

# Old Testament Survey

Biblical Chronology

Session 3

All Saints Church

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# Overview

- Week 1 – Biblical Chronology - *prima facie* Argument
- Week 2 – Construct a timeline correlating the 39 books of the Old Testament to a timeline.
- Week 3 - Look at specific Old Testament Stories in relationship to time. Conclusions & Applications

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- Major Reference Works
  - Encountering the Old Testament
    - Bill T. Arnold
    - Bryan E. Beyer
  - The Biblical Chronology Question: An Analysis
    - James B. Jordan
  - WHO WAS BORN WHEN ENOSH WAS 90? A SEMANTIC REEVALUATION OF WILLIAM HENRY GREEN'S CHRONOLOGICAL GAPS
    - Jeremy Sexton -Westminster Theological Journal (2015)
  - The First Decade – The Word of God
    - Henrich Bullinger
  - What did the Reformers Believe about the Age of the Earth?
    - Dr Joel R. Beeke

# Old Testament Survey

## GOALS:

- Examine the Old Testament covering the 5 major categories; Pentateuch, History, Poetry & Wisdom, Major Prophets, Minor Prophets.
- Connecting each of the 39 books of the Old Testament to dates in time
- Making use of Biblical Chronology
- Correlating Major World/Regional Empires

# Old Testament Survey

- Introduction
  - Goals
- Biblical Chronology
- Objections
  - Science
  - Evangelical Gap Theory
- Date of Creation
- Pentateuch
- History
- Major World/Regional Empires
- Major Prophets
- Poetry & Wisdom
- Minor Prophets

# Week 3 Overview

- Correlate specific events to the timeline
  - Life of Abram/Abraham
  - Law Given to Israel 430 years after Covenant Walk
  - Various Events after the Pentateuch
  - Conclusions

# Old Testament Survey

- Reformers who used Biblical genealogies for chronological computation. Creation dates:
  - Luther 3960 BC
  - Melancthon 3963 BC
  - Geneva 3943 BC
- Modern Theologian
  - James B Jordan 3930 BC

# Age of the Earth

- What is today's date (2021) in years since creation?
  - Luther 5981
  - Melanchthon 5984
  - Geneva 5964
- Modern Theologian
  - James B Jordan 5951
- Anno Mundi
  - Latin for "in the year of the world"
  - Hebrew: לבריאת העולם, "to the creation of the world"



# Anno Mundi “in the year of the World”

Event	BC	AM Date
Creation	3930	0
Flood	2274	1656
Noah Dies	1924	2006
Pentateuch (end)	1400	2530
Foundation of Temple laid	937	2993
Completion of Temple	930	3000
Rebuild Temple Start	536	3394
Temple Completed	516	3414
Alexander Conquers	331	3601
Death of Herod	4	3926
	Zero AD	3932
Crucifixion of Christ	30	3962
Destruction of the Temple	70	4002
TODAY	2019	5949

# OLD TESTAMENT TIMELINE

## History

- JOSHUA 1400-1380 BC
- JUDGES 1380-1050 BC
- RUTH 1200-1150 BC
- 1 SAMUEL 1100-1010 BC
- 2 SAMUEL 1010-971 BC
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- 1 CHRONICLES 1010-971 BC
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- EZRA 539-450 BC
- NEHEMIAH 445-410 BC
- ESTER 483-474 BC

## Major Prophets

- ISAIAH 739-630 BC
- JEREMIAH 627-580 BC
- LAMENTATIONS 586 BC
- EZEKIEL 593-570 BC
- DANIEL 605-530 BC

## MAJOR PROPHETS



- 1. GENESIS
- 2. EXODUS
- 3. LEVITICUS
- 4. NUMBERS
- 5. DEUTERONOMY

- Exile of North Kingdom of Israel (722-721 BC)
- Exile of South Kingdom of Judah (587-586 BC)  
destruction of 1st temple and Jerusalem
- Return of some Jews rebuild nation and temple (537 BC)

- Birth of Jesus (6 BC)
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## Poetry and Wisdom

