

How Long?

The world today is absolutely crackers
There's nuclear bombs to blow us all sky high
There's fools and idiots sitting on the triggers
It's depressing, and it's senseless, and that's why ...

(The Monty Python 'I like Chinese' song)

Ask people today how old creation is, and they'll give you a 'scientific' answer in millions of years. If one lives beyond 57 years, that is a period which exceeds a 1000000 half-hours. I wonder if these people actually realise how long a period a million years actually is?

It takes intelligence to create order, and order naturally descends into chaos over time. Order does not spontaneously arise from chaos. Nothing is created without intelligence, creation requires determined and focused effort. As time passes, creation has less energy available to perform work. I can testify to that fact. Consequently, I never bought into the whole evolution doctrine of 'millions of years'. So one day, I decided to investigate for myself what the scriptures have to say about creation. Here is a brief summary of mankind's history from what I have discovered.

In the Beginning GOD created light. What isn't mentioned in Genesis is that 'The Word' Jesus was then appointed as The Saviour for mankind, even before the foundation of the Earth was made. This appointment is revealed in verses from later NT books. Everything was created in just six 24 hour days. Adam and Eve were created on the sixth day and from them, all people on this planet have descended. There is no such thing as multiple 'races', there is only one race, the human race.

Adam was 130 years old when his third son Seth was born. From Seth we can trace the descendants all the way down to Noah. By adding up the father years we see that Noah was born in 1056AM. (AM = anno mundi, the year of creation). We know from the text that Noah was 600 years old when the flood came so that would be the year 1656AM. Shem, Noah's second son was born when Noah was 502 years old. He lived to be 600 years old! He only died 35 years after Abraham's death in 2158AM.

From the calculation we know that Abraham was born in 1948AM. He left Ur of Babylon when he was 52 which would be the year 2000AM. His age then is revealed in the Book of Jasher. He lived in Haran for three years before the LORD spoke to him, instructing him to go to the land of Canaan. Abraham was 55 when he left with his wife and servants.

He lived in Canaan until he was 70 which is when the LORD appeared to him. The LORD made a covenant with Abraham in Genesis 15, which was sealed by the shedding of blood by a collection of five animal sacrifices. The LORD revealed to Abraham that he would be the father of many people, and his wife Sarah would give birth to a heir in her late years. There would be a period of 400 years then his fourth generation descendants would return to the promised land.

After this covenant Abraham and Sarah returned to Haran to visit their family, and stayed for five years. Abraham was 75 when the LORD appeared to him again, instructing him to return to the land of Canaan. At this second departure a large group of converts to his faith in GOD, went along with Abraham and Sarah, including Lot and his family.

Sarah was 90 years old when she gave birth to Isaac and Abraham was 100 years old (2048AM). Isaac was 60 years old when he fathered twins, Esau and Jacob (2108AM). Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were always 'strangers' in the land of Canaan and experienced various trials and famines. When the great famine lasting seven years occurred, Jacob moved down to Egypt to live under the provision of his son Joseph, who was Pharaoh's appointed chief administrator. Jacob was 130 years old (2238AM), when he took all his family (70 persons) down to live in Egypt.

Jochebed (the daughter of Levi) Moses mother, was born just after they arrived in Egypt. Jochebed married Amram when she was 126 and had Miriam, Aaron and Moses. Moses was born when she was 130 (2368AM). This is also revealed in the Book of Jasher. Moses left Egypt with the Israelites when he was 80 years old (2448AM). This stay in Egypt had lasted for 210 years.

The two reported periods of 400 and 430 years, is because Abraham had to wait 30 years from the covenant until the birth of his son. Paul knew of this 30y waiting period, see Galatians 3:16-17. From the covenant to the Exodus and manifestation of GOD's Law, was 430 years. From Isaac's birth to the Exodus, the return of Abraham's descendants from Egypt was 400 years. However after spying out the land for 40 days, the Israelites again rebelled against the LORD's Will and they spent an additional 40 years wandering around in the desert solely under the LORD's provision.

The various exploits of Israel and their judges after this period are recorded, but it wasn't until Solomon, King David's son began to build the Temple in the second year of his reign (2928AM), that we discover that a total of 480 years had passed since the Exodus first began.

I bought a Jewish Tanach and found a table in the back, which listed this same year as I had calculated when Solomon began to build the Temple. (According to my calculation see what happened in 3000AM as recorded in 2 Chronicles 15:10-15.)

The second Temple was began by Zerubbabel 500 years after the Temple of Solomon by the decree of King Cyrus. There are two ways to work out this period of 500y.

1) You can summate all the years of reign for the kings of Judah, adding the 70 years exile in Babylon which was prophesied by Jeremiah.

2) Refer to the prophecy of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 4:5) where he acted out the siege. The principle of a day for a year meant 390y + 40y + 70y for the Babylon captivity = 500y. This is the beginning year for rebuilding the Temple and Jerusalem (3428AM).

The prophet Daniel told Israel that they would have a period of 7x 7y to rebuild the Temple and Jerusalem, and 7x 70y to live righteously under GOD's Law. They were given two chances to live righteously under the Law, before the Messiah would come. Saul and Israel were given two chances, 430y + 490y with the bitter 70y exile at Babylon in between. The end of the 49y (7x7) for restoration was 3477AM. At the end of the (7x70) period 490y for righteousness, Jesus was born (3967AM). Jesus was 33y old when He was crucified which would be the 4000th year of creation.

The crucifixion of Jesus on 3 April 33AD is the most important event which mankind has witnessed. This had been prophesied repeatedly, long before it happened and was described in great detail. In Exodus 12:3,6 the sacrificial lamb was chosen on the 10th and killed on the 14th of the month. Jesus Christ, The Word, GOD, in human flesh, the sacrificial Lamb who was chosen before creation, was sacrificed for Sin in the 4000th year of creation.

The one day ~ 1000y principle is well defined. Adam was told he would die in the 'day' that he sinned, and he lived to be 930 years old. This 1000y day is the only understanding of that definition of 'day' which makes sense. In GOD's Law we find the repeated principle of six periods given for labour and one period for rest. Following that divine 7 period principle, Man has only 2 'days' from Christ's crucifixion left to labour, before the 1000y millennial Sabbath begins, as described in Revelation 20. Are you ready now, because we know for sure that Jesus will return earlier than 2033AD for His Church?