

Shem's Genealogy Genesis 11:10-26

I. Shem's Toledoth vv 10-26

- A. Average life span Adam through Noah, less Enoch, ~912 yrs
- B. Shem – Was 100 yo 2 years after Flood, lived total 600 years (34% drop vs. pre-flood)
- C. Next 3 Generations
 1. Arphaxad – 35 yrs + 403 yrs = total 438 yrs
 2. Salah – 30 yrs + 403 yrs = total 433 yrs
 3. Eber – 34 yrs + 430 yrs = total 464 yrs
 4. Average 33 years to listed “begot” (generational time)
 5. Average age at death 445 yrs (26% drop from Shem)
- D. And next 3 generations
 1. Peleg – 30 yrs + 209 yrs = total 239 yrs
 2. Reu – 32 + 207 = total 239 yrs
 3. Serug – 30 yrs + 200 yrs = total 230 yrs
 4. Average generational time = ~ 31 yrs
 5. Average age at death 236 yrs (47% drop from A/S/E)
- E. Final Set
 1. Nahor – 29 yrs + 119 yrs = total 148 yrs
 2. Terah – 70 yrs + 135 yrs = total 205 yrs (vv. 26 & 32)
 3. Abram – 100 yrs + 75 yrs = total 175 yrs
 - a) Isaac lived 180 yrs
 - b) Jacob lived 147 yrs
 - c) Joseph 110 yrs
 4. Avg life for Nahor/Terah/Abram = 176 yrs (25% drop from P/R/S)
 5. Avg life for Isaac/Jacob/Joseph = 146 yrs, and obviously declining (17% drop)
 6. 84% drop in life span versus preflood @ 146
 7. ~ 70 years now, a drop of 92.3% versus pre-flood, 13 to 1

Genesis 11:10–26 (NKJV) *Shem's Descendants*

¹⁰ This *is* the genealogy of Shem: Shem *was* one hundred years old, and begot Arphaxad two years after the flood. ¹¹ After he begot Arphaxad, Shem lived five hundred years, and begot sons and daughters.

¹² Arphaxad lived thirty-five years, and begot Salah. ¹³ After he begot Salah, Arphaxad lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters.

¹⁴ Salah lived thirty years, and begot Eber. ¹⁵ After he begot Eber, Salah lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters.

¹⁶ Eber lived thirty-four years, and begot Peleg. ¹⁷ After he begot Peleg, Eber lived four hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters.

¹⁸ Peleg lived thirty years, and begot Reu. ¹⁹ After he begot Reu, Peleg lived two hundred and nine years, and begot sons and daughters.

²⁰ Reu lived thirty-two years, and begot Serug. ²¹ After he begot Serug, Reu lived two hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters.

²² Serug lived thirty years, and begot Nahor. ²³ After he begot Nahor, Serug lived two hundred years, and begot sons and daughters.

²⁴ Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and begot Terah. ²⁵ After he begot Terah, Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years, and begot sons and daughters.

²⁶ Now Terah lived seventy years, and begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

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Luke 3:35–36 (NKJV) ³⁵ *the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah,* ³⁶ *the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,*

1 Chronicles 1:24–27 (NKJV) ²⁴ Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah, ²⁵ Eber, Peleg, Reu, ²⁶ Serug, Nahor, Terah, ²⁷ and Abram, who *is* Abraham.

II. Reconciling Luke 3:36 Mary's Genealogy

- A. the son of Shelah, *the son of Cainan*, the son of Arphaxad Luke 3:35-36
- B. Also: *the son of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan*, ³⁸ the son of Enosh¹
- C. Gap? “Begot” allows for gap, but is there one?
- D. Copyist error? Scripture inerrant: *original* autographs. Not copies. Not translations.
- E. However, originals reliably (99% OT, >98% NT) reconstructed from fallible copies
- F. Not a single doctrine of Christianity relies on a debatable text
- G. Appears in LXX as well; not in Masoretic text, not in Samaritan Pentateuch, nor in Josephus
- H. Larry Pierce - Cainan is not in Luke 3:36 in the oldest known copy of Luke, Bodmer Collection papyrus codex labeled P⁷⁵ (dated 175 – 225 AD)
- I. Not in Julius Africanus Chronologist 220AD – Apparently *not in LXX then*, can't show it was in anything before that.
- J. John Gill (18th century) – quote on Luke 3:36 Cainan.
- K. Henry Morris – copyist error leaving Cainan out of OT copies rather unlikely
- L. CRB – there are no numbers for Luke 3. There are for Gen 11. Error more likely w/o numbers.
- M. Jerome translated Latin Vulgate (5th century AD), would not use LXX due to numerous errors.

Cainan	Masoretic	LXX	LXX <220AD	Samaritan Pentateuch	Targums	Josephus	Julius Africanus	Vulgate	Luke after P ⁷⁵	Luke P ⁷⁵ < 220AD
Gen 11	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No		
1 Chr 1	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No		
Luke								Yes	Yes	No

¹ [The New King James Version](#) (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1982), Lk 3:37–38.