

## Abraham's Descendants - How Many Ancestors Do You Have?

### Ancestors by Generation X 2

This is the same example as doubling a penny every day for a month (31 days) to get to \$ 10,737,418.24

It must be recognized that some of our ancestors will be counted more than one or two times.

#### