

How Long Has Mankind Really Been On Earth?

'God said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness" ... so God created man in His own image, in the image and likeness of God, male and female, He created them ... There was evening and there was morning, a sixth day' (Genesis 1:26, 27 & 31).

It is written in the scriptures that Adam was created on the sixth day – six is the number of Man – then lived until he was 930 years old (Genesis 5:3 to 5), which would have been the year 930 after creation. Adam lived 800 years after Seth was born and had many other sons and daughters, and all those sons and daughters had many children so the human race multiplied rapidly. Within 100 years, there could easily have been as many as 30,000 of Adam's descendants. That answers the question of where Cain got his wife (Genesis 4:17). Cain would have married one of his many sisters or nieces. 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. Adam died 726 years before the flood. How do we know when the flood came? By reading the Bible and calculating the years.

Seth was born in the year 130 after creation, had Enosh when he was 105 and died aged 912 (Genesis 5:6 & 8) in the year 1042 after creation; 614 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 235 years after creation, had Kenan when he was 90 and died aged 905 (Genesis 5:9 & 11) in the year 1140 after creation; 516 years before the flood. Add $235 + 90 = 325$.

Kenan was born 325 years after creation, had Mahalalel when he was 70 and died aged 910 (Genesis 5:12 & 14) in the year 1235 after creation; 421 years before the flood. Add $325 + 70 = 395$.

Mahalalel was born in 395 years after creation, had Jared when he was 65 and died aged 895 (Genesis 5:15 & 17) in the year 1290 after creation; 366 years before the flood. Add $395 + 65 = 460$.

Jared was born 460 years after creation, had Enoch when he was 162 and died aged 962 (Genesis 5:18 & 20) in the year 1422 after creation; 234 years before the flood. Add $460 + 162 = 622$.

Enoch was born 622 years after creation, had Methuselah when he was 65 and God took him to heaven aged 365 (Genesis 5:21 to 24) in the year 987 after creation; 669 years before the flood. Add $622 + 65 = 687$.

Methuselah was born 687 years after creation, had Lamech when he was 187 and died aged 969 (Genesis 5:25 & 27) in the year 1656 after creation; the year of the flood. He was the only man mentioned in this lineage who died the same year as the flood. We don't know if he actually died in the flood; we just know he died the same year as the flood. Add $687 + 187 = 874$.

Lamech was born 874 years after creation, had Noah when he was 182 and died aged 777 (Genesis 5:28 & 31) in 1651 after creation; five years before the flood. Add $874 + 182 = 1056$.

Noah was born 1056 years after creation and had his three sons, Japheth, Shem and Ham after he was 500 years old (Genesis 5:32) and died aged 950 (Genesis 9:29) 2,006 years after Adam was created and 349 years after the flood receded. Add $1056 + 500 = 1556$. One hundred years after the birth of Noah's three sons, when Noah was 600 years, 2 months and 17 days old (Genesis 7:11) the flood came. The family left the ark a year and ten days later (Genesis 8:13 & 14). Calculating all these years, means the flood came in the year 1,656 after the creation of Adam; ten generations from the creation of Adam to the birth of Noah. Every man mentioned in this lineage had 'other sons and daughters' but only one man from each generation was named. 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 (Genesis 10:21) then Shem and Ham was the youngest (Genesis 9:24). 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 ... let Canaan be his (Shem's) servant." (Genesis 9:25 & 27). A prophetic curse for sure. The Africans (descendants of Ham and Canaan) were the world's slaves for many years, and were usually slaves to white people (descendants of Shem), just as Noah prophesied. Of Japheth, Noah said, "May God enlarge Japheth" (Genesis 9:27). This was a very accurate prophecy. There are hundreds of Asian races around the world today, with their diversity and their populations amounting to millions of people. 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. 'To Shem, the brother of Japheth the elder and the ancestor of all the children of Eber, children were born' (Genesis 10:21). We have read there were ten generations from

Adam to Noah. If we read the lineage, we see that there were ten generations from Noah to Abraham. The flood started in the year 1,656 after creation. Noah's family were in the ark for over one year, so that bring us to 1,657 after creation, then two years after the flood receded, Shem's son Arpachshad was born, so it would have been the year 1,659.

