RESOURCE

Parashah: Vayechi = And He Lived
Genesis 47:28-50:26; 1 Kings 2:1-46; 1 Peter 1:3-9

TITLE: ISRAEL'S LINEAGE (ADAM ↓ EPHRAIM) → MOSES

WHAT IS THIS?

The first 2433 years of history gave us 35 men who created the nation of Israel plus 4 of Levi's descendants who brought the nation out of Egyptian slavery in 1491 BC.

ADAM	4004-3074 BC	930 YEARS
↓		
SETH	3874-2962 BC	912 YEARS
↓		
ENOSH	3769-2864 BC	905 YEARS
↓		
KENAN	3679-2769 BC	910 YEARS
↓		
MAHALEL	3609-2714 BC	892 YEARS
↓		
JARED	3544-2582 BC	962 YEARS
↓		
ENOCH *	3382-3017 BC *	365-665 YEARS
↓		
METHUSALEH	3317-2349 BC	969 YEARS
↓		
LAMECH	3130-2353 BC	777 YEARS
↓		
NOAH	2948-1998 BC	950 YEARS
↓		
SHEM	2446-1846 BC	600 YEARS
↓		
ARKPADSHAD	2346-1908 BC	438 YEARS
↓		
SHELAH	2311-1878 BC	433 YEARS
↓		
EBER	2281-1817 BC	464 YEARS
↓		
PELEG	2247-2008 BC	239 YEARS
↓		
REU	2217-1978 BC	239 YEARS
↓		
NAHOR	2155-2007 BC	148 YEARS
↓		
TERAH	2126-1921 BC	205 YEARS
↓		
ABRAHAM	1996-1821 BC	175 YEARS
↓		
ISAAC	1896-1716 BC	180 YEARS
↓		
JACOB/ISRAEL	1836-1689 BC	147 YEARS

This generally accepted information is listed in "The Annals of the World" by James Ussher and revised/ updated by Larry and Marion Pierce, 2003, published by Master Books, Inc., Green Forest, Arkansas. It was derived from information in several chapters of Genesis: 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 22, 25, 29, 30, 35, 36, 38, 41 and 46. (The first nine chapters of 1 Chronicles also include more detailed and extensive genealogies.)

* People generally believe that Enoch never died (Genesis 5:23-24), so "Annals" used his translation date (3017) which would mean he disappeared at the age of 365. However the book of Enoch says he was translated to paradise to protect him from the evil Nephilim and to learn from the angels for about 300 years so he could write a book for the family—and then he died like all men do. If that's correct, he died between 2717 and 2723 BC at the age of 659 to 665.

We do not have information about the birth and death years of all of Jacob's sons, so we have chosen to list their birth years only—and have added question marks where necessary to indicate when we have made an educated guess. We do know that Joseph died in 1635 BC at the age of 110 years. We have added Joseph's sons Manasseh and Ephraim because Jacob adopted them as his own sons.

In order to tie Israel's lineage to the book of Exodus and what Moses and Aaron did for Israel there, let's look at Levi a bit more. Levi died in 1619 BC at the age of 137 years. "Annals" tells us that Levi "had begotten Kohath in Canaan...and a daughter called Jochebed in Egypt. Amram, the son of Kohath, married Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, his own aunt (an act that was forbidden later in Leviticus 18:12). From that marriage...Moses, Aaron and their sister Miriam were born." Aaron was born in 1574 BC and Moses was born in 1571 BC. We don't have Miriam's dates, but she had to be older than Aaron. An often forgotten fact is that Moses was a Levite.

↓

REUBEN	SIMEON	LEVI	JUDAH	DAN	NAPHTALI	GAD	ASHER	ISSACHAR	ZEBULUN	JOSEPH	BENJAMIN
1758	1757	1756	1755	1754?	1753?	1752?	1751?	1750?	1749?	1745 ↓	1739
										MANASSEH	EPHRAIM
										1712?	1711?