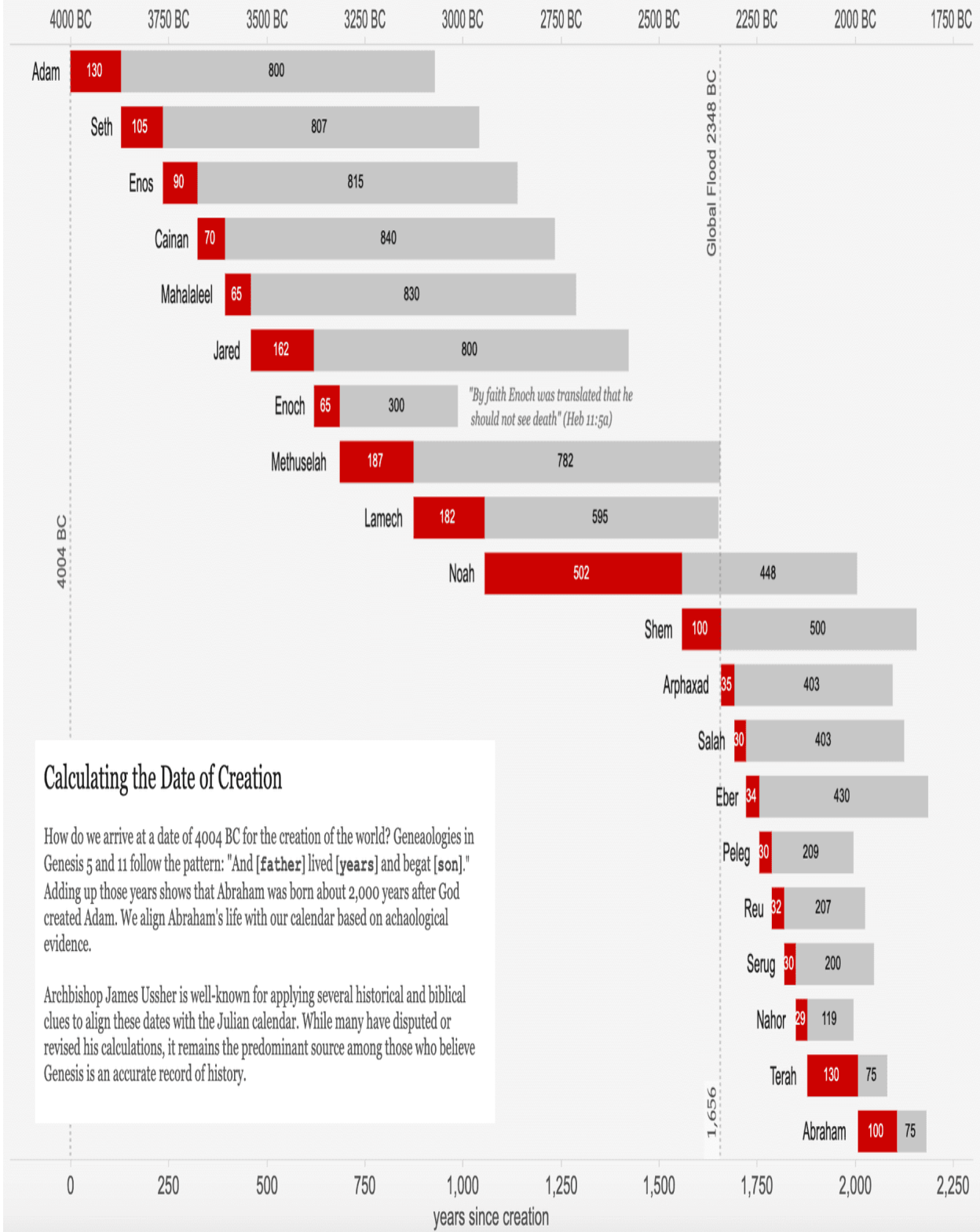


Approximate timeline!

Genesis Timeline from Adam to Abraham



Calculating the Date of Creation

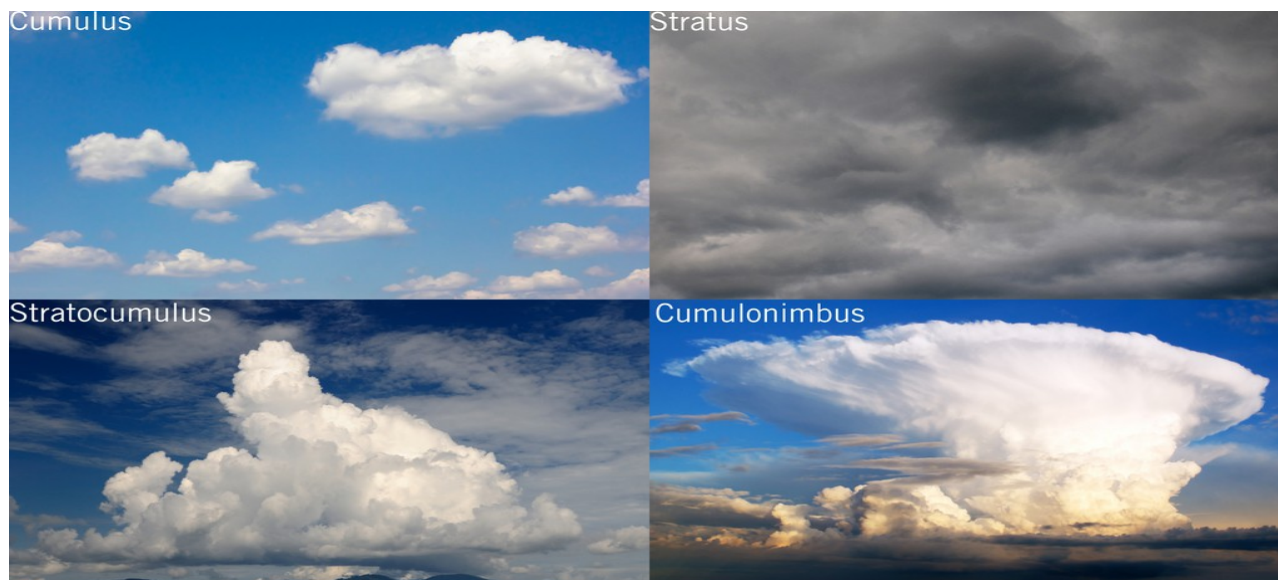
How do we arrive at a date of 4004 BC for the creation of the world? Genealogies in Genesis 5 and 11 follow the pattern: "And [father] lived [years] and begat [son]." Adding up those years shows that Abraham was born about 2,000 years after God created Adam. We align Abraham's life with our calendar based on archaeological evidence.

Archbishop James Ussher is well-known for applying several historical and biblical clues to align these dates with the Julian calendar. While many have disputed or revised his calculations, it remains the predominant source among those who believe Genesis is an accurate record of history.

FACT, HISTORICAL AND GOOD!
GENESIS CH1:6-8

ILLUSTRATION

While clouds appear in infinite shapes and sizes, they fall into some basic forms. From his Essay of the Modifications of Clouds (1803), Luke Howard divided clouds into three categories: cirrus, cumulus and stratus, plus a fourth special type, nimbus.



According to the Bible we are now living in the 7th Millennium, with approximately 4000 years passing before the first coming of Jesus Christ and 2000 years having passed since His crucifixion on the cross! Therefore, the Book of Genesis is around 3500 years old (2000 years from the cross and 1500 years from the cross back to Moses, who wrote it). Genesis covers a period of over 2000 years of human history, and we are encouraged by Scripture to “By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible” - Hebrews Ch11:3.

The New Testament ascribes Moses as the writer of the first five Books of the Bible (the Pentateuch – Exodus Ch17:14; Deuteronomy Ch31:24; Joshua Ch8:31; 2 Kings Ch14:6; John Ch1:17, Ch5:46, Ch7:19, 23; Romans Ch10:5; 2 Corinthians Ch3:15). The account opens with a clear statement about the Creator and the Creation. Its simplicity belies the depth of its content. These ten words are the **foundation** of all that is to follow in the Bible. The purpose of the statement is threefold:

1. to identify the creator
2. to explain the origin of the world
3. to tie the work of God in the past to the work of God in the future.

SEPARATION OF THE WATERS! V6+7

Ever wondered why we naturally don't always look forward to a Monday? In the Beginning, Monday was a cloudy day!

THE ANNOUNCEMENT - “AND GOD SAID”!

V2-5	DAY 1	-	V3
V6-8	DAY 2	-	V6
V9-13	DAY 3	-	V9 + V11
V14-19	DAY 4	-	V14
V20-23	DAY 5	-	V20
V24-31	DAY 6	-	V24, 26 + 29

God starts His creation work on a Sunday morning, and His redemption work through the resurrection of Jesus Christ His Son, also started on a Sunday morning!

THE COMMAND - "LET THERE BE/LET THE/LET US"!

V2-5	DAY 1	-	V3
V6-8	DAY 2	-	V6
V9-13	DAY 3	-	V9 + 11
V14-19	DAY 4	-	V14
V20-23	DAY 5	-	V20
V24-31	DAY 6	-	V24, 26

God's Word is immediate authority!

THE SEPARATION - "AND GOD SEPARATED"!

V2-5	DAY 1	-	V4
V6-8	DAY 2	-	V6 +7
V9-13	DAY 3	-	V9
V14-19	DAY 4	-	V14 + 18
V20-23	DAY 5	-	
V24-31	DAY 6	-	

THE REPORT - "GOD CALLED/GOD MADE/GOD SET/GOD CREATED/AND IT WAS SO"!

V2-5	DAY 1	-	V5
V6-8	DAY 2	-	V7-8
V9-13	DAY 3	-	V9-11
V14-19	DAY 4	-	V14-17
V20-23	DAY 5	-	V21-23
V24-31	DAY 6	-	V24-30

THE EVALUATION - "IT WAS GOOD"!

V2-5	DAY 1	-	V4
V6-8	DAY 2	-	
V9-13	DAY 3	-	V10 + 12
V14-19	DAY 4	-	V18
V20-23	DAY 5	-	V21
V24-31	DAY 6	-	V25 + 31

God's moral pronouncement on what He has created "is good and very good" because creation obeys God! Whenever we obey the Word of God, we experience the power of God and things are good!

SEPARATION OF THE DAYS! V8

THE END OF THE 24HR DAY - "AND THERE WAS EVENING AND THERE WAS MORNING"!

V2-5	DAY 1	-	V5
V6-8	DAY 2	-	V8
V9-13	DAY 3	-	V13
V14-19	DAY 4	-	V19
V20-23	DAY 5	-	V23
V24-31	DAY 6	-	V31

Exodus Ch20:11 - "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." Everything that exists can trace its origin to the fact that it has been commanded into being by GOD!

"These verses also teach that creation was according to an orderly unfolding of the mind and

purposes of God. That is, it was a step-by-step progression marked by a sequence of six significant days” (Genesis Volume 1 2006, James Montgomery Boice, pg 84).

SEPARATION OF THE PEOPLE!

What has been the most watched television event?

1. Most watched event Atlanta Olympics opening ceremony 3.6 billion
2. Beijing Olympics opening ceremony 3 billion
2. 2002 World cup Final Germany and Brazil 2 billion

But the most watched public event, is still to come! The return of the King! Jesus clearly explains to His disciples, how He will return, after the Cosmic tribulation! Not just city wide, regional wide, country wide, or world wide, but cosmic wide will the King return! ***Where He will perform His last Judgement!***

The Greek word “***Parousia***” means “coming” and JESUS' disciples were told by men dressed in white that JESUS would return (His coming) in the same way that they had seen Him leave (Acts Ch1:11). The Bible clearly sets out that JESUS will return, the apostle Paul touches on this in 1st Thessalonians ***Ch1:10, Ch2:19, Ch4:15+16, Ch5:2 and Ch5:23***. The Bible is clear, JESUS CHRIST will come again!

The Son of Man, Jesus Christ the righteous Judge will separate people (Matt Ch25:32-33)! The same Jesus that came to earth as a servant, is the same Jesus, that will Judge and separate people! ***To Him the Father has committed all judgement (John Ch5:22) and to Him every knee will bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord (Philippians Ch2:10-11). The last judgement will be a judgement according to evidence.*** The works of human beings will be their witnesses! All will be judged! All will give an account! Peoples works will be called as witnesses! Not just what people said but what people did will be the evidence provided to the Judge!

For the Christian, the rewards for living a life that has trusted in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, will be no less than a “Kingdom!” What will that Kingdom be like? FOR THE CHRISTIAN:

- An eternal rest – after living a life of warfare and conflict!
- An eternal company of the saints – after living a life amongst evil doers in an evil world!
- An eternal glorious pain free body – after living a life in a body struggling with pain, weakness and disease!
- An eternal sight of and touch of the King – after living a life based on faith and belief!