

## Determining the Year of the Exodus with Scripture Only

Table 1 (Timeline of the Patriarchs and early Covenants)

Patriarch	Timing of the Patriarch's Age / Event	Year	References
1	Adam was created on the 6 <sup>th</sup> day	1	Genesis 1:24-31
	Adam lived 130 years and begat Seth	131	Genesis 5:3
2	Seth lived 105 years and begat Enos	236	Genesis 5:6
3	Enos lived 90 years and begat Cainan	326	Genesis 5:9
4	Cainan lived 70 years and begat Mahalaleel	396	Genesis 5:12
5	Mahalaleel lived 65 years and begat Jared	461	Genesis 5:15
6	Jared lived 162 years and begat Enoch	623	Genesis 5:18
7	Enoch lived 65 years and begat Methuselah	688	Genesis 5:21
8	Methuselah lived 187 years and begat Lamech	875	Genesis 5:25
9	Lamech lived 182 years and begat Noah	1057	Genesis 5:28-29
10	Noah was 600 years old when the Flood began	1657	Genesis 7:6-7
	<b>The Noahic covenant</b>	<b>1658</b>	Genesis 8:13-18, Genesis 9:9-17
11	*Shem's birth year	1559	
	Shem (Noah's son) was 100 years old and begat Arphaxad 2 years after the Flood	1659	Genesis 11:10
12	Arphaxad lived 35 years and begat Salah	1694	Genesis 11:12
13	Salah lived 30 years and begat Eber	1724	Genesis 11:14
14	Eber lived 34 years and begat Peleg	1758	Genesis 11:16
15	Peleg lived 30 years and begat Reu	1788	Genesis 11:18
16	Reu lived 32 years and begat Serug	1820	Genesis 11:20
17	Serug lived 30 years and begat Nahor	1850	Genesis 11:22
18	Nahor lived 29 years and begat Terah	1879	Genesis 11:24
19	Terah lived 70 years and begat Abram, Nahor and Haran	1949	Genesis 11:26
20	*Abraham's birth year	2009	
	Terah lived 205 years	2084	Genesis 11:32
	Abram left Haran when his father was dead, Abram was 75 years old at that time	2084	Acts 7:2-4 Genesis 12:1-4
	<b>The Abrahamic covenant</b>	<b>2088</b>	Genesis 15
	Abram was 86 years old when Ishmael was born	2095	Genesis 16:3, 16
	Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born	2110	Genesis 21:5
21	Isaac was 60 years old when Jacob was born	2170	Genesis 25:26
22	*Jacob's birth year	2170	
	<b>From the Abrahamic covenant to the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai was 430 years (year of the exodus)</b>	<b>2518</b>	Galatians 3:17
	<b>From the exodus/Law to the Jordan River crossing was 40 years (year that the counting of the Jubilee began)</b>	<b>2558</b>	Numbers 14:26-38 Joshua 5:6

According to Galatians 3:17, the Law was given at Mount Sinai 430 years after the promise of the Abrahamic covenant.

#### Galatians 3:15-18

“Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. **And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.** For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.”

Using Table 1 above, this article will show that there is indeed a clear path, in scripture, from the creation of Adam to the year of the exodus. But first, we will identify a ten-year span in which the Abrahamic covenant (Genesis 15) must have occurred. The ten-year span for the Abrahamic covenant is measured from the year that Abram left Haran, at age 75 (2084), to the year that Ishmael was conceived, when Abram was age 85 (2094). [Ishmael was born when Abram was 86, in 2095].

#### Acts 7:2-4

*“And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran, And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee. Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, **when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.**”*

The earliest possible time for the Abrahamic covenant would have been in the year that Abram left Haran and entered Canaan (2084). Although, that was before the event of the covenant, it is the most identifiable year, in that, it occurred when Abram was 75 years old and can be deduced from scripture directly.

#### Genesis 12:1-4

*“Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and **Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.**”*

The latest possible time for the Abrahamic covenant would have been in the year that Ishmael was conceived (2094).

Genesis 16:1-4

*“Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai. And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, **after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan**, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife. And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.”*

The account of the Abrahamic covenant is found in the previous chapter, Genesis 15. Thus, the conception and birth of Ishmael came after the covenant.

Genesis 15:1

*“**After these things** the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.”*

So, the timing of the Abrahamic covenant is laid out plainly in the biblical narrative; it occurred after the events of chapter 14 and before the events of chapter 16. Therefore, we can see that scripture itself establishes a ten-year span within which the Abrahamic covenant must have occurred (2084-2094).