Shem was born about 1559 years after creation, had Arpachshad when he was 100 and died aged 600 (Genesis 11:10 & 11) in the year 2159 after creation; 500 years after the flood. Add $1559 + 100 = 1659$.

Arpachshad was born 1659 years after creation, had Shelah when he was 35 and died aged 438 (Genesis 11:12 & 13) in the year 2097 after creation; 440 years after the flood. Add $1659 + 35 = 1694$.

Shelah was born 1694 years after creation, had Eber when he was 30 and died aged 433 (Genesis 11:14 & 15) in the year 2127 after creation; 470 years after the flood. Add $1694 + 30 = 1724$.

Eber was born 1724 years after creation, had Peleg when he was 34 and died aged 464 (Genesis 11:16 & 17) in the year 2188 after creation; 531 years after the flood. Add $1724 + 34 = 1758$. From Eber, we get the word Hebrew. The Hebrew language Eber spoke, was the ancient form of the language the Jews speak today.

Peleg was born 1758 years after creation, had Reu when he was 30 and died aged 239 (Genesis 11:18 & 19) in the year 1997 after creation; 340 years after the flood. Add $1758 + 30 = 1788$. Notice how lives were shorter. Peleg died 9 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, possibly due to an earthquake or something similar, the earth's land mass was broken up unto the continents we know today. 'In the days of Peleg, the earth (and its people and animals) was divided up (Genesis 10:25; 1 Chronicles 1:19).

Reu was born 1788 years after creation, had Serug when he was 32 and died aged 239 (Genesis 11:20 & 21) in the year 2027 after creation; 370 years after the flood. Add $1788 + 32 = 1820$.

Serug was born 1820 years after creation, had Nahor when he was 30 and died aged 230 (Genesis 11:22 & 23) in the year 2050 after creation; 393 years after the flood. Add $1820 + 30 = 1850$.

Nahor was born 1850 years after creation, had Terah when he was 29 and died aged 148 (Genesis 11:24 & 25) in the year 1998 after creation; 341 years after the flood. Add $1850 + 29 = 1879$.

Terah was born 1879 years after creation and had three sons, Abram, Nahor and Haran. Abram was born when Terah was 70 and Terah died aged 205 (Genesis 11:26 & 32) in the year 2084 after creation; 427 years after the flood. Add $1879 + 70 = 1949$.

Abram was born 1949 years after creation, had Isaac when he was 100 and died aged 175 (Genesis 21:5; 25:7) in the year 2124 after creation; 467 years after the flood. Add $1949 + 100 = 2049$. All of Shem's recorded descendants down to Abraham, except Eber, died years before him. Abraham died 33 years before Shem.

Isaac was born 2049 years after creation, had Jacob when he was 60 and died aged 180 (Genesis 25:26; 35:28) in the year 2229 after creation; 572 years after the flood. Add $2049 + 60 = 2109$.

Jacob was born 2109 years after creation and died aged 147 (Genesis 47:28) in the year 2256 after creation; 599 years after the flood. Jacob was born about 2,000 years before Jesus. Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel (Genesis 35:10) was the father of the twelve men who started the Hebrew tribe of the children of Israel; Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Joseph and Benjamin. We can see that less than 600 years after the flood, the Lord was beginning to bring his chosen people together, fulfilling the blessing given by Noah regarding his son Shem. From Eber, we get the word Hebrew; from Judah, we get the word Jew. Jacob was the 12th generation from Shem, and he lived only about 4,000 years ago. By calculating further, this same way down to the present day, we can see the Jewish people are correct when they say we are only about 6,000 years since creation, not the hundreds of thousands of years as the evolutionists will have us believe. There were 42 generations from Abraham to Jesus. 'So all the generations from Abraham to David are 14 generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, 14 generations; from the Babylonian exile to the birth of our Messiah, 14 generations' (Matthew 1:1 to 17). We can easily count the number of generations from Adam to Jesus (76 generations) (Luke 3:23 to 38), and we know Jesus lived on earth only about 2,000 years ago. The Bible is the only true and accurate reference we have; it is the one and only Book of Truth.

Amen and God bless you.

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