

Years of Generations of man living on earth

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1. Initial Generations

The time of man's start in living on earth started with the creation of Adam in the Garden of Eden, as told to us from the following scriptures;

Gen 5:1 This *is* the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

Gen 5:2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

Gen 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

Gen 5:4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

Gen 5:5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

We know from scripture that after Adam and Eve were removed from living in the Garden they gave birth to Cain and then to Abel. The year or time this occurred is not given to us. But we are told in the process of time Cain brought forth fruit of the ground, Gen 4:4. Using logic, this means very likely that Cain was at least 20 years old. It is after Cain killed Abel and was banished that Adam had another male child, Seth. This birth of Seth occurred when Adam was 130 years old. This means Adam was at least a 110 years old when Cain was born. This also most likely means that Adam lived in the Garden of Eden for about 100 years. Adam lived a total of 930 years.

When Seth died he was 910 years old, this places the years of man living on earth at that time as 1040 years.

The length of man's life span before the flood was extremely long. The following give the life span of key people up to the time of Noah.

Adam 930 yrs Seth 912 yrs Enos 905 yrs Cainan 910 yrs Mahalaleel 965 yrs

Jarad 962 yrs Enoch 365 yrs (taken by God) Methuselah 969 yrs Lamech 777 yrs

These lived up to the time just before the flood, and Noah is part of this group and he lived 950 yrs.

Noah died at 950 yrs, the flood was 371 days or just over 1 yr. Noah was 600 yrs old after the flood, thus he was 599 yrs old just before the flood. Noah was 500 yrs old when he begat Shem and then later his other two sons. Which places Noah having all his three sons born 100 years before the flood.

We are told Shem was 100 yrs old, 2yrs after the flood and begat Arphaxad, his first son, then he lived 500 years longer. So Shem was 600 yrs old when he died. This means he was 98 yrs old when he left the ark and 97 yrs when he entered the ark. For the other two sons of Noah, we are not told how long they lived.

This means we do not know how long it took Noah and his three sons to build the ark as they would not be able to help Noah for roughly 20 yrs. That means it could well have taken from 100 years just after Noah's three sons were born or up to 80 yrs when Shem was old enough to help. This time of building the ark was needed to both finish the ark and stock it. It is also possible that Noah was able to hire others to help in the building.

- Using scripture from Adam to Noah is 1056 years, then 1556 to birth of Shem, then 97 to start of flood, giving 1653 yrs to the beginning of the flood from the birth of Adam. The flood was just over 1 year long. Therefore the flood was completed in 1654 yrs from man being created by God.

The above is determined from the following sequence of times. The time from Adam to Noah, Shem and Arphanax gives us the time to the flood. The calculation is based upon *the age* of each person *when their first son was born*, except for Adam which was his next son after Cain and Abel. The sequence is as follows; Adam 130yrs, Seth 105 yrs, Enos 90 yrs, Cainan 70 yrs, Mahalaleel 65 yrs, Jared 162 yrs, Enoch 65 yrs, Methuselah 187 yrs, Lamech 182 yrs, Noah 500 yrs, Shem 100 yrs (Arphanax) which was 2 yrs after the flood. So the birth of Noah was 1056 yrs and the birth of Shem was 1556 yrs. The flood was just over 1 yr long and was completed in 1654 yrs from the creation of Adam.

2. Generations after the Flood

After the flood a distinct change occurred in life span. Specific key people and their life span as given as follows;

Shem 600 yrs	Arphaxad 403 yrs	Salah 403 yrs	Eber 430 yrs	Peleg 209 yrs	Reu 207 yrs
Serug 200 yrs	Nahor 119 yrs	Terah 205 yrs	Abram 175 yrs	Sarah 127 yrs	Abraham 175 yrs
Ishmael 137 yrs	Isaac 180 yrs	Jacob 146 yrs	Joseph 110 yrs		
Moses 120 yrs (put to sleep by God)	Aaron 123 yrs (put to sleep by God)	David 110 yrs			
Daniel 80 or 85 yrs					

God altered the life man was given after the flood. We see a slow but progressive decrease in the life span of those living. Over time we arrive at today's time and the average life span in North America is 75 yrs for men and 80 yrs for women. The outlier today has lives of up to 120 yrs. Today hygiene and medical knowledge along with technology as well as with abundant food and peace has increased the life span. Recognize also that the life span through history was always dependent upon the degree of difficulty of making a living as well as wars and disease. In Roman times life expectancy was around 35 yrs and throughout Europe in the 1800's it was 30-40 yrs.