At this point, we can simply add the 430 years (from Galatians 3:17) to the earliest and latest years of that ten-year span in order to determine another ten-year span in which the exodus must have occurred.

Earliest possible year: Abrahamic covenant		Earliest possible year: Exodus
2084	+ 430 years =	2514
Latest possible year: Abrahamic covenant		Latest possible year: Exodus
2094	+ 430 years =	2524

Somewhere, within these ten-year spans, is the year of the Abrahamic covenant and the year of the exodus, which would also happen to be the year that Moses received the Law on Mount Sinai.

Concerning the Abrahamic covenant, we can technically rule out portions at the beginning and the end of that ten-year span (2084-2094), reducing it further. The first year (2084) can be ruled out since there was no covenant made at that point. The word ‘covenant’ first appears in scripture in relation to the Flood and the Noahic covenant (Genesis 6:18, 9:9-17). The word isn’t mentioned again until God makes the Abrahamic covenant in chapter 15.

Genesis 15:18

*"In the same day the LORD made a **covenant** with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:"*

Also, Paul's account of the 430-year separation between the Abrahamic covenant and the giving of the Law was a contrast between the *promise*, which came *by faith* verses the law, which is not of faith.

Galatians 3:11-12

*"But that **no man is justified by the law in the sight of God**, it is evident: for, **The just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.**"*

Galatians 3:18

*"For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise."*

Notice that the verses above are on either side of Galatians 3:17 where the 430 years was stated. Below is the context of the Abrahamic covenant. Notice that this is where Abram believed in the LORD, and it was accounted unto him for righteousness.

Genesis 15

*"**After these things** the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. **And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.** And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. And he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not. And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away. And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full. And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. **In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram**, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: The Kenites, and the*

*Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”*

In Galatians 3, Paul was making the point that the promise was given, and the covenant was made at the event of Abram's *faith* (chapter 15), not at the event of his emigration (chapter 12). Additionally, the rest of Genesis chapter 12, along with the events of chapters 13 and 14, would have taken a few years. So, the Abrahamic covenant could not have occurred until somewhere near the middle of this ten-year span.

Likewise, a few years from the end of the span can be dismissed.

#### Genesis 16:1-4

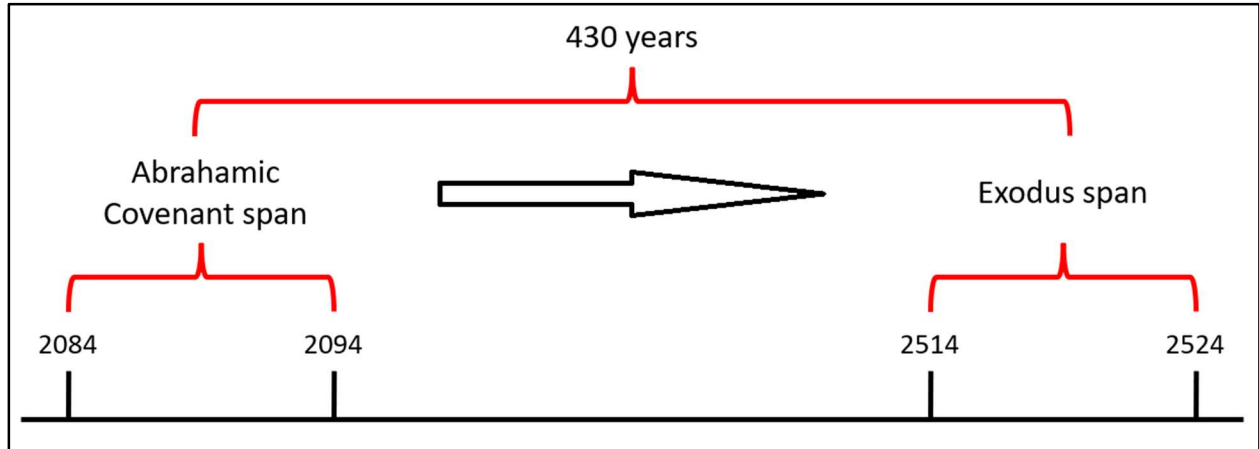
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The promise was given to Abram according to his *faith*. It would have been incredibly inconsistent for Abram to have hearkened to his wife, Sarai, immediately after the covenant (that same year). Abram would have undoubtedly told Sarai about the promise that God had made to him. It would be unreasonable to think that they both interpreted that promise to mean that Abram would immediately need a new wife. It's far more reasonable for both of them to have expected Sarai to finally get pregnant. This is also evident in Sarai's words, “the LORD hath **restrained** me from bearing”. It clearly took a while for Sarai to come to this heartbreaking conclusion and then to develop a solution involving another woman. The events of Genesis 16 would not have taken place until after a number of years had passed.

