

Biblical Chronology



AFTER THE FLOOD “These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated” (Gen 9:19)



Israel dwelt in Egypt 430 years +/-2220 to +/-2650 (Ex. 12:40,41; Gal. 3:17).
 2650 **THE EXODUS**

By the time of David, the longevity of man had decreased to 70 or 80 years (Ps 90:10).

Solomon began to reign 476 years after the exodus (1 Kings 6:1).
 3126 The beginning of Solomon's reign.

By calculating the reigns of the kings of Judah and Israel in the books of Kings and Chronicles, the reign of Zedekiah, the last king of Judah before the Babylonian captivity ended about 3638 years after creation. These calculations can vary a bit because of reigns that might begin and end in the same year, reigns that might overlap and periods when there might not be a king.
 3638 Zedekiah

From the Babylonian captivity of Judah until the time of Christ, chronology can be calculated quite accurately from the secular history of the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek and Roman empires.
 4220 Approximate number of years after creation that Jesus was born.

The royal genealogy in Matthew chapter 1 lists 25 generations from Solomon to Jesus, which according to the above chronology averages 44 years per generation. Luke in chapter 3 follows a family line rather than the royal line and has 41 generations from Solomon to Jesus which according to the above chronology averages 27 years per generation.

Disclaimer: We are warned to avoid disputes about genealogies (Titus 3:9; 1 Timothy 1:4). The above represents my best attempt to distil the inspired information provided in the Holy Scriptures. Please use this information with discretion and check the sources.

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