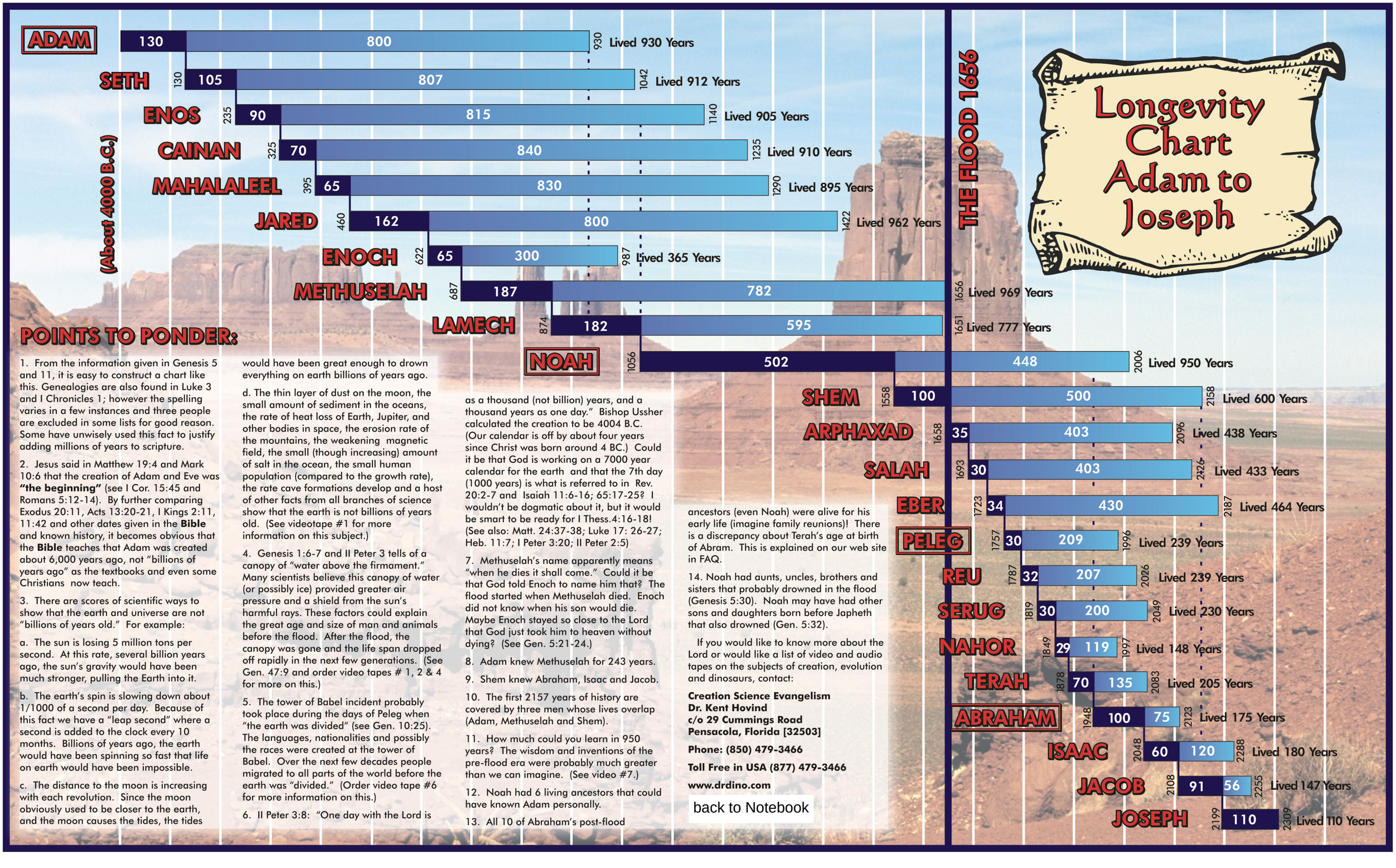
Longevity Chart Adam to Joseph



POINTS TO PONDER:

1. From the information given in Genesis 5 and 11, it is easy to construct a chart like this. Genealogies are also found in Luke 3 and I Chronicles 1; however the spelling varies in a few instances and three people are excluded in some lists for good reason. Some have unwisely used this fact to justify adding millions of years to scripture.

