

Timeline of Jacob and Joseph; A Prophetic Description of Deliverance for End Time Israel

Introduction

If you are familiar with my latest book, you will probably find it easier to digest the material in this Bible Study than anyone that is not. However, if one is familiar with the Book of Genesis, and the many stories of Jacob and his favorite son Joseph that is already available somewhere, they should have no problem following this study.

But if you are interested, my latest book is in title, “A Testimony of Jesus 3”; subtitled, “Jesus in the Pages of Genesis”. It is available on, “Amazon.com” in paper back, and it is on Kindle. My Website (www.jkenennings-author.com) also has links to it. Therefore, whosoever will, let them choose accordingly.

This study is an extension of the teachings addressed in the book, but I wanted to present these apart from my book to avoid any possible misunderstandings; in that a certain additional depth of analysis is required of this study: Refer to our figure at the end of the text, often!

And so, whether you agree with my assessments or not, I hope you find this study, “worth while”, and God bless!

Have You Considered the Importance of Jacob’s Age at the Birth of Joseph?

Every patriarch in the Book of Genesis from Seth to Jacob has associated with them the age of their respective father, when they were born.

For example, Adam was 130 years old when Seth was born; Seth was 105 when Enos was born; Enos was 90 when Cainan was born, etc., ...

Isaac was 60 years old when Jacob and his twin brother Esau were born. But we are not given the age of Jacob when any of his children were born; not even Judah, whom the lineage of the Lord Jesus and majority of present day Israel traces directly through unto Adam.

Gen 5:1 This *is* the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

Gen 5:2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

Gen 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

Gen 5:4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

Gen 5:5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

Gen 5:6 And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos:

Gen 5:7 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:

Gen 5:8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

Gen 5:9 And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan:

Gen 5:10 And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:

Gen 5:11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

Gen 25:23 And the LORD said unto her (*Rebekah, Isaac's wife*), Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

Gen 25:24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

Gen 25:25 And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

Gen 25:26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore (**60**) years old when she bare them.

Since Jacob and his favorite son Joseph stands out more than any other patriarch of their generation that were used mightily of God, for His purpose; I thought it an awesomely imperative effort to determine if Scripture indirectly reveals the age of Jacob when Joseph was born.

The following scenario of commentary and scripture references explains what I discovered by framing our efforts in, "A Timeline of Jacob and Joseph as Their Lives Parallel Redemptive Works of Jesus":

A Timeline of Jacob and Joseph as Their Lives Parallel Redemptive Works of Jesus

Jacob is 130 years old when Joseph brings the family to Egypt; and Joseph is 55. We shall see this come to light and other related statements that are provided below, as we develop this article into statements of our final paragraph, "Jacob was About 75 Years Old When Joseph was born".

Gen 47:8 And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old *art* thou?

Gen 47:9 And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage *are* an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

Gen 47:10 And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

Pharaoh took Joseph out of prison, and Joseph was 30 years old.

Gen 41:41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;

Gen 41:43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.

Gen 41:46 And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

Reason dictates that the seven years of plenty did not begin the day, or even the year Joseph was taken out of prison by Pharaoh! In fact, I am persuaded it took several years for Joseph to build store houses in preparation for the seven years of plenty. Thus Joseph may have been preparing as much as 15 to 20 years before the seven years of plenty began; then the famine!

So the, when the 7 years of plenty began Joseph could have been 45 to 50 years old (30 years + 15 years = 45; or, 30 years + 20 years = 50).

Now the seven years of plenty having come to an end, Joseph would be 52 to 57 years old (45 years + 7 years = 52; or, 50 years + 7 years = 57).

In the second year of the seven lean/ famine years Joseph brings Jacob, his father, and family to Egypt. Jacob is 130 years old (*Genesis 47:9*); and therefore Joseph would be 54 to 59 years old (52 years + 2 years = 54; or, 57 years + 2 years = 59).

