

CHRONOLOGY OF THE TANAKH / OLD TESTAMENT

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This chronology is based on the **Masoretic Text** (the 1000-year old Hebrew version of the Tanakh that is the basis for most of the modern English translations used by both Jews and Christians).

The A.M. (“Anno Mundi”) dates measure the amount of years since the creation of the world and have been converted to B.C.E. / B.C. (“Before the Common Era” or “Before Christ”) dates using the year 164 B.C.E. as the anchor point. Please note that the scribes chose many of the numbers for symbolic or poetic reasons and therefore they should not be understood as literal, historical dates.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Year</u> (A.M.)	<u>Year</u> (B.C.E.)	<u>Bible Verse</u>
Creation of the world and of Adam	1	4163	Genesis 1:1, 26
Seth born when Adam was 130	131	4033	Genesis 5:3
Enosh born when Seth was 105	236	3928	Genesis 5:6
Kenan born when Enosh was 90	326	3838	Genesis 5:9
Mahalalel born when Kenan was 70	396	3768	Genesis 5:12
Jared born when Mahalalel was 65	461	3703	Genesis 5:15
Enoch born when Jared was 162	623	3541	Genesis 5:18
Methuselah born when Enoch was 65	688	3476	Genesis 5:21
Lamech born when Methuselah was 187	875	3289	Genesis 5:25
Noah born when Lamech was 182	1057	3107	Genesis 5:28
Shem born when Noah was 500	1557	2607	Genesis 5:32
The Flood occurs when Noah was 600	1657	2507	Genesis 7:6

CREATION TO FLOOD = 1656 YEARS

Arphaxad born when Shem was 100	1657	2507	Genesis 11:10
Shelah born when Arphaxad was 35	1692	2472	Genesis 11:12
Eber born when Shelah was 30	1722	2442	Genesis 11:14
Peleg born when Eber was 34	1756	2408	Genesis 11:16
Reu born when Peleg was 30	1786	2378	Genesis 11:18
Serug born when Reu was 32	1818	2346	Genesis 11:20
Nahor born when Serug was 30	1848	2316	Genesis 11:22
Terah born when Nahor was 29	1877	2287	Genesis 11:24
Abraham born when Terah was 70	1947	2217	Genesis 11:26

FLOOD TO BIRTH OF ABRAHAM = 290 YEARS

Isaac born when Abraham was 100	2047	2117	Genesis 21:5
Jacob born when Isaac was 60	2107	2057	Genesis 25:26
Jacob was 130 when he moved to Egypt	2237	1927	Genesis 47:8-9

BIRTH OF ABRAHAM TO JACOB'S MOVE TO EGYPT = 290 YEARS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Year</u> (A.M.)	<u>Year</u> (B.C.E.)	<u>Bible Verse</u>
The Exodus occurred 430 YEARS after Jacob and his family moved to Egypt <i>This is 2/3 of the way to the year 4000</i>	2667	1497	Exodus 12:40
The First Temple started to be built by Solomon 480 YEARS after the Exodus (in the fourth year of his reign) <i>This is 1200 years after the birth of Abraham</i>	3147	1017	1 Kings 6:1
Solomon reigned for 37 more years	3184	980	1 Kings 11:42
Rehoboam reigned for 17 years, ending in:	3201	963	1 Kings 14:21
Abijah reigned 3 years, ending in:	3204	960	1 Kings 15:2
Asa reigned 41 years, ending in:	3245	919	1 Kings 15:10
Jehoshaphat reigned 25 years, ending in:	3270	894	1 Kings 22:42
Jehoram reigned 8 years, ending in:	3278	886	2 Kings 8:17
Ahaziah reigned 1 years, ending in:	3279	885	2 Kings 8:26
Athaliah reigned 6 years, ending in:	3285	879	2 Kings 11:3
Jehoash reigned 40 years, ending in:	3325	839	2 Kings 12:1
Amaziah reigned 29 years, ending in:	3354	810	2 Kings 14:2
Uzziah reigned 52 years, ending in:	3406	758	2 Kings 15:2

Note: The names & BCE dates from this point forward have been historically-verified

Jotham reigned 16 years, ending in:	3422	742	2 Kings 15:33
Ahaz reigned 16 years, ending in:	3438	726	2 Kings 16:2
Hezekiah reigned 29 years, ending in:	3467	697	2 Kings 18:2
Manasseh reigned 55 years, ending in:	3522	642	2 Kings 21:1
Amon reigned 2 years, ending in:	3524	640	2 Kings 21:19
Josiah reigned 31 years, ending in:	3555	609	2 Kings 22:1
Jehoahaz reigned 3 months, ending in:	3555	609	2 Kings 23:31
Jehoiakim 11 years, ending in:	3566	598	2 Kings 23:36
Jehoiachin reigned 3 months, ending in:	3566	598	2 Kings 24:8
Zedekiah reigned 11 years, ending in: (Jerusalem destroyed by Babylonians)	3577	587	2 Kings 24:18

LENGTH OF TIME FIRST TEMPLE STOOD = 430 YEARS

Persians allow Jews to return	3626	538
Second Temple finished	3648	516
Start of Hellenistic Rule	3830	334
Maccabean Revolt begins	3997	167
Second Temple is rededicated	4000	164

CREATION TO REDEDICATION = 4000 YEARS