

BIBLE DATING

Since the Bible is the Word of God and is infallible, then it will be highly beneficial to study and date the Bible systematically. In this manner, we will be able to see where we are at this very moment (1993) in God's Time. The hope is that He may reveal to us His plan of the coming events. This will definitely help us to prepare ourselves to do His Will in accordance with His Plan and Timing.

SYSTEMATIC BIBLE DATING

Systematic Bible dating of Bible events is a simple, accurate and biblical method. Only dates given in the Bible are used. These dates are either of a historical nature or prophetic nature. The years are in Jewish years (also known as Lunar or Biblical years). The beginning always starts with the year 0 CA. The year 0 CA signifies the creation of Adam and Eve. When Adam was 130 years old, Seth was born. Thus Seth was born in the year 130 CA, which signified a period of 130 years from the creation of Adam to the birth of Seth. When Seth was 105 years old, Enos was born. The year of his birth was $130 \text{ CA} + 105 = 235 \text{ CA}$, which signified a period of 235 years from the creation of Adam to Enos' birth. Similarly, Jacob's birth was dated as 2108 CA.

However when Jacob was 130 years old he went down to stay in Egypt in the year 2238 CA (i.e. $2108 \text{ CA} + 130 = 2238 \text{ CA}$). The Israelites were kept in bondage in Egypt for 400 years, thus the Exodus took place in the year 2638 CA (i.e. $2238 \text{ CA} + 400 = 2638 \text{ CA}$). In a similar fashion, Zedekiah was carried to exile in Babylon 3547 CA, the rebuilding of Jerusalem was 3630 CA, and the crucifixion of the Messiah was 4064 CA. The chart below shows the resulting events by systematic bible dating.

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<u>BIRTH</u>	<u>FATHER'S AGE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>
Adam & Eve		0	(Created by God)
Seth	130	130	Gen 5:3
Enos	105	235	Gen 5:6
Cainan	90	325	Gen 5:9
Mahalalcel	70	395	Gen 5:12
Jared	65	460	Gen 5:15
Enoch	162	622	Gen 5:18
Methuselah	65	687	Gen 5:21
Lamech	187	874	Gen 5:25
Noah	182	1056	Gen 5:28
Shem	502	1558	Gen 7:6; 11: 10

Shem was 100 when Arphaxad was born during the 2nd year after the flood Noah was then 602 years old, thus Noah was 502 when Shem was born.

Arphaxad	100	1658	Gen 11:10
Salah	35	1693	Gen 11:12
Eber	30	1723	Gen 11:14
Peleg	34	1757	Gen 11:16
Reu	30	1787	Gen 11:18
Serug	32	1819	Gen 11:20

Nahor	30	1849	Gen 11:22
Terah	29	1878	Gen 11:24
Abram (Abraham)	70	1948	Gen 11:26

Abrahamic Covenant (Age 84) * 2032 Gen 14-15:6}

* {This is the view of most Historians & Theologians}

Isacc	100	2048	Gen 21:5
Jacob	60	2108	Gen 25:26
Jacob went to Egypt (Age 130)		2238	Gen 47:9, 28
Exodus from Egypt (400 years later)		2638	Gen 15:13; Act 7:6

From the time of the Exodus to the building of the Temple was a period of 480 years and during 4th year of King Solomon's reign.

Building of Solomon's Temple 3118 1Ki 6:1

<u>KINGS</u>	<u>NO. OF YEARS</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>
Solomon	36 [a]	3154	1Ki 11:42
Rehoboam	17	3171	1Ki 14:21
Abijah (Abijam)	3	3174	1Ki 15:1, 2
Asa	41	3215	1Ki 15:9, 10
Jehoshaphat	25	3240	1Ki 22:41, 42
Jehoram	8	3248	2Ki 8:16
Ahaziah	1	3249	2Ki 8:26
(Athaliah)	6	3255	2Ki 11:1-3
Jehoash	40	3295	2Ki 12:1
Amaziah	29	3324	2Ki 14:1, 2
Azariah (Uzziah)	52	3376	2Ki 15:1, 2
Jotham	16	3392	2Ki 15:32, 33
Ahaz	16	3408	2Ki 16:2
Hezekiah	29	3437	2Ki 18:1, 2
Manasseh	55	3492	2Ki 21:1
Amon	2	3494	2Ki 21:19
Josiah	31	3525	2Ki 22:1
Jehoahaz	3 months	3525	2Ki 23:31
Jehoiakim (Eliakim)	11	3536	2Ki 23:36
Jehoiachin	3 months	3536	2Ki 24:8
Zedekiah (Exile)	11	3547	2Ki 24:18

EVENTS

Return from Exile (70 years later)	3617	2 Chron 36:20, 21
Building of Jerusalem (13 years) [b]	3630	Ezra 7:8, Ne 2:1
Completion of walls in 52 days	3630	Ne 6:15

Messiah was cut off (434 years) [c] 4064 Dan 9:25
(Crucifixion of Christ)

- [a] The commencement of the building of the Temple was in the 4th year of Solomon's reign. The period of Solomon's reign was 40 years. Thus his death took place 36 years later.
- [b] Exile returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple in the 7th year of King Artaxerxes, but only in the 20th year were the walls of Jerusalem rebuilt, i.e. 13 years after the return from Exile.
- [c] After the rebuilding of Jerusalem, a period of 62 weeks (1 week=7 years) or $62 \times 7 = 434$ years lapsed before the Messiah (Jesus) was cut off (crucifixion).

Interesting Observations

From the creation of Adam to the Abrahamic Covenant was **2032** Jewish years, and

From the Abrahamic Covenant to the crucifixion of our Lord was also **2032** Jewish years

i.e. The Period of Conscience was 2032 Jewish years and the Period of Law was also 2032 Jewish years. Is this a coincidence or is it a mystery hidden by God to be revealed to those who diligently seek His knowledge?

Note: Since the inspiration was first given to Moses to record the Holy Bible and that during this time God had already instituted the Jewish Calendar (1st. month is called 'Abib') thus, all the ages and years recorded in the Bible are taken as Jewish years (i.e. similar to the Ancient Calendar - only 12 months per year).