BIBLICAL AGE
OF THE EARTH

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I would like to personally thank you for watching the Origins television program. This show was special, near to the heart of my parents, Russ and Norma Bixler.

I trust that the information in this presentation will be helpful in your study of creation science. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support of Origins... you’re making the television production of this program possible!

Also available now a legacy website dedicated to my parents at russandnormabixler.com.

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Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

-Hebrews 11:1

Greetings and welcome to the Russ and Norma Bixler legacy website. Our family trusts that your visit today will provide strength, hope and encouragement to you.
The Bible is the History Book of the Universe!
Six Days of Creation (Genesis 1)

Day 1
Day 2
Day 3
Day 4
Day 5
Day 6
Adam existed “in the beginning”!

But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’

Mark 10:6-8 (ESV)
James Ussher
Irish Archbishop
of Armagh
1581-1656
Creation in 4004 BC!
From Adam to Christ!
How do you date the earth?

Historical pegs

The destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians occurred in 586/587 B.C.

Jesus was born ~4 B.C.
How do you date the earth?

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Historical pegs

Date locks

“While Israel lived in Heshbon and its villages, and in Aroer and its villages, and in all the cities that are on the banks of the Arnon, 300 years, why did you not deliver them within that time?”

Jud 11:26
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Was Shem born in 1558 A.D.?
### A Personal Example: me!

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Son = 2005  GGGGrandfather = ???

\[2005 - 144 = 1861?\]  \[1859!\]

**What Happened?** "Date slippage"
Sources of Uncertainty:
What calendar system did the ancients use?

- 12 lunar months are 11 days short of a solar year
- Luni-solar in use since the Exodus
- What was before?
- Affects the date of creation by 90 years or more
Sources of Uncertainty:

What calendar system did the ancients use?

Did they round or ratchet numbers?

Sources of Uncertainty:

- Adam to Mahelaleel
- Jared to Shem
- Arphaxad to Jacob

Count

Last Digit

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9

Bar chart showing the distribution of last digits.
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“In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened.” Gen 7:11
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At most, 308 years of uncertainty

Uncertainty is not Error!
Additional Sources of Uncertainty:

Linking the Chronogenealogies of Gen 5 and 11

Terah is >70 when his sons are born Gen 11:26
Terah is 205 when he dies Gen 11:32
Terah is dead and Abram is 75 when he leaves Haran Gen 12:4
That makes Terah 130 when Abram is born? 205 – 75 = 130

No, because Abram could have waited many years before he left!
All we know is that Abram was married before they left Ur, to a woman (Sarai) 10 years younger (Gen 17:17)
Additional Sources of Uncertainty:
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Long vs. Short Sojourn 215 years

“Then the Lord said to Abram, ‘Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years.’” Gen 15:13

“The time that the people of Israel lived in Egypt was 430 years. At the end of 430 years, on that very day, all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt.” Ex 4:40-41
Additional Sources of Uncertainty:
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Long vs. Short Sojourn 215 years
Kings of Judah and Israel 54 years
Masoretic vs. Septuagint 1,326 years
# The Biblical Age of the Earth!

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1 Pet 3:15!

…but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect…