

CHAP. XII. XIII. XIV. XV.

World	2083	525	425	390	360	75
Sum						76
Arphaxad		534	434	399	369	84
Sabb						85
Eber						86
Abram						87
Isaac						88
Jacob						89
Joseph						90
Moses						91
World	2093	535	435	400	370	85
Sum						86
Arphaxad		536	436	401	371	87
Sabb						88
Eber						89
Abram						90
Isaac						91
Jacob						92
Joseph						93
Moses						94
World	2096	538	438	403	373	88
Sum						89
Arphaxad						90
Sabb						91
Eber						92
Abram						93
Isaac						94
Jacob						95
Joseph						96
Moses						97

**T**HE PROMISE given to Abram in Haran, after his fathers death: On the 15 day of the moneth *Abib* or *Nisan*, *Exod.* 12. 41. He journeyeth that Spring into the land of *Canaan*, and at or near mount *Gerizim* and mount *Ebal*, he buildeth two Altars, and taketh possession of the land by faith. Famine driveth him into *Egypt*, where the Blackmoor Egyptians are soon aware of the beauty of *Sarai*, a white woman; and she is taken into *Pharaohs* house, but redeemed by the Lord himself, plaguing the *Egyptians*: A type of things to come upon her posterity, and upon the *Egyptians* for their sake. *Abram* returning out of *Egypt* into *Canaan* again, riches suffer not *Lot* and him to dwell together in unity: they part asunder in the valley of *Achor*, and *Lot* separateth from *Abrams* family, and chooseth residence among the *Sodomites*, to his own danger and detriment: when he is parted, *Abram* hath a full promise of the land, and thereupon flits his habitation to *Hebron*, a place of singular eminency in time to come.

Then *Abram* that hitherto had the land by promise, hath it now by victory: For *Kedorlaomer* of *Elam* the eldest son of *Sem*, and so heir apparent to *Canaan* in *Nahs* prophecy, being now in the fourteenth year of his reign over the Country; and being provoked by the rebellion of the five Cities in the plain of *Jordan*, he bringeth three Kings more with him, and conquereth all the *Canaanites* both without and within *Jordan*: as, first the *Rephaim* under *Lebanon*; the *Zuzim* in *Anon*; the *Emim* in *Moab*; the *Horim* or *Hivites*, in the caves of *Edom*; and all the *Canaanites* in *Hazezon Tamar*, at the point of the dead Sea. Then turn they into the land within *Jordan*, and as they had subdued all the Countries from North to South without; so now they do the like from South to North within: but when they were come with all their spoil to the out-going of the land, upon the North border *Abram* over-takes them; and so their victories are become his. *Sem* or *Melchisedech* observeth this dispensation of God, and his devolving the land by so special a providence upon *Abram*; and therefore he meets him in his return, with bread and wine, as a King; and with a blessing as a Priest; and passeth the possession of the land, and of the blessing upon him.

Afterwards *Abram* hath the promise of an heir out of his own loins; God maketh a covenant with him by sacrifice; passing in the appearance of fire between the parts of the slain beasts, and consuming them: four hundred years affliction, and sojourning of his seed, are foretold.

CHAP. XVI.

**A**BRAM marrieth *Hagar*, that he might compass the promise of having a son of his own body; he being not yet informed whither by *Sarai* or no: *Hagar* through *Sarais* harsh dealing is forced to return towards her own Country; but by the way, seeth the *God of vision*, *אשר*, and by him is instructed concerning the condition and name of the son in her womb, and is sent back to *Sarai* again.

