

AGE

If you believe the Bible is the inerrant word of God, there is no way around the fact that the bible teaches the Earth was created in 4163 BCE and that the flood was in 2507 BCE. The destruction of the temple in Jerusalem in 586 BCE is known from secular history and archaeology.

The reigns of the kings of Judah from the fall of Jerusalem back to King Joash:

In 597 BCE Zedekiah began a reign of 11 years (2 Kings 24:18)

Also in 597 BCE Jehoiachin began a reign of three months (2 Kings 24:8)

In 608 BCE Jehoiakim began a reign of 11 years (2 Kings 23:36)

In 608 BCE Jehoahaz began a reign of three months (2 Kings 23:31)

In 639 BCE Josiah began a reign of 31 years (2 Kings 22:1)

In 641 BCE Amon began a reign of 2 years (2 Kings 21:19)

In 696 BCE Manasseh began a reign of 55 years (2 Kings 21:1)

In 725 BCE Hezekiah began a reign of 29 years (2 Kings 18:2)

In 741 BCE Ahaz began a reign of 16 years (2 Kings 16:2)

In 757 BCE Jotham began a reign of 16 years (2 Kings 15:33)

In 809 BCE Azariah began a reign of 52 years (2 Kings 15:2)

In 838 BCE Amaziah began a reign of 29 years (2 Kings 14:2)

In 878 BCE Joash began a reign of 40 years (2 Kings 12:2)

In 885 BCE Athaliah began a reign of 7 years (2 Kings 11:3)

In 886 BCE Ahaziah began a reign of one year (2 Kings 8:25)

In 894 BCE Jehoram began a reign of 8 years (2 Kings 8:16)

Jehoram became King of Judah in the fifth year of the reign of King Joram of Israel.

I will now cross over to the northern kingdom and list the reigns of the kings of Israel (Samaria) from Joram to Solomon.

In 890 BCE Joram began a reign of 12 years (2 Kings 3:1)

In 892 BCE Ahaziah began a reign of 2 years (1 Kings 22:52)

In 914 BCE Ahab began a reign of 22 years (1 Kings 16:29)

In 926 BCE Omri began a reign of 12 years (1 Kings 16:23)

In 930 BCE Tibni began a reign of 4 years (1 Kings 16:22)

In 932 BCE Elah began a reign of 2 years (1 Kings 16:8)

In 956 BCE Baasha began a reign of 24 years (1 Kings 15:33)

In 958 BCE Nadab began a reign of 2 years (1 Kings 15:25)

In 980 BCE Jeroboam began a reign of 22 years (1 Kings 14:20).

His rule commenced upon the division of the united kingdom into the House of Israel, ruled by King Jeroboam, and the House of Judah, ruled by King Rehoboam (1 Kings 12:20)

In 1020 BCE Solomon began a reign of 40 years (1 Kings 11:42)

In 1017 BCE construction of the temple began, in Solomon's fourth year of power, 480 years after the Exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt in 1497 BCE (1 Kings 6:1)

In 1927 BCE, 430 years before the Exodus, Jacob (Israel) led a migration of his large clan to Egypt to mitigate a famine in the Levant. (Exo. 12:40)

In 2057 BCE Jacob was born, known from his age of 130 years when he arrived in Egypt (Gen. 47:9)

In 2117 BCE Isaac was born, since he begat Jacob when he was 60 years of age (Gen. 25:26)

In 2217 BCE Abraham was born, since he begat Isaac when he was 100 years of age (Gen. 21:5)

In 2287 BCE Terah was born, since he begat Abraham when he was 70 years of age (Gen. 11:26)

In 2316 BCE Nahor was born, since he begat Terah when he was 29 years of age (Gen. 11:24)

In 2346 BCE Serug was born, since he begat Nahor when he was 30 years of age (Gen. 11:22)

In 2378 BCE Reu was born, since he begat Serug when he was 32 years of age (Gen. 11:20)

In 2408 BCE Peleg was born, since he begat Reu when he was 30 years of age (Gen. 11:18)

In 2442 BCE Eber was born, since he begat Peleg when he was 34 years of age (Gen. 11:16)

In 2472 BCE Shelah was born, since he begat Eber when he was 30 years of age (Gen. 11:14)

At this point we hit a serious snag because in Genesis 11:12 Arphaschad is said to be 35 years of age when he begets Shelah (or Sala, or Salah), taking us to 2507. Gen. 11:10 says Arphaschad was born two years after the flood. But Gen. 7:11 has the flood hit when Noah was 600. Genesis 5:32 says Noah was 500 years of age when he begat Ham, Shem, and Japheth, all at once, as triplets apparently. And Genesis 11:10 says Shem was 100 when he begat Arphaxad (or Arphaschad, which means Genesis is telling us Arphaschad was born on ark, and also two years later.

Into the homestretch.

In 3289 BCE Lamech was born, since he begat Noah at 182 years of age (Gen. 5:28)

In 3476 BCE Methuselah was born, since he begat Lamech at 187 years of age (Gen. 5:25)

In 3541 BCE Enoch was born, since he begat Methuselah at 65 years of age (Gen. 5:21)

In 3703 BCE Jared was born, since he begat Enoch at 162 years of age (Gen. 5:18)

In 3768 BCE Mahalalel was born, since he begat Jared at 65 years of age (Gen. 5:15)

In 3838 BCE Kenan was born, since he begat Mahalalel at 70 years of age (Gen. 5:12)

In 3928 BCE Enosh was born, since he begat Kenan when he was 90 years of age (Gen. 5:9)

In 4033 BCE Seth was born, since he begat Enosh when he was 105 years of age (Gen. 5:6)

In 4163 BCE Adam was made from a mudpie, since he begat Seth when he was 130 years of age (Gen. 5:3)

God gave mouth-to-mouth to the mudpie on the sixth day of creation week, so the Earth dates back to 4163 BCE as well. Note that this differs somewhat from Archbishop Ussher's date of 4,004 BCE. He didn't show his work. In his favor, he pinned it down to the month, day, and hour.