



**How old is the  
Earth?**

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**Definition of a “Day”  
in Genesis 1**

# **Sequential Enumeration**

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**“Such sequential enumeration is always indicative of ordinary days in all biblical historical narrative, and is always translated as such.”**

**Dr. Jason Lisle**

Understanding Genesis, p. 218

# **Six literal days**

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**“For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day...”**

**Exodus 20:11**

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# **Genealogies Adam to Abraham**

# Age of the earth at the Flood

Person	What happened	Scripture	Total time from creation
God	created everything in six days	Genesis 1–2	0
Adam	became the father of Seth at 130	Genesis 5:3	$0 + 130 = 130$
Seth	became the father of Enosh at 105	Genesis 5:6	$130 + 105 = 235$
Enosh	became the father of Cainan at 90	Genesis 5:9	$235 + 90 = 325$
Cainan	became the father of Mahalalel at 70	Genesis 5:12	$325 + 70 = 395$
Mahalalel	became the father of Jared at 65	Genesis 5:15	$395 + 65 = 460$
Jared	became the father of Enoch at 162	Genesis 5:18	$460 + 162 = 622$
Enoch	became the father of Methuselah at 65	Genesis 5:21	$622 + 65 = 687$
Methuselah	became the father of Lamech at 187	Genesis 5:25	$687 + 187 = 874$
Lamech	became the father of Noah at 182	Genesis 5:28	$874 + 182 = 1056$
God	brought the flood when Noah was 600	Genesis 7:6	$1056 + 600 = 1656^{\dagger}$

<sup>†</sup>Month of each person's birth is unknown, therefore total time is approximate.

# Age of Earth at Abraham's birth

Person	What happened	Scripture	Total time from creation
<b>Shem</b>	<b>became the father of Arphaxad 2 years after the flood</b>	<b>Genesis 11:10</b>	<b>1656 + 2 = 1658</b>
Arphaxad	became the father of Salah at 35	Genesis 11:12	1658 + 35 = 1693
Salah	became the father of Eber at 30	Genesis 11:14	1693 + 30 = 1723
Eber	became the father of Peleg at 34	Genesis 11:16	1723 + 34 = 1757
Peleg	became the father of Reu at 30	Genesis 11:18	1757 + 30 = 1787
Reu	became the father of Serug at 32	Genesis 11:20	1787 + 32 = 1819
Serug	became the father of Nahor at 30	Genesis 11:22	1819 + 30 = 1849
Nahor	became the father of Terah at 29	Genesis 11:24	1849 + 29 = 1878
Terah	became the father of <b>Abram</b> at 130	Genesis 11:26-32; 12:4	1878 + 130 = <b>2008</b> <sup>‡</sup>

352 yrs from the flood to Abraham's birth

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**From Adam to Abraham's birth: ~2,008 years**

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**Abraham to Jesus  
&  
Jesus to present day**



# Simple Math

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## **6 Days: Creation**

**+ ~2,008 years: Adam to Abraham**

**+ ~2,000 years: Abraham to Jesus**

**+ ~2,000 years: Jesus to present day**

**~6,008 years**

# **Ussher/Jones... 4004 BC**

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**Jesus was born in 4 BC**

- ~2,028 years ago

**Abraham was born in 1996 BC**

- ~1,992 years before Jesus

# Age of the earth

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Adam lived: ~2,008 years before Abraham

Abraham lived: ~1,992 years before Jesus

Jesus lived: ~2,028 years ago

**Age of the Earth/Universe**

**2,008 + 1,992 + 2,028 = ~6,028 yrs.**

# Appendix: Calculations

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## Age of the earth at Abraham's birth / BC date

- **2008** (years since creation)
- $4004 \text{ BC}^* - 2008 = \text{1996 BC}$

## Jesus was born in 4 BC \*based on work of Floyd Nolan Jones

- $(2025 - 1^+) + 4 \text{ BC} = \text{2028 years ago}$   
†There is no year zero. The calendar jumps from 1 BC to 1 AD. We must subtract one yr.
- $\text{1996} - 4 = \text{1992 years after Abraham was born}$