

# Jews For Yeshua Ministry

*“To the Torah and the Testimony,  
if anybody does not speak according to these words,  
it is because they have no light in them”*

Isaiah 8:20; Revelation 12:17; 14:12



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The book of Jasher states Shem and Melchizadok to be one and the same person; **Yasher (Jasher) 16:11**. Due to Shem's long life compared to those born after the flood, and due to his lineage extending 8 generations from Noach (Noah) to Avraham, Shem is ideally suited for the role of Melchizadok from the Scriptural record as well.

Shem was born 2416 BC (See, **Note \*A**), and so was age 98 at the end of the flood in 2318 BC, and age 100 when Arphaxad was born 2 years after the flood in 2316 BC; **B'reshet (Genesis) 11:10**. Then after the flood, Shem lived 500 more years; verse **11:11**, causing his year of death to be 1816 BC ( $2416 - 100 = 2316 - 500 = 1816$ ).

Avraham was born in 1966 BC, and Yit'zak (Isaac) born in 1866 BC. This means that when Shem died at age 600, that Avraham was 150 years old ( $1966 - 1816 = 150$ ), and Yit'zak (Isaac) 50 years old ( $1866 - 1816 = 50$ ). It is interesting to note that Noah, who died at age 950, died in 1968 BC, only 2 years prior to Avraham's birth in 1966 BC.

While Noah lived to be 950, and Shem 600, everybody born after the flood - the 8 generations from Arphaxad to Terah (Avraham's father), lived to be only 205 to 464 years of age. Of these 8, only the first 3, Arphaxad, Shelach, and Eber lived into the 400's. The following 5 generations only lived into the 200's. However, Shem outlived them all except for Eber who died 29 years after Shem in the year 1787 BC. And though Eber lived 29 years beyond Shem's death, Shem was still 165 years older than Eber while still alive.

This makes Noah the oldest person on earth for that following 8 generations, Shem the second oldest, and Eber the third. This places Shem, who was 450 years old at the time of Avraham's birth and 165 years older than Eber, to be next in succession as Chief King and High Priest over the families of the earth after Noach (Noah).

Biblically, under the priestly Order of Melchizadok, and before the Levitical Order of priesthood was ordained, each man served as priest over his family with the priestly line passing from father to son.

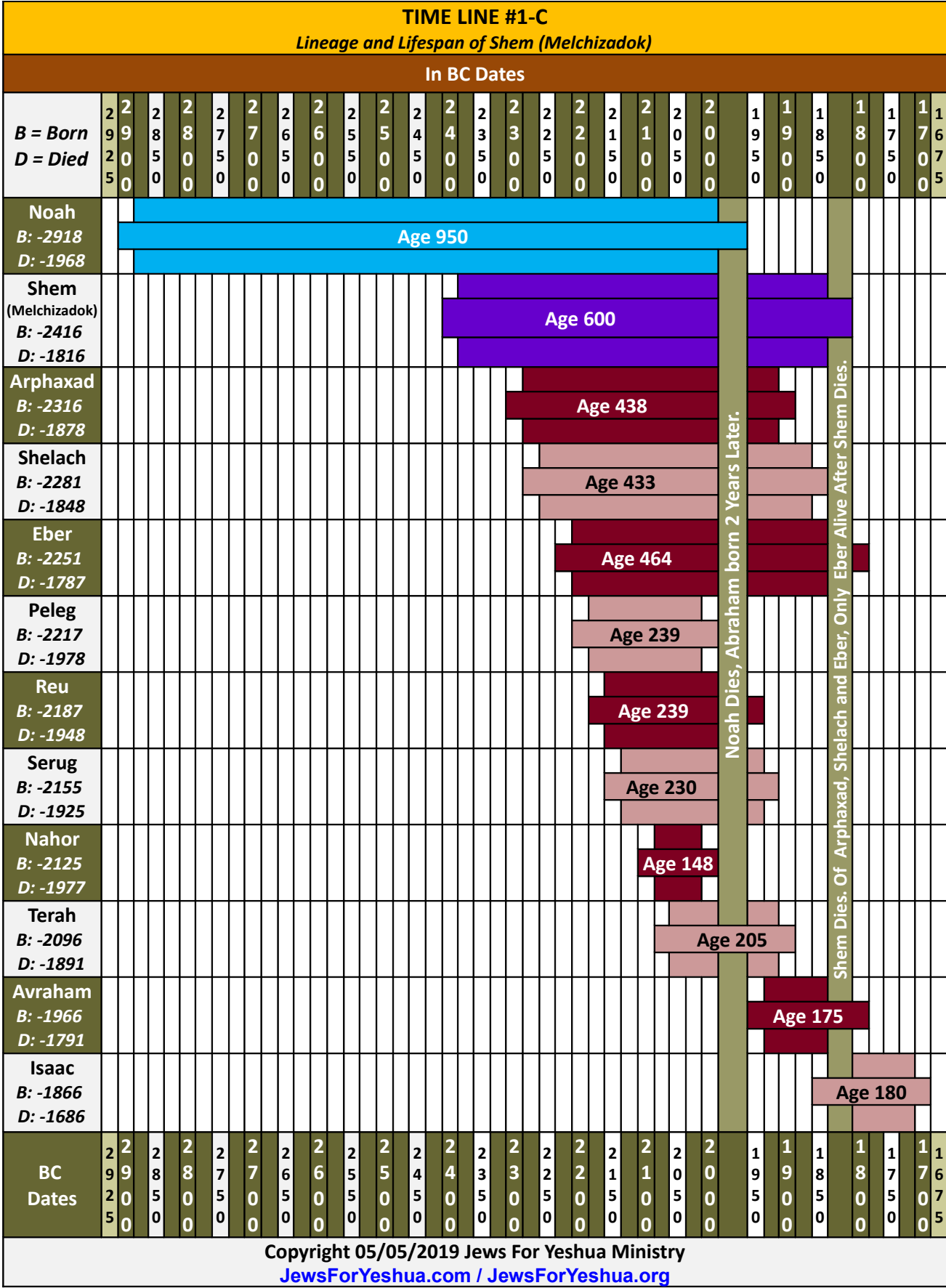
In the case of the line of Noach (Noah), Shem was next in line. But Shem lived so long that all his sons had died before he could pass the priestly line onto any of them, with the exception of his great grandson's Eber and Avraham. As Shem's life was coming to a close, Eber's age was also approaching the age that his father Shelach had died, and so was also likely close to dying. This left Avraham as the next in succession for the priestly line after the order of Melchizadok.

So who best qualifies as Melchizadok? We often see "Melchizadok" as a name, but it is actually a title meaning "King of Righteousness". Who better to be the original priestly king over the earth than Noach (Noah)? And who better to be the next in succession than Shem who outlived the next 8 generations?

Nobody born in Avraham's generation knew Shem's parents, and so he was as one "without mother, without father". And because all Shem's siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and children and grandchildren had been long dead by then (except for Eber) he was also as one "without genealogy". And in the eyes of those 8 generations who lived under his rule, he was as one "having neither beginning of days, nor end of life" as he was continually there, ruling, generation after generation after generation as a "priest who remains continually"; **Evreem (Hebrews) 7:3**.

In reflection, it is likely his reign that inspired following generations to declare to their kings "May the King live forever!".

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# NOTES