So, the Abrahamic covenant must have occurred somewhere near the middle of that ten-year span.

Is there anything else in scripture that can be used to isolate the actual year of the Abrahamic covenant? The only timespan linked to the Abrahamic covenant comes from the passage in Galatians 3 that we have already covered. The figure below shows the connection between the timing of the Abrahamic covenant and the exodus.

Figure 1 (Abrahamic covenant and Exodus spans)



Since the Abrahamic covenant is the beginning point mentioned in Galatians 3:17, if we measure 430 years the other way (before the covenant with Abraham), were there any significant events that occurred around that time?

Earliest possible year: Event ?	Earliest possible year: Abrahamic covenant
1654	+ 430 years = 2084
Latest possible year: Event ?	Latest possible year: Abrahamic covenant
1664	+ 430 years = 2094

Figure 2 (Abrahamic covenant and New spans)

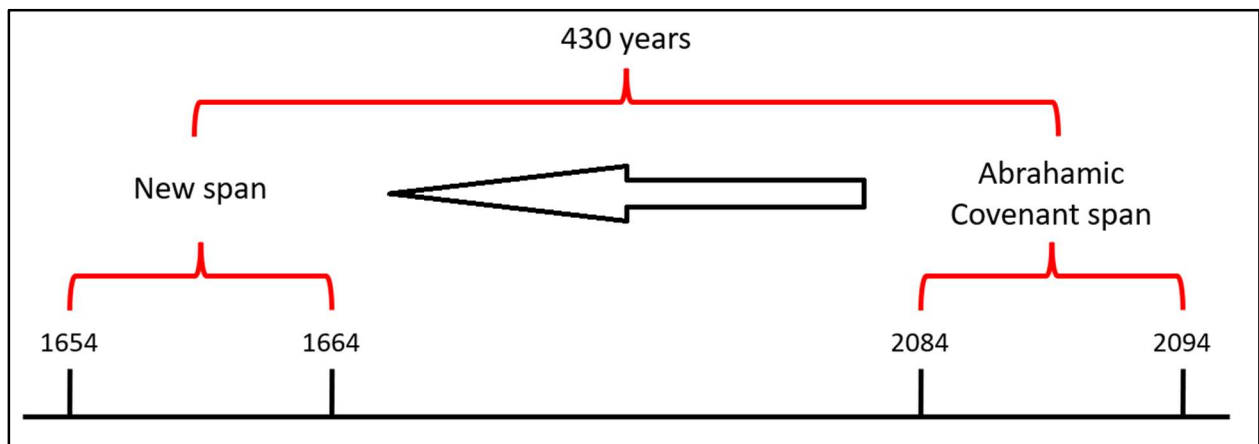


Table 1 shows that there were three scriptural events that fall within this new span.

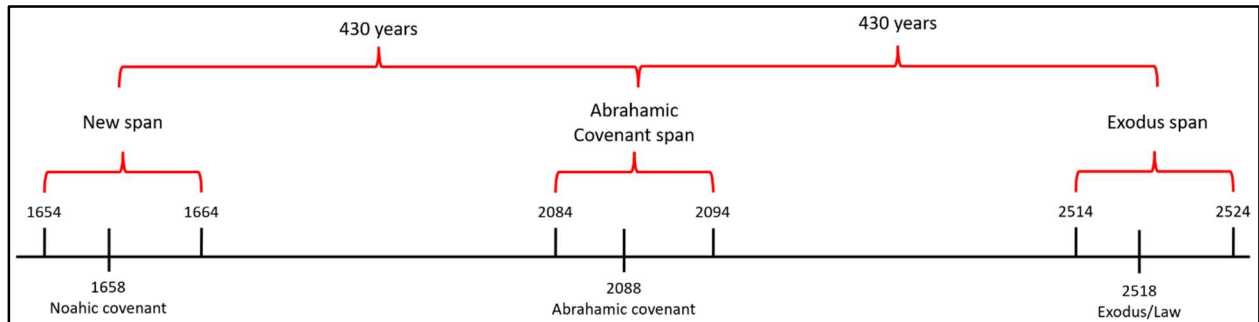
- 1654 – The earliest possible year
- 1655
- 1656
- 1657 – The Flood
- 1658 – The Noahic covenant
- 1659 – The birth of Arphaxad
- 1660
- 1661
- 1662
- 1663
- 1664 – The latest possible year

