

Timeline of Biblical Persons and Events

What about history and the Bible? Does true history confirm the Biblical Record? A good starting place is the 4th year of Solomon, when he began the Temple construction. The date for this has been confirmed by various conservative scholars as being between 971 – 965 BC. The Bible states that this pivotal event took place 480 years after the Israelites “were come out of the land of Egypt” (I Kings 6:1). Calculating backwards in time using both Biblical and extra-Biblical information, we eventually come to the death of Moses around 1400 BC. Following closely the information in the Bible regarding people such as Isaac, Jacob, Noah, and Shem, we can assess the death of Noah as being around 2068 BC (350 years after the Flood), the Tower of Babel about 2300 BC, the Flood of Noah around 2418, and the death of Adam about 3154, at age 930. This places the week of creation as taking place approximately 6000 years ago, just as creationists have proclaimed for years.

From extra-Biblical history, Thutmose I ruled in Egypt from 1539 – 1514. His daughter, Hatshepsut, most likely was “the daughter of Pharaoh” who in 1526 found Moses in the river and took him to be her son (Exodus 2). When Thutmose I died, Hatshepsut was the only living child of his chief wife, Ahmose, so the half brother of Hatshepsut became the Pharaoh, Thutmose II. He married Hatshepsut, but they had only one daughter and another son of Thutmose II (only 10 years old in 1504 BC) became Thutmose III. He was soon overshadowed by Hatshepsut who ruled as Pharaoh from 1503 – 1482. With no sons of her own, she would have given Moses the best of everything. This timeline places Moses’ flight from Egypt in 1486, 4 years before the death of Hatshepsut when Thutmose III was about 28 years old. The natural rivalry between Thutmose III and Moses would have contributed to the need for Moses to flee Egypt after he murdered the Egyptian.

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See a complete description below

A. Starting at (**circa**) **966 B.C.**, the 4th year of Solomon, a date well-established in conservative theological circles, and using **1 Kings 6:1**, which states that the 4th year of Solomon was **480 years** after the Israelites "were come out of the land of Egypt," the year **Moses led the Exodus from Egypt** was **1446 B.C.**

1. Using 1446 B.C. in conjunction with **Deuteronomy 34:7** and **Joshua 5:6**, which together indicate that Moses was **120 years old** when he died and **80 years old** at the time of the Exodus, the year of **Moses' death** was **1406 B.C.**
2. Using 1446 B.C. in conjunction with **Acts 7:30**, which indicates Moses fled Egypt **40 years** before the Exodus, the year **Moses fled Egypt** was **1486 B.C.**
3. Using 1486 B.C. in conjunction with **Acts 7:23**, which indicates Moses was **40 years old** when he fled Egypt, the year of **Moses' birth** was **1526 B.C.**

Correlation to Egyptian Pharaohs:

Thutmose I ruled from 1539-1514 B.C.

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His daughter, **Hatshepsut**, was likely "the daughter of Pharaoh" who in **1526 B.C. found Moses in the river** and took him to be her son.

When Thutmose I died, Hatshepsut was the only living child of his chief wife, Ahmose, so a half-brother of Hatshepsut followed Thutmose I as Pharaoh.

He took the name **Thutmose II** (1514-1504 B.C.) and married Hatshepsut, but they had only one daughter, so another son of Thutmose II followed him as Pharaoh.

The son, only 10 years old in 1504 B.C., took the name **Thutmose III**, but was soon overshadowed by Hatshepsut.

Hatshepsut then ruled as Pharaoh (1503-1482 B.C.), and with no sons of her own, she certainly provided Moses with the best of everything. **Moses' flight from Egypt in 1486 would have been only 4 years before Hatshepsut died** (or was assassinated), and when Thutmose III was about 28 years old. The natural rivalry between Moses and Thutmose III would have highlighted the need for Moses to flee Egypt after the murder.

Thutmose III (1504-1450 B.C.) would become the greatest of all Egyptian Pharaohs and his rule would not end until his death in 1450 B.C., **at which time Moses had been in Midian for 36 years; it was only 4 years before Moses would return to Egypt to lead the Israel to freedom.**

Amenhotep II (1450-1424 B.C.), the son of Thutmose III, succeeded his father as Pharaoh, and, at age 22, would have been **the Pharaoh upon whom the LORD brought all the plagues**. Amenhotep II **did not die in the Red Sea** with his army, surviving another 22 years until 1424 B.C. Evidence exists that his son, **Thutmose IV** (1424-1414 B.C.), who followed him on the throne, was not his eldest son; the eldest son of Amenhotep II died in the Passover plague.

