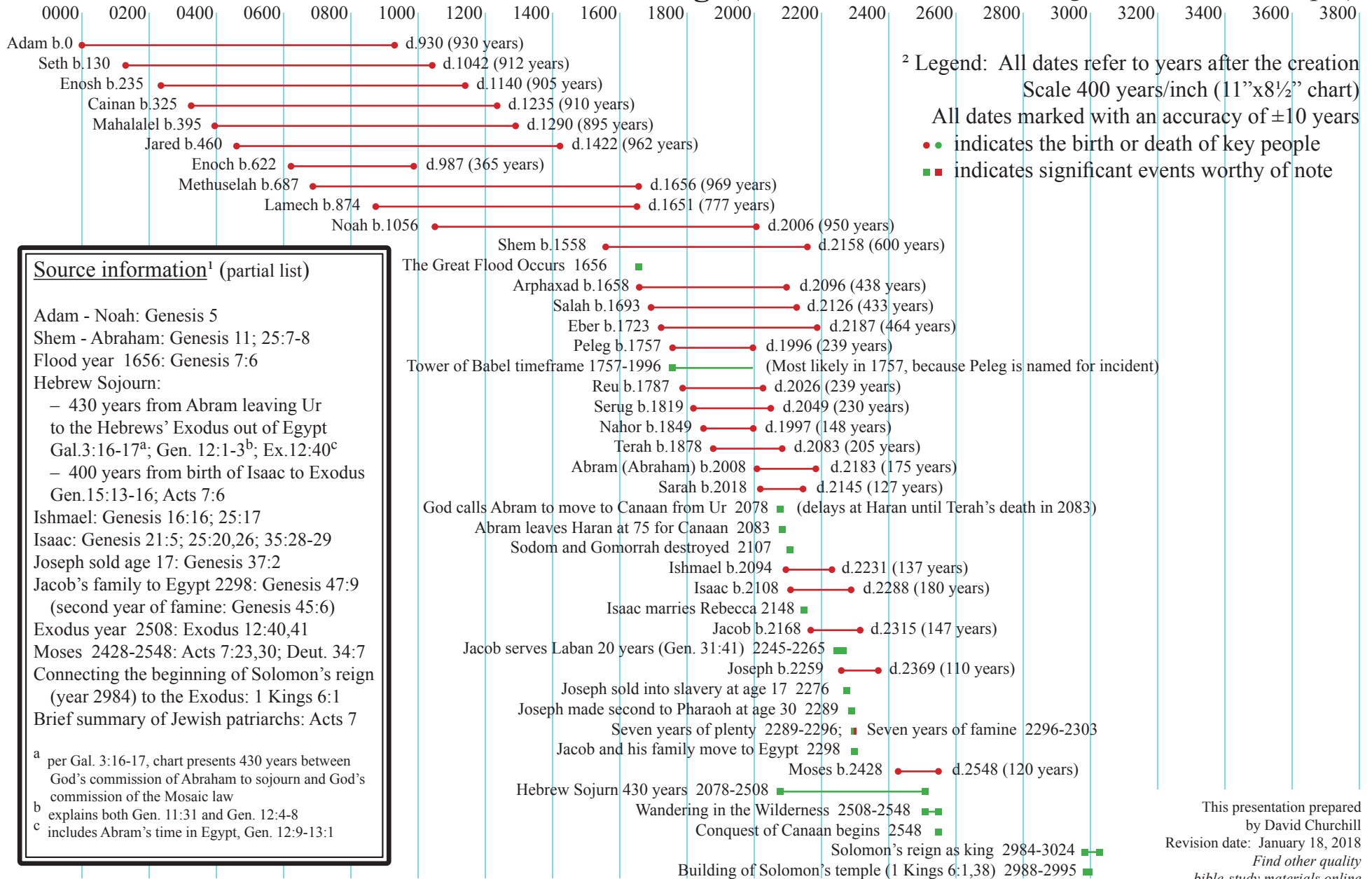


Genesis Time Line¹: creation-reference dating² (from creation to the building of Solomon's Temple)



Source information¹ (partial list)

Adam - Noah: Genesis 5
 Shem - Abraham: Genesis 11; 25:7-8
 Flood year 1656: Genesis 7:6
 Hebrew Sojourn:
 - 430 years from Abram leaving Ur to the Hebrews' Exodus out of Egypt Gal.3:16-17^a; Gen. 12:1-3^b; Ex.12:40^c
 - 400 years from birth of Isaac to Exodus Gen.15:13-16; Acts 7:6
 Ishmael: Genesis 16:16; 25:17
 Isaac: Genesis 21:5; 25:20,26; 35:28-29
 Joseph sold age 17: Genesis 37:2
 Jacob's family to Egypt 2298: Genesis 47:9 (second year of famine: Genesis 45:6)
 Exodus year 2508: Exodus 12:40,41
 Moses 2428-2548: Acts 7:23,30; Deut. 34:7
 Connecting the beginning of Solomon's reign (year 2984) to the Exodus: 1 Kings 6:1
 Brief summary of Jewish patriarchs: Acts 7

^a per Gal. 3:16-17, chart presents 430 years between God's commission of Abraham to sojourn and God's commission of the Mosaic law
^b explains both Gen. 11:31 and Gen. 12:4-8
^c includes Abram's time in Egypt, Gen. 12:9-13:1

