

# HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

## CHRISTIANITY IS A HISTORICAL FAITH

- I. THE BEGINNING OF TIME
  - a. Genesis 1:1-31
  - b. How to keep time – Genesis 4:14-19
  - c. Year of Creation: 4004 B.C. Computed from Biblical Chronology
  - d. Inferred from Biblical Chronology (cannot be dogmatic)
    - i. Month & Day of Creation: September 21, Autumn Equinox
    - ii. Time of Creation: Evening 6:00 pm
- II. CHRONOLOGISTS DATING CREATION TO 4004 B.C.
  - a. James Ussher (1581-1656)  
Archbishop of Armagh, Irish Anglican Church
  - b. Edward Greswell (1797-1869)  
General tables of the Fasti Catholici or Fasti temporis perpetui from A.M. 1, B.C. 4004 to A.M. 6004, A.D. 2000
  - c. Dr. Floyd Nolen Jones, Houston, Texas (as of April 2021)  
The Chronology of the Old Testament: A Return to the Basics
- III. BIBLICAL CHRONOLOGY PRESUPPOSITIONS
  - a. Source is Scripture Alone – Sola Scriptura
  - b. Source has been preserved in the original Hebrew and Greek
  - c. There are no “generation gaps”, “scribal errors”, etc.  
Is based upon the internal data, not by “emendations”, “restorations”, or “corrections” of the Text
- IV. BIBLICAL CHRONOLOGY EDIFIES AND EQUIPS THE SAINTS
  - a. Divine intellect undergirding both the Old and New Testaments
  - b. The fact of the GOD of the Bible
  - c. The divine inspiration of Scripture
  - d. Faith in GOD through and in His Word

## V. NEW TESTAMENTS SAINTS BELIEVED IN HISTORICAL OLD TESTAMENT

- a. Hebrews 11 – Heroes of the Faith
- b. Acts 10:34-43 – Peter preaching to Cornelius – the Gentile
- c. Acts 7:1-53 – Stephens message to the Jews before his stoning
- d. New Testament Saints believed in a Historical Jesus Acts 2:14-47

Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost to the Jews

History can only be known by reliable eyewitnesses.

### CREATION TO JESUS CHRIST

|         |         |  |
|---------|---------|--|
| 4000 AM | 4 BC    | JESUS born - Spring - Herod died                                 |
| 3418 AM | 586 BC  | Final (3rd) FALL of JUDAH - Babylon                              |
| 3283 AM | 721 BC  | ASSYRIAN Captivity - ISRAEL                                      |
| 3029 AM | 975 BC  | Kingdom DIVIDED (586+390 of EZK 4:4-5 <u>inclusive</u> years)    |
|         | + 40    |  |
| 2989 AM | 1015 BC | SOLOMON begins reign - 40 years - (1 KG 11:42)                   |
|         | - 3     | In his 4th year Solomon begins the TEMPLE                        |
| 2992 AM | 1012 BC | on the 2nd Day 2nd Mo. (1 KG 6:1, 37-38; 2 CHR 3:1-2, 5:1-5)     |
|         | + 480   | Years to the EXODUS - (1 KG 6:1) <u>in</u> the 480th year = 479* |
| 2513 AM | 1491 BC | the year of the EXODUS - Moses                                   |
|         | + 430   | From COVENANT with Abraham to Exodus                             |
| 2083 AM | 1921 BC | Begins SOJOURN (GEN 12:4, EXO 12:40, GAL 3:17)                   |
|         | + 427   | number of years from FLOOD to COVENANT with Abraham              |
| 1656 AM | 2348 BC | the year of the FLOOD  |
|         | + 1656  | GEN 5 - FLOOD to CREATION  |
| 0 AM    | 4004 BC | year of CREATION   |

AM = ANNO MUNDI = in the year of the world

#### FROM CREATION TO THE FLOOD (1656 yrs)

|    |            |                       |          |
|----|------------|-----------------------|----------|
|    | 0          | ADAM CREATED          | GEN 5:1  |
|    | <u>130</u> | ADAM'S AGE WHEN       |          |
| AM | 130        | SETH BORN             | GEN 5:3  |
|    | <u>105</u> | SETH'S AGE WHEN       |          |
| AM | 235        | ENOS BORN             | GEN 5:6  |
|    | <u>90</u>  | ENOS' AGE WHEN        |          |
| AM | 325        | CAINAN BORN           | GEN 5:9  |
|    | <u>70</u>  | CAINAN'S AGE WHEN     |          |
| AM | 395        | MAHALALEEL BORN       | GEN 5:12 |
|    | <u>65</u>  | MAHALALEEL'S AGE WHEN |          |
| AM | 460        | JARED BORN            | GEN 5:15 |
|    | <u>162</u> | JARED'S AGE WHEN      |          |
| AM | 622        | ENOC BORN             | GEN 5:18 |
|    | <u>65</u>  | ENOC'S AGE WHEN       |          |
| AM | 687        | METHUSELAH BORN       | GEN 5:21 |
|    | <u>187</u> | METHUSELAH'S AGE WHEN |          |
| AM | 874        | LAMECH BORN           | GEN 5:25 |
|    | <u>182</u> | LAMECH'S AGE WHEN     |          |
| AM | 1056       | NOAH BORN             | GEN 5:28 |
|    | <u>600</u> | NOAH'S AGE AT FLOOD   | GEN 7:6  |
| AM | 1656       | YEAR OF THE FLOOD     |          |