UP HIS SON JESUS, SENT HIM TO BLESS YOU, IN TURNING AWAY EVERY ONE OF YOU FROM HIS INIQUITIES.

Gal 3:8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would JUSTIFY THE HEATHEN THROUGH FAITH, PREACHED BEFORE THE GOSPEL to Abraham, saying, IN YOU SHALL ALL NATIONS BE BLESSED.

Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He doesn't say, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And TO YOUR SEED, WHICH IS CHRIST.

Again I will ask the question: Why is Levi the starting point for the 4 generations? Why didn't God start with Abraham and say it would be 7 generations?

God did not start with Abraham, Isaac or Jacob because they were given the spiritual part of the promise as well as the physical. Since Gen 15 is solely about inheriting the physical Promised Land, God started counting from Levi, the first generation of Israelites to receive solely the physical part of the promise.

The 400 years started in 1796 BC when Jacob's name was changed to Israel and God gave him (Israel) the promise of the Promised Land. It ends in 1396 BC when the Israelites inherit the Promised Land!

TO BE CONTINUED!