Genesis Time Line: a possible dating in terms of today's calendar³ using as a start reference 966-959 B.C. for building of Solomon's Temple

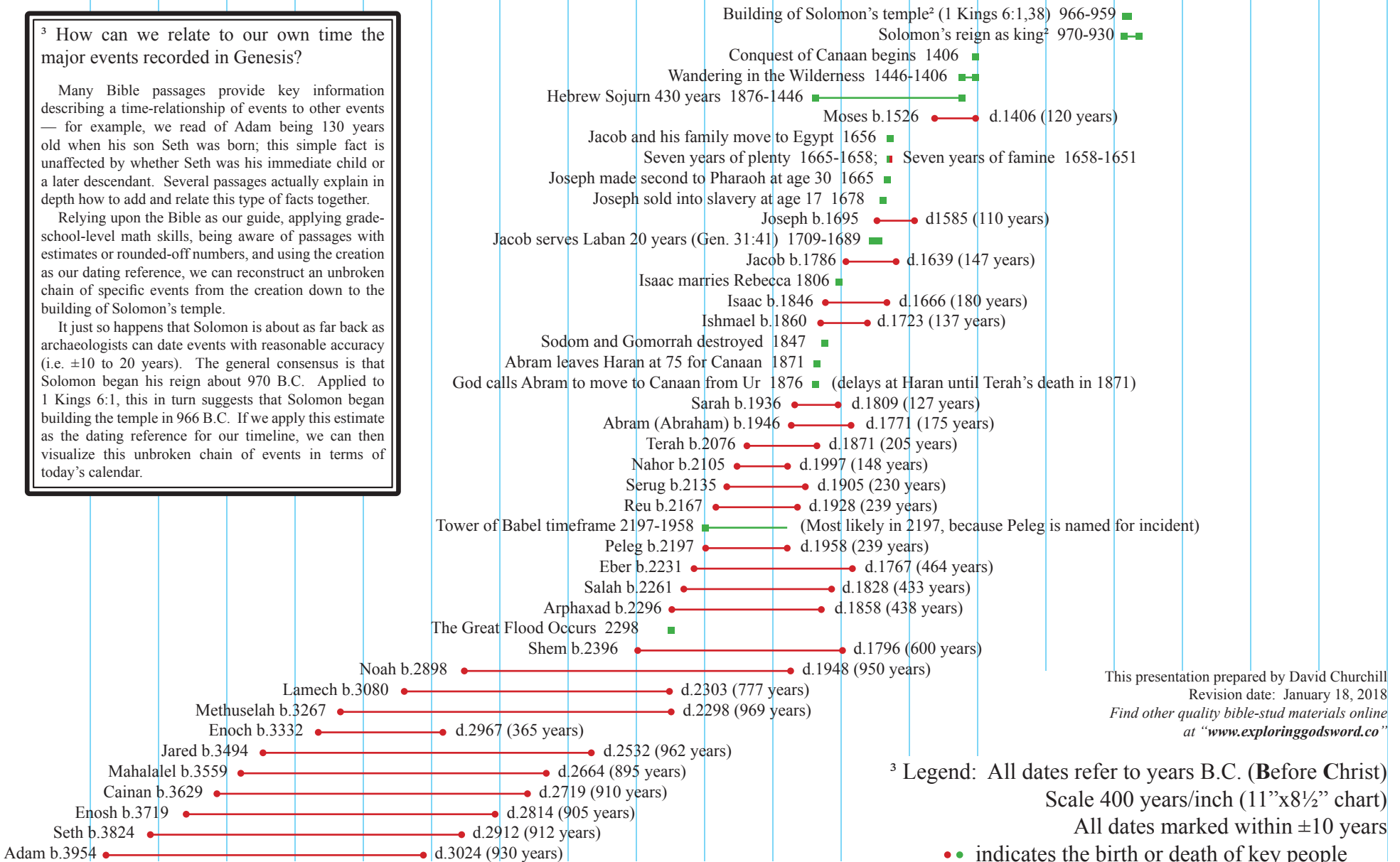
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³ How can we relate to our own time the major events recorded in Genesis?

Many Bible passages provide key information describing a time-relationship of events to other events — for example, we read of Adam being 130 years old when his son Seth was born; this simple fact is unaffected by whether Seth was his immediate child or a later descendant. Several passages actually explain in depth how to add and relate this type of facts together.

Relying upon the Bible as our guide, applying grade-school-level math skills, being aware of passages with estimates or rounded-off numbers, and using the creation as our dating reference, we can reconstruct an unbroken chain of specific events from the creation down to the building of Solomon's temple.

It just so happens that Solomon is about as far back as archaeologists can date events with reasonable accuracy (i.e. ±10 to 20 years). The general consensus is that Solomon began his reign about 970 B.C. Applied to 1 Kings 6:1, this in turn suggests that Solomon began building the temple in 966 B.C. If we apply this estimate as the dating reference for our timeline, we can then visualize this unbroken chain of events in terms of today's calendar.



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³ Legend: All dates refer to years B.C. (**B**efore **C**hrist)
 Scale 400 years/inch (11"x8½" chart)
 All dates marked within ±10 years
 ● indicates the birth or death of key people
 ■ indicates significant events worthy of note