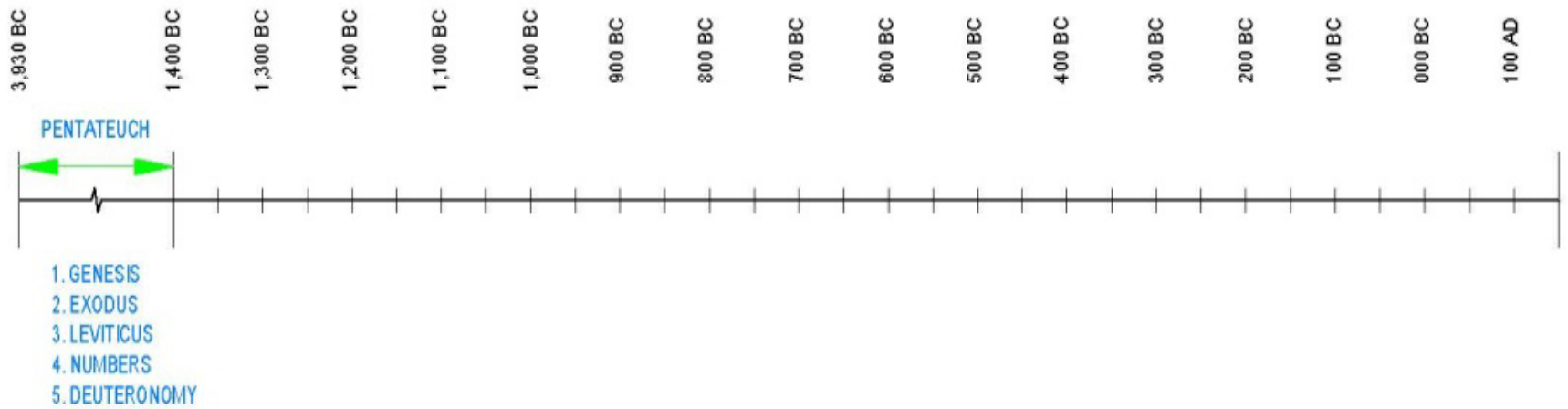
- JOB
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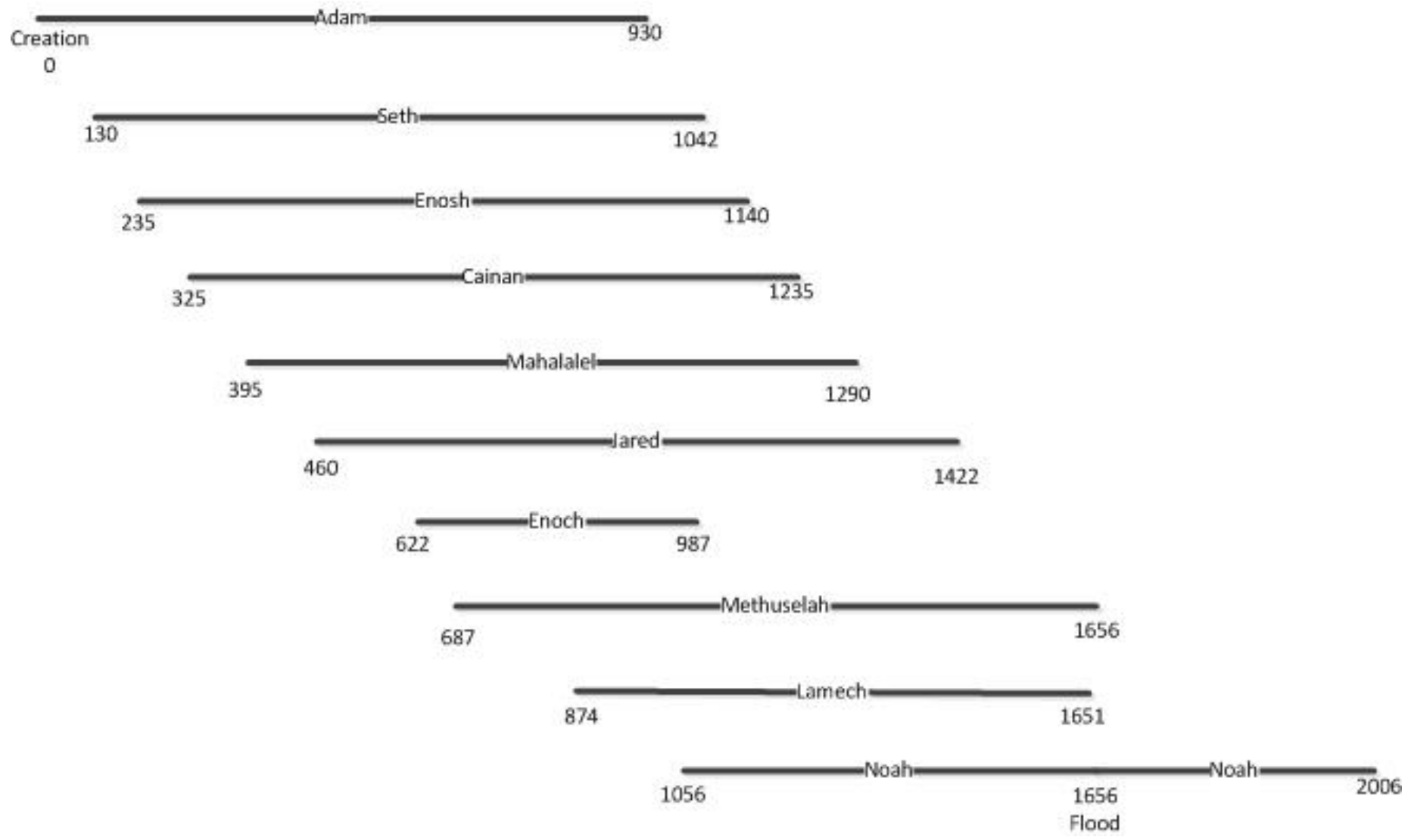
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Flood	2274	1656
Birth of Abraham	1922	2008
Abram Leaves Haran and enters Promised land settling in Shechem Gen 12:1-7	1847	2083
Genesis 12 Covenant Abraham 75, Beginning of 430 year living under Egyptian Dominion	1847	2083
Lot separates from Abram Gen 13:1-17	1844	2086
Abram makes Hagar pregnant. She flees and God blesses her. Gen 16:1-14	1837	2093
God changes Abram’s name to Abraham & tells him to circumcise his household and promise Isaac Gen 17	1823	2107
Abraham Dies	1741	2183