**I**SMAEL born; the son of the bond-woman; born in the very latter end of *Abrams* eighty sixth year.

**A**RPHAXAD dieth, 438. years old, read *Gen.* 11. 11, 13. It is now 440. years since the flood, for *Arphaxad* was born but two years after it. The *Septuagint* makes him the father of *Cainan*, which never was in

World	2107	549	414	384	99	13
Sum						14
Sabb						15
Eber						16
Abram						17
Isaac						18
Jacob						19
Joseph						20
Moses						21
World	2108	550	415	385	100	14
Sum						15
Sabb						16
Eber						17
Abram						18
Isaac						19
Jacob						20
Joseph						21
Moses						22
World	2113	555	420	390	105	19
Sum						20
Sabb						21
Eber						22
Abram						23
Isaac						24
Jacob						25
Joseph						26
Moses						27
World	2126	568	433	403	118	32
Sum						33
Sabb						34
Eber						35
Abram						36
Isaac						37
Jacob						38
Joseph						39
Moses						40

in being; and yet is that followed by *Saint Luke*, *Chap.* 3. 36. for special reason. There be that suppose the *Chaldeans* or *Chaldeans* took their denomination from the last letters of *Arphaxads* name, *700*; and this hath the more probability, because they are so called *Chaldeans*, *Gen.* 10. 7. before *Chebed*, which otherwise might have seemed to have given them their denomination, was born, *Gen.* 22. 22.

CHAP. XVII. XVIII. XIX. XX.

**I**N this year these several occurrences came to pass: Circumcision was instituted in the moneth *Abib* or *Nisan*, and instituted in *Hebron*; In which very place, and at which time of the year, *John Baptist* is born, who brought in Baptism in stead of Circumcision. *Abram* and *Sarai* have their names changed at the institution of Circumcision; and *Isaac* is named before he is conceived. Some three moneths after this, the three Persons in the Trinity dine with *Abram*, and foretell the birth of *Isaac* again.

The Son and the Holy Ghost go down to *Sodom*, but the first Person in the Trinity stayeth with *Abram*, and condescendeth to his prayer as long as he asketh.

*Sodom* and *Gomorrah*, *Admah* and *Zebaim*, destroyed with fire and brimstone: *Lot* escapeth, but loseth two of his daughters in the flames, and his wife by lightning: his other two daughters help to undo him.

*Abram* deneyeth *Sarab* again; the son of the promise being now in her womb, but the not yet to be discovered to be with child.

CHAP. XXI.

**I**SAAc born the son of the promise: *Abram* in the supernatural birth of *Isaac*, fore-saw the supernatural birth of *Christ*, and rejoiced. *Isaac* was not so named *Laughter*, only because of *Abrams* joy for him, but also for his joy in *Christ*, *John* 8. 56. *Your father Abram* rejoiced to see my day, and he saw it, and was glad.

**I**SMAEL mocketh; *Hagar*, and he is cast out of *Abrams* family. From hence begin the 400 years mentioned *Chap.* 15. 13. *Abimelech* and *Abram* make a league, &c. God had foretold *Abrams* of the Egyptian affliction, and his affliction beginneth first by an Egyptian, namely by *Hagar* and her son. There is mention of a double space of his seeds, sojourning in a land not theirs; *viz.* 400 years, *Chap.* 15. 13. which was from *Isaacs* mocking, to their delivery out of *Egypt*; and 420 years, *Exod.* 12. 40. which was from the promise given to *Abram*, *Gen.* 17. 1. to their delivery, *Gal.* 3. 17. *Abram* consecrateth a grove at *Beerseba*, that he might have hallowed wood for his sacrifices, as well as holy fire; see *Chap.* 21. 7. he had had fire from heaven at some time upon his sacrifice, and he preserved it.

**S**ALAH or *Shelah* dieth, being 433 years old, read *Gen.* 11. 14, 15.

There is a good space of time passed over in silence concerning *Isaac*; for from the time of *Isaacs* mocking, which was at his fifth year, till the time of his offering up in a figure, which was at his thirty third, as may be conceived; there is no mention of him: for as yet the story most especially followeth the Acts of *Abram*. Now it is very likely, that as the offering up of *Isaac* was so plain and perfect a figure of the offering up of *Christ*, in other things, so also that these two things,