2. Jesus said in Matthew 19:4 and Mark 10:6 that the creation of Adam and Eve was **"the beginning"** (see I Cor. 15:45 and Romans 5:12-14). By further comparing Exodus 20:11, Acts 13:20-21, I Kings 2:11, 11:42 and other dates given in the **Bible** and known history, it becomes obvious that the **Bible** teaches that Adam was created about 6,000 years ago, not "billions of years ago" as the textbooks and even some Christians now teach.

3. There are scores of scientific ways to show that the earth and universe are not "billions of years old." For example:

a. The sun is losing 5 million tons per second. At this rate, several billion years ago, the sun's gravity would have been much stronger, pulling the Earth into it.

b. The earth's spin is slowing down about 1/1000 of a second per day. Because of this fact we have a "leap second" where a second is added to the clock every 10 months. Billions of years ago, the earth would have been spinning so fast that life on earth would have been impossible.

c. The distance to the moon is increasing with each revolution. Since the moon obviously used to be closer to the earth, and the moon causes the tides, the tides would have been great enough to drown everything on earth billions of years ago.

d. The thin layer of dust on the moon, the small amount of sediment in the oceans, the rate of heat loss of Earth, Jupiter, and other bodies in space, the erosion rate of the mountains, the weakening magnetic field, the small (though increasing) amount of salt in the ocean, the small human population (compared to the growth rate), the rate cave formations develop and a host of other facts from all branches of science show that the earth is not billions of years old. (See videotape #1 for more information on this subject.)

4. Genesis 1:6-7 and II Peter 3 tells of a canopy of "water above the firmament." Many scientists believe this canopy of water (or possibly ice) provided greater air pressure and a shield from the sun's harmful rays. These factors could explain the great age and size of man and animals before the flood. After the flood, the canopy was gone and the life span dropped off rapidly in the next few generations. (See Gen. 47:9 and order video tapes # 1, 2 & 4 for more on this.)

5. The tower of Babel incident probably took place during the days of Peleg when "the earth was divided" (see Gen. 10:25). The languages, nationalities and possibly the races were created at the tower of Babel. Over the next few decades people migrated to all parts of the world before the earth was "divided." (Order video tape #6 for more information on this.)

6. II Peter 3:8: "One day with the Lord is as a thousand (not billion) years, and a thousand years as one day." Bishop Ussher calculated the creation to be 4004 B.C. (Our calendar is off by about four years since Christ was born around 4 BC.) Could it be that God is working on a 7000 year calendar for the earth and that the 7th day (1000 years) is what is referred to in Rev. 20:2-7 and Isaiah 11:6-16; 65:17-25? I wouldn't be dogmatic about it, but it would be smart to be ready for I Thess.4:16-18! (See also: Matt. 24:37-38; Luke 17: 26-27; Heb. 11:7; I Peter 3:20; II Peter 2:5)

7. Methuselah's name apparently means "when he dies it shall come." Could it be that God told Enoch to name him that? The flood started when Methuselah died. Enoch did not know when his son would die. Maybe Enoch stayed so close to the Lord that God just took him to heaven without dying? (See Gen. 5:21-24.)

8. Adam knew Methuselah for 243 years.

9. Shem knew Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

10. The first 2157 years of history are covered by three men whose lives overlap (Adam, Methuselah and Shem).

11. How much could you learn in 950 years? The wisdom and inventions of the pre-flood era were probably much greater than we can imagine. (See video #7.)

12. Noah had 6 living ancestors that could have known Adam personally.

13. All 10 of Abraham's post-flood ancestors (even Noah) were alive for his early life (imagine family reunions)! There is a discrepancy about Terah's age at birth of Abram. This is explained on our web site in FAQ.

14. Noah had aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters that probably drowned in the flood (Genesis 5:30). Noah may have had other sons and daughters born before Japheth that also drowned (Gen. 5:32).

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