This is indeed significant. The year of the Noahic covenant (1658) can be deduced from scripture directly. By adding 430 years to the year of the Noahic covenant we will find the actual year of the Abrahamic covenant. And adding 430 years to the Abrahamic covenant will give us the actual year of the exodus, which is also the year that the Law was given to Moses.

(Noahic covenant) 1658 + 430 = 2088 (Abrahamic covenant)

(Abrahamic covenant) 2088 + 430 = 2518 (Exodus/Law)

Figure 3 (Noahic covenant to the Abrahamic covenant to the Exodus)



The Abrahamic covenant occurred 4 years after leaving Haran and 6 years before Ishmael was conceived. Near the middle of the span, right where it was expected to be.

So, now that the year of the exodus has been identified (2518), we can also locate the year of Moses birth. We can also locate the year of the Jordan River crossing when Joshua and the children of Israel re-entered the land of Canaan.

According to the Exodus narrative, Moses was 80 years old when he returned to Egypt and spoke to Pharaoh.

#### Exodus 7:7

***“And Moses was fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh.”***

Exodus chapter 11 is where God tells Moses about the last plague where all of the firstborn of Egypt would die; Then in chapter 12 God instructs Moses concerning the timing of the event that would become known as ‘the passover’.

#### Exodus 12:1-2

***“And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, **This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.**”***

So, Moses was 80 years old when he spoke with Pharaoh at the beginning of the plagues, but the passover and the exodus occurred in the first month of the next year. To find the year of Moses birth we would therefore need to subtract 81 years from the year of the exodus, not just 80 years.

(Exodus/Law) 2518 – 81 = 2437 (birth of Moses)

The year of Moses birth (2437) is specifically relevant to Path 2 (The Genesis 6:3 Spoken Path) in discovering the appointed time of judgement.

To determine the year that Joshua and the children of Israel crossed over Jordan, we can use both the time that Israel spent wandering in the wilderness (40 years) and the age of Moses at his death (120).

#### Numbers 14:28-34

***“Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: **Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness**; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me, Doubtless **ye shall not come into the land**, concerning which I sware to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. **But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness. And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness. After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each**”***



*day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise."*

(Exodus/Law) 2518 + 40 = **2558** (Jordan River crossing)

Deuteronomy 1:3

*"And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spake unto the children of Israel, according unto all that the LORD had given him in commandment unto them;"*

Deuteronomy 31:2

*"And he said unto them, I am **an hundred and twenty years old this day**; I can no more go out and come in: also the LORD hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Jordan."*

Deuteronomy 34:7

*"And Moses was **an hundred and twenty years old** when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated."*

(Birth of Moses) 2437 + 120 = 2557 (year of Moses death)

Joshua 4:19

*"And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho."*

(Death of Moses) 2557 + 1 = **2558** (Jordan River crossing)

The year of the Jordan River crossing (**2558**) is specifically relevant to Path 4 (The Jubilee Cycle) in discovering the appointed time of judgement.

Therefore, using only the Bible as a reference, here are the dates from Creation:

The Noahic covenant occurred in the year **1658 AM**.

The Abrahamic covenant occurred in the year **2088 AM**.

The exodus and the giving of the Law occurred in the year **2518 AM**.

Moses was born in the year **2437 AM**.

Joshua and the children of Israel crossed over the Jordan River in the year **2558 AM**.

Here are the B.C. dates (subtracting from the year 4000):

The Noahic covenant occurred in the year (4000 – 1658 = **2342 BC**).

The Abrahamic covenant occurred in the year (4000 – 2088 = **1912 BC**).

The exodus and the giving of the Law occurred in the year (4000 – 2518 = **1482 BC**).

Moses was born in the year (4000 – 2437 = **1563 BC**).

Joshua and the children of Israel crossed the Jordan River in the year (4000 – 2558 = **1442 BC**).