# Giving of the Law

- *15 Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it. 16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ. 17 And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God [e]in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. 18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.*
- Galatians 3:15-18

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Joseph (28) interprets Pharoah's dreams	1837	2287
Joseph dies at 110 (Gen 50:26)	1755	2369
Exodus from Egypt	1417	2513
Accession of Saul	1021	2909
Birth of David	1011	2919
Accession of Solomon	941	2989

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# Old Testament Survey - Conclusions

- Pentateuch & Historical Books show that Israel was unique among her neighbors, due to the emphasis on history.
  - Other religions were mythological and aphorisms.
  - Israel
    - Cause-and-effect connections
    - Continuous narration
    - Fully developed characterization

# Old Testament Survey - Conclusions

- Don't be afraid of history! Embrace it, because it shows the glorious works of our Father!
- *Dive-in* strive to have a comprehensive understanding of Old Testament history!!!

# Old Testament Survey - Conclusions

- “Word of mouth” transmission from generation to generation of the **Word of the Lord** very possible.
- God provides a very specific account of history which shows His works.
- An interpretation, allowing nonbiblical explanations of history, is a very dangerous position to take.

# Conclusions

- Let us think that the Lord himself, which is the very living and eternal God, doth speak to us by the scriptures. Let us for evermore praise the name and goodness of him, who hath vouchesafe so faithfully, fully, and plainly to open to us, miserable mortal men, all the means how to live well and holily. To Him be praise, houour, and glory for evermore. Amen.
- Heinrich Bullinger - Decalogue

