



History or Not?

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Have we ever stopped and considered that Genesis is more than just the 1st book of the Bible? In all truth, Genesis is the most important book in the Bible. The New Testament alone contains at least 200 direct quotes or alludes to events described in the book of Genesis. No other Old Testament book is referenced that much. Why is that?

Is it possible that Genesis is history? Now you are probably thinking, “is not history written down?” and “how can we write down something if we were not there to witness it?” Say for instance, the account of Creation, no one was there to witness it. I read once, that while Moses is credited for having compiled the accounts of Genesis and putting them in the Torah (the 1st 5 books of the Bible) he is not the author. In fact, the article said, it was Adam who wrote down the account of Creation. And why would that not make sense? He was created on day 6, as an adult. We assume, because of what we learn in school, that Adam and the 1st humans could not read or write. In fact, science and history say the 1st writing didn’t take place until 2600 B.C. Long after man had been on this planet for a while. But, think about this, Scripture says that Adam lived 930 years and Lamech (Noah’s father) lived 777 years. In other words, Lamech knew Adam [See chart]. And this being true, and if writing didn’t happen for many years, then how did Noah build such a massive boat that lasted for 75.15 years (75 years to build + 56 days in the ark*). Now remember this boat was made from wood and pitch. So, looking at that information, it only makes sense that Adam wrote down the account of Creation and Noah continued from there after the Flood. Each generation adding to the next, until Moses compiled it all together to complete the Torah (1st five books of the Old Testament).

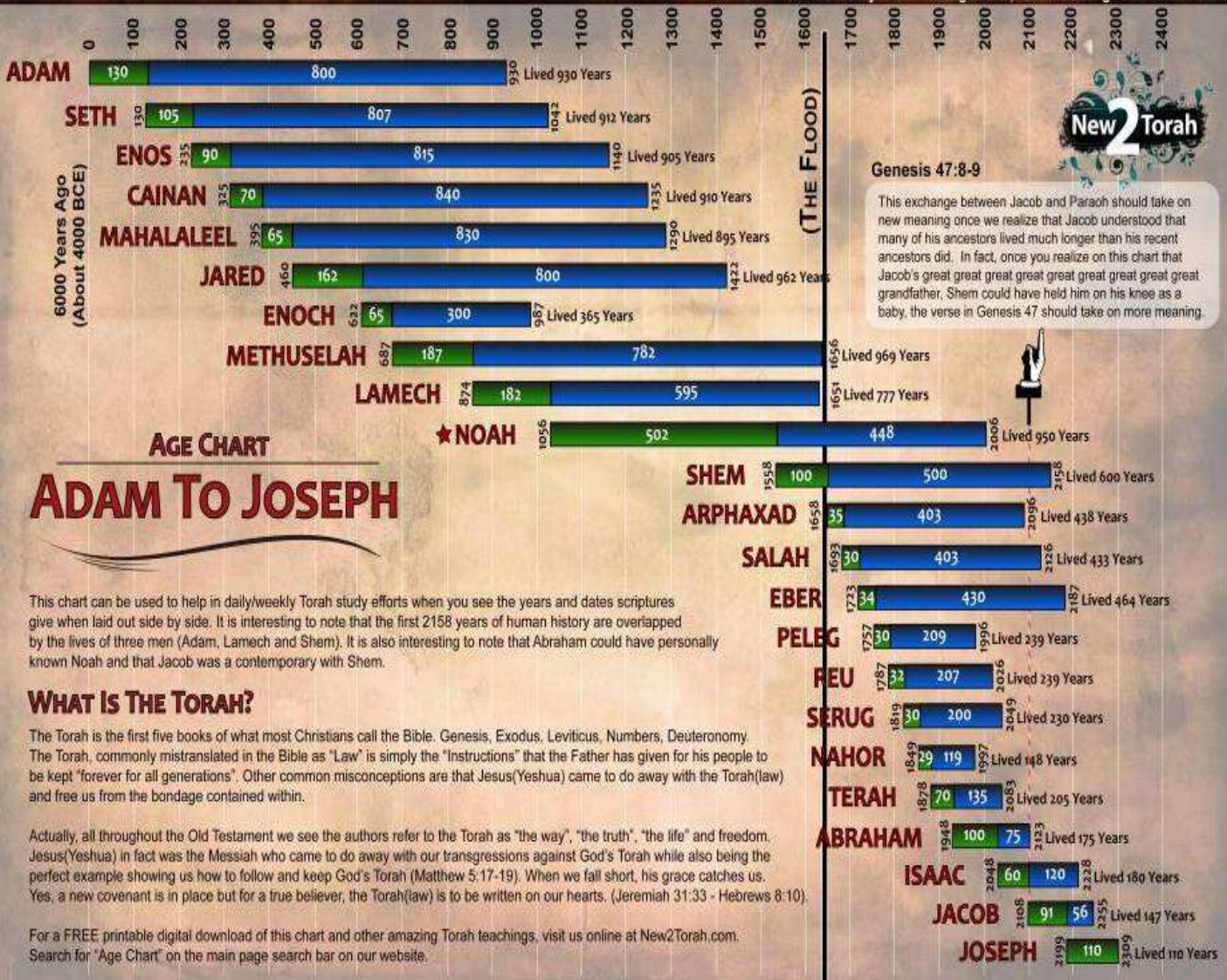
Another, literary proof that Genesis is history is found in Genesis (2:4, 5:1, 6:9, 10:1; 11:10; 11:27; 25:12; 25:19; 36:1; 36:9; and 37:2) all these verse say “This is the Generation of”

