

## Chronology of Ishmael's life



This chronology is based upon the Bible references given. Ages in bold are directly from the Bible, while the other ages have been calculated.

The year 1910 BC as the time of Ishmael's birth is based upon the Masoretic time line.

Year	Event	Reference	Abraham	Sarah	Ishmael	Isaac	Jacob	Joseph
1910 B.C.	Birth of Ishmael	Genesis 16:16	<b>86</b>	77	<b>0</b>			
1897 B.C.	Birth of Isaac foretold <sup>1</sup>	Gen 17:17	99	90				
1897 B.C.	Circumcision	Gen 17:2-25	<b>99</b>		<b>13</b>			
1896 B.C.	Birth of Isaac	Gen 21:5	<b>100</b>	91	14	<b>0</b>		
1893 B.C.	Ishmael sent away <sup>2</sup>	Gen 21:8-14	103	94	17	3		
1859 B.C.	Death of Sarah	Gen 23:1	136	<b>127</b>	50	36		
1856 B.C.	Isaac marries	Gen 25:20	140		54	40		
1836 B.C.	Birth of Jacob + Esau	Gen 25:26	160		74	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>	
1821 B.C.	Death of Abraham	Gen 25:7	<b>175</b>		89	75	15	
1796 B.C.	Esau marries 2 Canaanite women	Gen 26:34			114	100	<b>40</b>	
1773 B.C.	Death of Ishmael	Gen 25:17			<b>137</b>	123	63	
1759 B.C.	Jacob to Paran for 20 years	Gen 31:38,41				137	77	
1758 B.C.	Esau marries Basemath <sup>3</sup>	Gen 36:2-18				139	79	
1752 B.C.	Jacob marries Lea and Rachel	Gen 29:14-20				144	84	
1745 B.C.	Birth of Joseph, Jacob agrees with wages in livestock	Gen 30:25				151	91	0
1739 B.C.	Jacob back to Canaan, after working 6 years for livestock	Gen 31:41				157	97	6
1728 B.C.	Joseph sold in Egypt	Gen 37:2,27				168	108	17
1716 B.C.	Death of Isaac	Gen 35:28				<b>180</b>	120	29
1715 B.C.	Joseph leader of Egypt, beginning of 7 years of plenty	Gen 41:46					121	<b>30</b>
1708 B.C.	Beginning of 7 years drought	Gen 45:11					128	37
1706 B.C.	Jacob to Egypt in 2nd year of drought	Gen 45:11 47:9					<b>130</b>	39
1689 B.C.	Death of Jacob	Gen 47:28					<b>147</b>	56
1635 B.C.	Death of Joseph	Gen 50:22						<b>110</b>

<sup>1</sup> Abraham described himself as a man of 100 even though he was 99. Perhaps Sarah's age was approximate as well

<sup>2</sup> Interpretations concerning the age of a weaned child vary, probably it was between the age of 3 and 5

<sup>3</sup> According to the Book of Jasher chapter 30 verse 17 Rehuel, the son of Basmath, was born in the third year of Jacob's sojourning in Haran. In that case Esau married Basemath sometime between 1759 and 1757 B.C.