Thutmose IV was followed by his son, **Amenhotep III** (1414-1378 B.C.). Thus, Amenhotep III would have been **Pharaoh at the time when Moses died and Israel entered Canaan (1406 B.C.) and conquered the land under Joshua's leadership.**

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B. Then, using **1446 B.C.** in conjunction with **Exodus 12:40-41**, which states that the Israelites "went out from the land of Egypt" after they had sojourned there for **430 years**, the year when **Jacob (Israel) entered Egypt** was **1876 B.C.**

C. Then, using **1876 B.C.** in conjunction with **Genesis 47:9**, which states that Jacob was **130 years old** when he and his family entered Egypt, the year of **Jacob's birth** was **2006 B.C.**

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D. Then, using **2006 B.C.** in conjunction with **Genesis 25:26**, which states that Isaac was **60 years old** when Jacob was born, the year of **Isaac's birth** was **2066 B.C.**

E. Then, using **2066 B.C.** in conjunction with **Genesis 21:5**, which states that Abraham was **100 years old** when Isaac was born, the year of **Abraham's birth** was **2166 B.C.**

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Birth of Jesus Christ.....	c. 5	c. 4069
Malachi gives the last written prophecy.....	c. 420	c. 3654
Nehemiah leads 2 nd return to Jerusalem.....	433	3641
Third return from captivity. Led by Nehemiah. Under Artaxerxes Longimanus	444	3630
Second return from captivity. Led by Ezra. Under Artaxerxes Longimanus.	458	3616
Esther becomes Queen to Ahasuerus (Xerxes)	478	3596
Death of Daniel.....	c. 525	c. 3549
First return from captivity. Led by Sheshbazzar. Under Cyrus the Persian.....	538	3536
Death of Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel's influence continues.	562	3512
Ezekiel prophesies in Babylon.....	c. 595	c. 3479
Daniel and friends tell Nebuchadnezzar's dream	603	3471
Daniel and friends taken to Babylon.	604	3470
Fall of Jerusalem to Nebuchadnezzar the Babylonian.....	605	3469
Jeremiah prophesies in Jerusalem from Josiah's time to final fall of Jerusalem.	c. 600	c. 3474
2 Kings 23:29-30 Death of Josiah by Pharaoh Necho.....	609	3465
Birth of Daniel.....	c. 620	c. 3454
Hezekiah and Isaiah.....	c. 700	c. 3374
2 Kings 18:9-10 Fall of Samaria to Shalmaneser.....	722	3352
2 Chronicles 9:30 Death of Solomon. Division of the Kingdom under Rehoboam.	931	3143
1 Kings 6:1 4th year of Solomon. Temple construction begins.....	966	3108
<p>The fourth year of Solomon has been variously calculated by conservative scholars, with dates ranging from about 971 B.C. to 965 B.C. Dates within this range, though different from the 966 B.C. used in this timeline, are acceptable.</p>		
1 Kings 6:1 Death of David. Reign of Solomon begins.	970	3104
2 Samuel 2:11 Reign of David begins in Jerusalem	1003	3071
2 Samuel 5:4 Death of Saul. Reign of David begins in Hebron.....	1010	3064
2 Samuel 5:4 Birth of David.....	1040	3034
Act 13:21 Reign of Saul begins.....	1050	3024
Deut 34:7; Josh 5:6 Death of Moses. Entrance into Canaan. 40 years after Exodus.	1406	2668
1 Kings 6:1 Exodus from Egypt. 480 years prior to 4th year of Solomon	1446	2628
Acts 7:30 Moses flees Egypt. 40 years prior to the Exodus.....	1486	2588
Acts 7:23 Birth of Moses. 40 years prior to fleeing Egypt.....	1526	2548
Genesis 47:28 Death of Jacob. 17 years after entrance into Egypt.	1859	2215
Exodus 12:40-41 Entrance of Jacob (Israel) into Egypt. 430 years prior to Exodus.....	1876	2198
Genesis 11:11 Death of Shem. 500 years after birth of Arphaxad.	1916	2158
Genesis 47:9 Birth of Jacob. 130 years prior to entrance into Egypt	2006	2068
Genesis 25:26 Birth of Isaac. 60 years prior to birth of Jacob.....	2066	2008