So, I encourage you go back and read Genesis, but this time read it as history. When you see it as proven fact, it may just surprise you what God has done and will add to your faith of what He is doing now. For our God is a God of order and He has placed in His Word evidence that we can say without a doubt He is King of King and Lord of Lords.



Genesis 47:8-9

This exchange between Jacob and Paroh should take on new meaning once we realize that Jacob understood that many of his ancestors lived much longer than his recent ancestors did. In fact, once you realize on this chart that Jacob's great great great great great great great great grandfather, Shem could have held him on his knee as a baby, the verse in Genesis 47 should take on more meaning.



AGE CHART ADAM TO JOSEPH

This chart can be used to help in daily/weekly Torah study efforts when you see the years and dates scriptures give when laid out side by side. It is interesting to note that the first 2158 years of human history are overlapped by the lives of three men (Adam, Lamech and Shem). It is also interesting to note that Abraham could have personally known Noah and that Jacob was a contemporary with Shem.

WHAT IS THE TORAH?

The Torah is the first five books of what most Christians call the Bible. Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy. The Torah, commonly mistranslated in the Bible as "Law" is simply the "Instructions" that the Father has given for his people to be kept "forever for all generations". Other common misconceptions are that Jesus (Yeshua) came to do away with the Torah (law) and free us from the bondage contained within.

Actually, all throughout the Old Testament we see the authors refer to the Torah as "the way", "the truth", "the life" and freedom. Jesus (Yeshua) in fact was the Messiah who came to do away with our transgressions against God's Torah while also being the perfect example showing us how to follow and keep God's Torah (Matthew 5:17-19). When we fall short, his grace catches us. Yes, a new covenant is in place but for a true believer, the Torah (law) is to be written on our hearts. (Jeremiah 31:33 - Hebrews 8:10).

For a FREE printable digital download of this chart and other amazing Torah teachings, visit us online at New2Torah.com. Search for "Age Chart" on the main page search bar on our website.



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Pumpkin Carving

We will be having a special evening with the kids **this Wednesday evening, October 23rd at 7 p.m.** It is the time to see the great imagination and talent of the kids in the design of their pumpkins. **We will need adults to help the small children in their pumpkin carving. We have a lot of kids, so we need a lot of help.**

Benefit for Daphne Hannaford on November 9th.

Daphne is a 3rd grader at Edon School and has been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. There will be a 1 Mile fun walk/ 5K run/walk to help the family with medical bills and transportation for treatments. Cost is \$20.00 per adult and \$15.00 per child up to 12 years of age. Show Columbia Church support by wearing your green CCC T-Shirt and join the walk. If you cannot do the walk, I am sure they could still use the donation.

CCC Tee shirt can be purchased for \$5.00, See Jan Hauenstein

Need a Part-Time Job?

The census Bureau is looking for people to help take the census in our area. You can apply on-line at 2020census.gov/jobs. They are paying \$16.00/hr. For more information or help applying call 1-855-562-2020. Pick up a flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Out-Reach Meeting & Events

The Out- Reach team meets the 1st Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. If you would like to help with this outreach team, please attend.

Need Help to Winterize Your Car?

On **November the 16th** the outreach team will be here at the church to help the elderly, low income and single parents with the winterization of their vehicles. There is a sign- up sheet for you to sign with your vehicle make and model, so they can have proper oil filters on hand for your vehicle.

Thanksgiving Dinner

On Sunday, November 24th we will be having a Thanksgiving dinner after the worship service. If you would like to help with this meal, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the north foyer.