

## How Long Has Mankind Really Been On Earth?

We read in the book of Genesis that Adam was created on the sixth day of creation, and then lived until he was 930 years old, but was he still alive in the time of Noah's flood? If we calculate from the day of creation until the day of the flood, we can work out who was alive and who had already died. The flood came 1,656 years after creation, so Adam died 716 before the flood came. How do we know when the flood came? By reading the Bible and calculating the years, that's how.

Adam was created on the sixth day, which incidentally is the number of Man, then had Seth when he was 130 and died aged 930 which would have been the year 930; 716 years before the flood. That means Seth was born 130 years after creation.

Seth was born in the year 130, had Enosh when he was 105 and died aged 912 in the year 1042; 604 years before the flood. Add the year Seth was born; 130, to the age he was when his son Enosh was born: 105, we come up with the date of Enosh's birth; 235 years after creation.

Enosh was born in 235, had Kenan when he was 90 and died aged 905 in the year 1140; 506 years before the flood. Add  $235 + 90 = 325$ .

Kenan was born in 325, had Mahalalel when he was 70 and died aged 910 in the year 1235; 411 years before the flood. Add  $325 + 70 = 395$ .

Mahalalel was born in 395, had Jared when he was 65 and died aged 895 in the year 1290; 291 years before the flood. Add  $395 + 65 = 460$ .

Jared was born in 460, had Enoch when he was 162 and died aged 962 in the year 1422; 224 years before the flood. Add  $460 + 162 = 622$ .

Enoch was born in 622, had Methuselah when he was 65 and God took him aged 365 in the year 987; 594 years before the flood. Add  $622 + 65 = 687$ .

Methuselah was born in 687, had Lamech when he was 187 and died aged 969 in the year 1656; the year of the flood. Add  $687 + 187 + 874$ .

Lamech was born in 874, had Noah when he was 182 and died aged 777 in 1651; five years before the flood. Add  $874 + 182 = 1056$ .

Noah was born in 1056 and had his three sons, Japheth, Shem and Ham after he was 500 years old and died aged 950, 2,006 years after creation. Add  $1056 + 500 = 1556$ .

One hundred years later, when Noah was 600 years, 2 months and 17 days old (Genesis 7:11) the flood came. Calculating all these years, means the flood came in the year 1656 after creation; ten generations from the creation of Adam. Every man mentioned here had 'other sons and daughters' but the only man mentioned here who died the same year as the flood was Methuselah. We don't know if he actually died in the flood; we just know he died the same year as the flood.

Noah had 100 years to build the ark so therefore had 100 years to ask travellers to bring him the animals. It must have been the world's first zoo, but before the flood, these animals were not dangerous and did not eat meat. It was only after the flood did people and animals eat meat. God promised not to destroy the earth with a flood again; see Genesis 9:11 to 17. After the flood the earth changed so dramatically, people could not live for the hundreds of years they had done before the flood came, and this can be seen by the shortening of the years of the subsequent lineage.

From Noah's three sons we have our three races of people; the Negroids, from Ham; the Mongoloids from Japheth; and Caucasians from Shem. (Genesis 9:19 and again 10:32) Japheth was the eldest son, then Shem and Ham was the youngest.

Of his youngest son Ham and Ham's son Canaan, Noah said, "Cursed be Canaan! He shall be the servant of servants to his brethren." A prophetic curse for sure. The Africans were the world's slaves for many years.

Of Japheth Noah said, "May God enlarge Japheth." This was a very accurate prophecy. Take a look at the millions of Asians around the world today.

Of Shem Noah said, "Blessed be the Lord the God of Shem! And blessed by the Lord my God, be Shem." And from Shem we get the Jews. Truly this was a prophetic blessing.

Genesis 10:21 reads, "To Shem, the younger brother of Japheth and the ancestor of all the children of Eber, children were born." If we read down further we see that ten generations from the flood, Abraham was born.

Genesis 11:11; Two years after the flood, when Shem was 100 years old, he had Arpachshad. Using the above calculations, it means it was now the year 1658.

Shem was born about 1556, had Arpachshad when he was 100 and died aged 600 in the year 2158; approximately 602 years after the flood.

Arpachshad was born in 1658, had Shelah when he was 35 and died aged 438 in the year 2096; 440 years after the flood. Add  $1658 + 35 = 1693$ .

Shelah was born in 1693, had Eber when he was 30 and died aged 433 in the year 2126; 470 years after the flood. Add  $1693 + 30 = 1723$ .

Eber was born in 1723, had Peleg when he was 34 and died aged 464 in the year 2187; 531 years after the flood. Add  $1723 + 34 = 1757$ .

Peleg was born in 1757, had Reu when he was 30 and died aged 239 in the year 1996; 340 years after the flood. Add  $1757 + 30 = 1787$ . Note how lives were shorter. Peleg died 10 years before his great, great, great grandfather, Noah and 162 years before Shem. We know the earth was once one huge land mass but somehow, probably through an earthquake or something like that, the earth's land mass was broken up unto the continents we know today. In Genesis we read: "In the days of Peleg, the earth (and its people and animals) was divided up."

Reu was born in 1787, had Serug when he was 32 and died aged 239 in the year 2026; 370 years after the flood. Add  $1787 + 32 = 1819$ .

Serug was born in 1819, had Nahor when he was 30 and died aged 230 in the year 2049; 393 years after the flood. Add  $1819 + 30 = 1849$ .

Nahor was born in 1849, had Terah when he was 29 and died aged 148 in the year 1997; 341 years after the flood. Add  $1849 + 29 = 1878$ .

Terah was born in 1878 and had three sons, Abram, Nahor and Haran. Abram was born when Terah was 70 and Terah died aged 205 in the year 2083; 427 years after the flood. Add  $1878 + 70 = 1948$ .

Abram was born in 1948, had Isaac when he was 100 and died aged 175 in the year 2123; 467 years after the flood. Add  $1948 + 100 = 2048$ .

Isaac was born in 2048, had Jacob when he was 60 and died aged 180 in the year 2128; 472 years after the flood. Add  $2048 + 60 = 2108$ .

Jacob, also known as Israel, was born in 2108 and died aged 147 in the year 2255; 599 years after the flood.

Jacob was the father of the twelve men who started the Hebrew tribe of Israel. We can see that less than 600 years after the flood, the Lord was beginning to bring his people together, fulfilling the blessing given by Noah. By calculating further, this same way down to the present day, we can see that the Jews are correct when they say we are in the 5768th year since creation. In the year 2010 mankind will have been on earth for only 5770 years and not the hundreds of thousands of years as the evolutionists will have us believe.

Amen and God bless you.

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