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Genesis 9:28-29	Death of Noah. 950 years after his birth. 350 years after the Flood.	2068	2006
Genesis 16:16	Birth of Ishmael to Abraham at age 86	2080	1994
Genesis 14:18-20	Meeting of Melchizedek and Abraham	c.2086	c.1988
Genesis 12:4	Entrance of Abraham in Canaan at age 75.....	2091	1983
Genesis 11:26; 21:5 Birth of Abraham. 100 years prior to birth of Isaac. 30th year of Terah.....		2166	1908

The dates given below reflect a 70 year adjustment from Ussher's Chronology, moving the date of creation from 4004 B.C. to 4074 B.C. This difference arises from the assumption that Genesis 11:26 is indicating that all three of Terah's sons, Abram, Nahor, and Haran, were born within the first 70 years of Terah's life, and that Abram was the first, born when Terah was about 30 years of age, an age consistent with the pattern established during the preceding seven generations. This 40 year difference for Abram's birth combined with the 70 year adjustment in the date of Adam's creation allows the calculation of the 2166 date for Abraham whether calculated backward from the 4th year of Solomon (966) or forward from the creation of Adam.

Genesis 11:24	Birth of Terah. 29 years after birth of Nahor.	2196	1878
Genesis 11:22	Birth of Nahor. 30 years after birth of Serug.	2225	1849
Genesis 11:20	Birth of Serug. 32 years after birth of Reu.	2255	1819
Genesis 10:25-29 Time of Job. Composite evidence.		c. 2250	c. 1800
Genesis 11:18	Birth of Reu. 30 years after birth of Peleg.	2287	1787
Genesis 11:16	Birth of Peleg. 34 years after birth of Eber.	2317	1757
Genesis 10:25; 11:1-9 Tower of Babel. Just prior to the birth of Peleg.		c. 2300	c. 1750
Genesis 11:14	Birth of Eber ("Heber"). 30 years after birth of Salah.	2351	1723
Genesis 11:12	Birth of Salah. 35 years after birth of Arphaxad.	2381	1693
Luke 3:36	Birth of Cainan. ?? years after birth of Arphaxad	????	????

Luke's inclusion of the generation of "Cainan" in his genealogy of Christ has led to questions regarding the completeness of Genesis 11 chronicles of the generations between the Flood and Abraham. This possibility combined with a slight change in the Hebrew terminology used here, compared to that used for the generations in Genesis 5, has led some scholars to posit a longer period between the Flood and Abraham, thus moving the date of the Flood back some 500 to 1500 years prior to the date given in this timeline.

Genesis 11:10	Birth of Arphaxad. 100 years after birth of Shem. 2 years after the Flood.	2416	1658
Genesis 7:6 Flood of Noah. 600 years after birth of Noah.		2418-17	1656-57
Genesis 5:27	Death of Methusaleh. 969 years after his birth, year of the Flood.	2418	1656
Genesis 5:31	Death of Lamech. 777 years after his birth.	2423	1651
Genesis 11:10	Birth of Shem. 98 years before the Flood.	2516	1558
Genesis 5:20	Death of Jared. 962 years after his birth.	2652	1422
Genesis 5:17	Death of Mahalaleel. 895 years after his birth.	2784	1290
Genesis 5:14	Death of Cainan. 910 years after his birth.	2839	1245
Genesis 5:11	Death of Enos. 905 years after his birth.	2934	1140
Genesis 5:28-29 Birth of Noah. 182 years after birth of Lamech.		3018	1056
Genesis 5:7	Death of Seth. 912 years after his birth.	3032	1042
Genesis 5:23 Death of Enoch. 365 years after his birth.		3087	987
Genesis 5:5 Death of Adam. 930 years after his creation.		3154	930
Genesis 5:25	Birth of Lamech. 187 years after birth of Methusaleh.	3200	874
Genesis 5:21	Birth of Methusaleh. 65 years after birth of Enoch.	3387	687

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Genesis 5:18	Birth of Enoch. 162 years after birth of Jared.....	3452	622
Genesis 5:15	Birth of Jared. 65 years after birth of Mahalaleel.....	3614	460
Genesis 5:12	Birth of Mahalaleel. 70 years after birth of Cainan.....	3679	395
Genesis 5:9	Birth of Cainan. 90 years after birth of Enos.....	3749	325
Genesis 5:6	Birth of Enos. 105 years after birth of Seth.....	3839	235
Genesis 5:3	Birth of Seth. 130 years after Adam's creation.....	3944	130
Creation of Adam.	[70 year adjustment from Ussher's date of 4004.].....	4074	0