

Calculating the age of the Earth from the Books of Genesis and Matthew

Just by reading from the book of Genesis, we can construct the following table.

<u>Gen</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Father at age</u>	<u>Bible verse</u>	<u>Anno Mundi</u>
1	Adam	130	Gen 5:3	130
2	Seth	105	Gen 5:6	235
3	Enosh	90	Gen 5:9	325
4	Cainan	70	Gen 5:12	395
5	Mahalalel	65	Gen 5:15	460
6	Jared	162	Gen 5:18	622
7	Enoch	65	Gen 5:21	687
8	Methuselah	187	Gen 5:25	874
9	Lamech	182	Gen 5:28	1056
10	Noah	500	Gen 5:32	1556
11	Shem	100	Gen 11:10	1656
12	Arphaxad	35	Gen 11:12	1691
13	Salah	30	Gen 11:14	1721
14	Eber	34	Gen 11:16	1755
15	Peleg	30	Gen 11:18	1785
16	Reu	32	Gen 11:20	1817
17	Serug	30	Gen 11:22	1847
18	Nahor	29	Gen 11:24	1876
19	Terah	70	Gen 11:26	1946
20	Abraham	100	Gen 21:5	2046

From Genesis, we calculate that Abraham became a father to Isaac, 2046 years after God made Adam.

From the book of Matthew (1:1-17) we see that there are 39 fathers from Abraham to Jesus : Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Perez, Hezron, Ram, Amminadab, Nahshon, Salmon, Boaz, Obed, Jesse, David, Solomon, Rehoboam, Abijah, Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joram, Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh, Amon, Josiah, Jeconiah, Shealtiel, Zerubbabel, Abiud, Eliakim, Azor, Zadok, Achim, Eliud, Eleazar, Matthan, Jacob, and Joseph, who was a father to Jesus.

Unfortunately, we don't know the ages of these 39 people, when they became fathers. If we look at the last ten generations from Shem to Abraham. Calculating averages for the last 10 and last 5 generations, the averages are 49,0 and 52,2. Let's say that the average age for becoming a father for the next 39 generations was 50.

39 (fathers) x 50 (years) = 1950 years.

We then add the 1950 years to the year of Abraham becoming a father to Isaac, to calculate the year when Joseph became a father to Jesus. Therefore Jesus would have been born in, 1950 + 2046 = 3996AM.

We think that Jesus was born in approximately 4BC which is 2012 years ago.

If we add the 2012 years to 3996 A.M. we are now living in the year 6008AM.

I believe the Bible is God's Word, and also believe that the oldest that Creation can be is 6008 years old. This calculation works very nicely, as one can just add 4000 years to today's date.

But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. (2Pe 3:8)

Therefore we have entered the 7th day period of Creation, which means we are now living in the Sabbath day of Creation!!!

But consider this?

Men are becoming fathers at an increasingly younger age.

If we take an average age for the 39 fathers of : -

30 years the year 2008 works out at 5228AM.

35 years the year 2008 works out at 5423AM.

40 years the year 2008 works out at 5618AM.

45 years the year 2008 works out at 5813AM.

50 years the year 2008 works out at 6008AM.

Therefore there is a possible range of age from 5228AM to 6008AM!!!

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. (Mar 13:31-33)

Revelation Chapter 20, talks about Satan being bound for a thousand years and the Saints who reign with Christ 1000 years.

... And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. (Rev 20:4-5)

This sounds like a thousand year Sabbath to me!!! So it could mean that mankind has 6000 years to reign on earth, and then Jesus will come again to retrieve the righteous?

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." (Mat 6:34)

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