Further a scientist by the name of Leonard Hayflick in 1961 established experimentally, that fetal cells will reproduce 40 to 60 times. This is called the Hayflick limit. This means the human body could regenerate a fixed number of times and Hayflick translated this into a maximum life of 120 yrs for man. Note, if the cells reproduce 40 times this would translate into 80 years, which reflects an average life span.

The following scripture tells us that the days of our life are 70 yrs and longer if we are healthy, it can be 80 yrs. This statement was made in the time of David.

Psa 90:10 The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

3. A Statement by God just before the Flood

In the early time of Adam and Eve going forward after being removed from the Garden of Eden, God appointed some angels as watchers over man. These angels found earthly woman attractive and took them as wives. They produced children of renown and giants. This led to a downfall resulting in all mankind becoming evil and violent. This is given in the following;

Gen 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

Gen 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

Gen 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always **strive with man**, for that he also *is* flesh; yet his days shall be an **hundred and twenty years**.

Gen 6:4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.

Gen 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually.

Gen 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

Gen 6:7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

Gen 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

The main theme of the above scripture is God is sorry that He made man and that man became so evil. It is a time ahead of telling Noah to build the ark as God has decided to destroy all man on the earth except for Noah and his family. Noah his wife and Noah's three sons and their wives entered the ark, a total of 8 people.

Often scripture contains duality and Gen 6:3 is one of these. One meaning can be taken is that after the flood God will over time limit the maximum life span of man to 120 yrs. However the main understanding when reading in context, God is saying that He will not strive with man any more than an additional 120 yrs from that moment. Meaning that in 120 yrs from making His decision God will destroy all men that are on the earth, with the exception of Noah and his family by bringing down a flood over the entire world.

Noah was 500 yrs old when he had his first son, Shem, then followed by two more sons. It appears that Noah was given about 20 years to have a family and raise his sons before spending full time on building the ark. Until Shem reached 20 yrs old he would not generally be able to help build the ark. Note that God required men to go to war once they reached 20 yrs. They were given time to grow and develop into a responsible adult. This meant Noah if Noah was given 20 years to have a family, he would of then had about 97 years to build the ark as Shem was 97 yrs old just before the Flood. Therefore from the time God decided to bring the flood upon the earth and told Noah to build an ark, there were 120 yrs of God enduring the evil of man on earth. Examination of scripture with logic leads to this understanding. It is not the understanding gained by most.

4. Summary

Tracing the history of life span from earliest time before Noah results in roughly 900 years, then after the flood it progressively drops down quickly to 600 years and then over considerable time reduces to around 100 years. This takes us to the times of David and Daniel. Over the century's life span varied as tied to political aspects of war as well as disease. In the Roman era it was roughly 35 years. Later in Europe in the 1800's it again was roughly 35 years. Today it varies throughout the world but in North America it is roughly 78 years, as a result of peace, sanitation and medical knowledge with special medical technology. The outlier limit is 120 years, which coincides with the Hayfick limit and also with Gen 6:3. In addition the range of most human life span is from 70 to 80 years and coincides with Psa 90:10. God significantly reduced the life span of man after the flood.

In our time today, the end time, the Plagues of God have started with the first two underway. The first is peace being taken from the world and followed by the second which is famine. These have started to affect the life span of man, putting it on a downward spiral. Once the third plague starts a major drop in life span will take place. There is also the possibility of nuclear devastation from war and other diseases. When the Tribulation starts the death rate will rise dramatically as the severity of the plagues of God keep becoming more and more devastating.

A new era is quickly coming upon the world, that of the Millennium.

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