Jacob lived 17 years in Egypt, until the age of 147. At this time Joseph would have been 71 to 76 years old (54 years + 17 years = 71; or, 59 years + 17 years = 76).

Gen 47:27 And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.

Gen 47:28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and seven years.

Joseph lived unto the age of 110, which according to our estimation, means that he lived 34 to 39 years after his father, Jacob (110 years – 76 years = 34; or, 110 years – 71 years = 39)!

Gen 50:15 And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

Gen 50:16 And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

Gen 50:17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

Gen 50:18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.

Gen 50:19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

Gen 50:20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

Gen 50:21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

Gen 50:22 And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years.

Gen 50:23 And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees.

Gen 50:24 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Gen 50:25 And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.

Gen 50:26 So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

But now at this point you would probably ask, “How does this parallel any works of Jesus”?

PATIENCE! Let me continue with my explanation ...

Joseph disappeared from the sight of his father Jacob at the age of 17 (*Genesis 37:2 through 37:28*), by the hands of his ten older brothers.

When we study the New Testament Gospels, there is no reliable commentary of Jesus after the age of 12.

Then both Joseph and Jesus received lasting notoriety and visibility at the age of 30!

Joseph was taken from prison by Pharaoh and placed second in command of Egypt.

John the Baptist, baptized Jesus in the Jordan and the Holy Spirit descended and anointed Jesus with the power of God for His ministry work. After His 3 ½ year ministry work for salvation of the souls of men, God raised Him from the dead. Jesus declared in John 14:1 through 14:14 that He would go prepare a place for those that accept Him and His sacrifice for forgiveness of their sins!

Joh 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Joh 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Joh 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Joh 14:4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Joh 14:5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Joh 14:7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

Joh 14:8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

Joh 14:9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

Joh 14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Joh 14:11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

Joh 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Joh 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Joh 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

The experiences Joseph encountered by going to Egypt parallels Jesus going to prepare a place for his loved ones. Joseph may have been preparing 15 to 20 years for the time of the seven years of plenty, in order to deliver his family from the impending seven years of famine!

We today know that Jesus has been preparing since His resurrection, about 33 A.D., which is the past "2015 A.D. – 33 A.D. =", 1982 years. But the years of plenty in this case shall be the time of the rapture and subsequent marriage super of the Lamb in heaven (Revelation 19:6 through 19:9, and

Revelation 7:9 through 7:17). But on earth there shall come lean years; famine, which the Book of Revelation describe as, “the Tribulation of God”! This time is also described in prophecy as Jacob’s trouble (Jeremiah 30:7), or woe.

After this famine and tribulation, the millennial reign begins, which was parallel by events as Joseph and Israel sojourned in Egypt until the death of Joseph.

Rev 19:6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Rev 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Rev 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

Rev 7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

Rev 7:11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

Rev 7:12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

Rev 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Rev 7:15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

Rev 7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

Rev 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

We know these following scriptures are not talking about the time Judah of Israel was destroyed at the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, ruler of Babylon, because Jeremiah 30 verse 9 says David is raised up to be their king; which speaks of Jesus, and the end time.

Jer 30:3 For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

Jer 30:4 And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.

Jer 30:5 For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.

Jer 30:6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore (or, why then) do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

Jer 30:7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

Jer 30:8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

Jer 30:9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

The time of Jacob's trouble as talked about above is paralleled by the seven year famine in Egypt which Joseph delivered Israel out of, and in addition, speaks to Armageddon that Jesus shall deliver Israel out of at His second coming!

The Nation, Israel shall finally recognize that Jesus is Messiah!

Notice also, the parallel with that of Joseph when he revealed himself to his brethren on their second encounter!

At the second encounter Jacob/ Israel and his family had endured two years of the seven years of famine, and/ or woe. Therefore, dare we suppose that this parallels the possibility that Jesus shall deliver End Time Israel (or, remnant of Israel; Judah of Israel) out of Armageddon; or, years of tribulation (Jacob's trouble) after two years of the seven? The Lord Jesus did say by prophecy; except those days be shortened, no flesh should be saved (Matthew 24:22; Mark 13:20)! Do you suppose this is what He meant?

Jacob was about 75 Years Old When Joseph was Born

It is important that this analysis be as accurate as we can possibly get it because of the time Joseph is given in Egypt to prepare for the years of plenty, or years of fat. Too few years unto the time of Joseph seeing his father, Jacob at age 130; then Joseph would not have had enough time to prepare for the years of plenty, because he, Joseph was 30 years old when taken from Pharaoh's prison. But too many years of preparation and Pharaoh would probably become weary of Joseph's interpretation of this dream by Pharaoh!

If Joseph is not prepared to receive the abundance of God when it comes, the end results would be destruction because of loss! And so it is with our personal life and living; recall the parable of the ten virgins, Jesus gave during His ministry. Five virgins were ready, but five were not?

Scripture supports our notion that Jacob and his twin brother, Esau were, perhaps, well beyond forty years of age when Isaac and Rebekah sent Jacob to live with Laban, Rebekah's brother:

Gen 26:32 And it came to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water.

Gen 26:33 And he called it Shebah: therefore the name of the city is Beersheba unto this day.

Gen 26:34 And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beerli the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite:

Gen 26:35 Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

Isaac would have been 100 years old at this time:

Gen 25:23 And the LORD said unto her (***Rebekah***), Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger.

Gen 25:24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

Gen 25:25 And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.

Gen 25:26 And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore (60) years old when she bare them.

After this, let us reason that some additional years passed; perhaps 15 to 20, or until Jacob was sent away to avoid conflict with his brother Esau, as described in Genesis Chapters 27, and Genesis 28:1 through 28:9

Genesis Chapter 27

Gen 27:1 And it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, Behold, here am I.

Gen 27:2 And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day of my death:

Gen 27:3 Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me some venison;

Gen 27:4 And make me savoury meat, such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I die.

Gen 27:5 And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it.

Gen 27:6 And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying,

Gen 27:7 Bring me venison, and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee (*with the first born birthright*) before the LORD before my death.

Gen 27:8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee.

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Gen 27:41 And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob (*Esau is saying that as long as Isaac his father is alive, he will not kill Jacob; but when his father is dead he will kill Jacob*).

Gen 27:42 And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee.

Gen 27:43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran;

Gen 27:44 And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away;

Gen 27:45 Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?

Gen 27:46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

Genesis Chapter 28:1 through 28:9

Gen 28:1 And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

Gen 28:2 Arise, go to Padanaram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.

Gen 28:3 And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people;

Gen 28:4 And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham.

Gen 28:5 And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padanaram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

Gen 28:6 When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padanaram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan;

Gen 28:7 And that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padanaram;

Gen 28:8 And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father;

Gen 28:9 Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

Genesis 31:38 through 31:43 tells us the final 20 years in our analysis of Jacob's age when Joseph was born. This is the 20 years Jacob lived with his uncle Laban

Gen 31:38 This twenty years have I been with thee; thy ewes and thy she goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten.

Gen 31:39 That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, whether stolen by day, or stolen by night.

Gen 31:40 Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes.

Gen 31:41 Thus have I been twenty years in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and thou hast changed my wages ten times.

Gen 31:42 Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight.

Gen 31:43 And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have born?

Considering Jacob was somewhat more than 40 years old when he came to work for his uncle Laban, as given in Genesis 26:34;

And the fact that sufficient time is needed for Joseph to prepare for the years of plenty in Egypt (which is from the time Pharaoh takes Joseph from prison at age 30, until Joseph sees his father, Jacob, who is 130 at the time (per Genesis 41:46, and Genesis 47:9)) ***Therefore, we conclude Jacob to have been, at a minimum, 60 and up to 75 years old. And Joseph would have been born within the latter years of this 15 year window, when Jacob was 75 years old.***

Gen 41:46 And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

Gen 47:9 And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

