

Lifespan

The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. (Psa 90:10)

Most people seem to accept, that if one lives their threescore and ten years, then they have done well for themselves. I happen to believe that man's years are actually one hundred and twenty. If it were not so, we would not see so many people living beyond the age of eighty. There is also a scripture to support this.

And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." (Gen 6:3)

If we look at the Patriarch's lifespan we can see something very interesting.

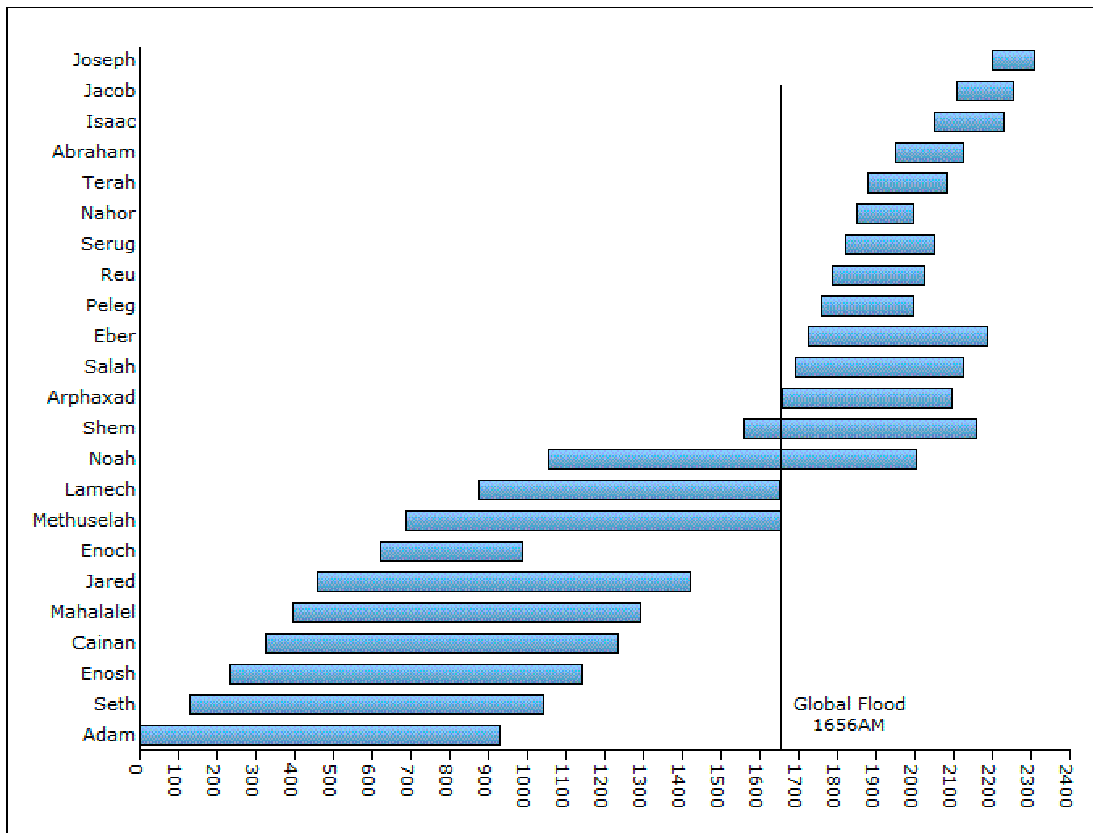
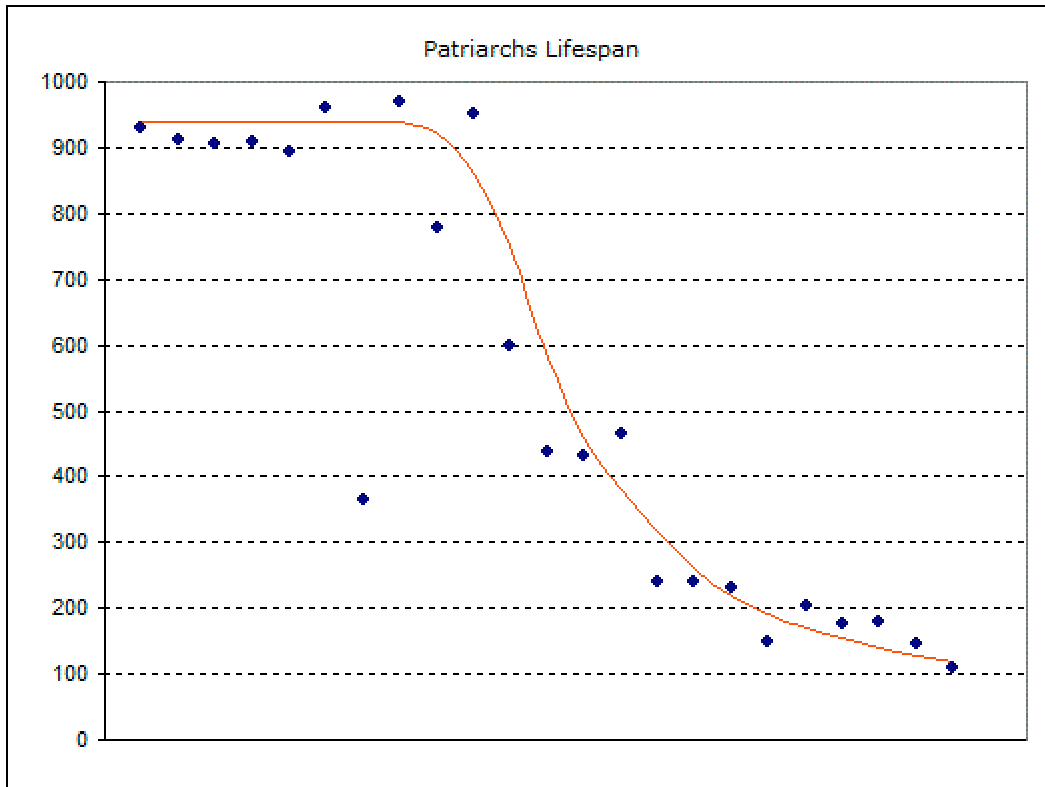
Name	Father @	Lived	Born	Died
Adam	130	930	0	930
Seth	105	912	130	1042
Enosh	90	905	235	1140
Cainan	70	910	325	1235
Mahalalel	65	895	395	1290
Jared	162	962	460	1422
Enoch	65	365	622	987
Methuselah	187	969	687	1656
Lamech	182	777	874	1651
Noah	502	950	1056	2006
Shem	100	600	1558	2158
Arphaxad	35	438	1658	2096
Salah	30	433	1693	2126
Eber	34	464	1723	2187
Peleg	30	239	1757	1996
Reu	32	239	1787	2026
Serug	30	230	1819	2049
Nahor	29	148	1849	1997
Terah	70	205	1878	2083
Abraham	100	175	1948	2123
Isaac	60	180	2048	2228
Jacob	91	147	2108	2255
Joseph	34	110	2199	2309

Enoch was taken from the earth, therefore he did not die a natural death.

From Noah onwards the Patriarch's lifespan decreased rapidly, down to Joseph who lived for one hundred and ten years.

There are still people today, who live for over a hundred years.

Methuselah, Noah's grandfather, was the last of the Patriarchs to die just before the flood. The global flood began in 1656AM when Noah was 600 years old.



The Tower of Babel

To Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. Joktan begot Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, Obal, Abimael, Sheba, Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan. And their dwelling place was from Mesha as you go toward Sephar, the mountain of the east. These were the sons of Shem according to their families, according to their languages, in their lands, according to their nations. These were the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations; and from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood. (Gen 10:25-32)

Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth. But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel [*Gate of God*], because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth. (Gen 11:1-9)

These are the generations of Shem: Shem had Arpachshad and Arpachshad had Shelach, and Shelach had Eber and to Eber were born two children, the name of one was Peleg, for in his days the sons of men were divided, and in the latter days the earth was divided. And the name of the second was Yoktan, meaning that in his day the lives of the sons of men were diminished and lessened. (Jasher 7:19-20)

Those who were left among them, when they knew and understood the evil which was coming on them, turned away from the building, and they also became scattered on the face of the whole earth. And they ceased building the city and the tower; therefore he called that place Babel, for there the LORD confounded the language of the whole earth; behold it was at the east of the land of Shinar. (Jasher 9:36-37)

Peleg the son of Eber died in those days, in the forty-eighth year of the life of Abram son of Terah, and all the days of Peleg were two hundred and thirty-nine years. When the LORD had scattered the sons of men on account of their sin at the tower, behold they spread forth into many divisions, and all the sons of men were dispersed into the four corners of the earth. (Jasher 10:1-2)

*Peleg (Born 1757 + 239) = 1996AM also Abraham (Born 1948 + 48) = 1996AM
So from Peleg and Joktan: men were separated, divided by new languages; and their lifespan was further reduced. Babel-On!*

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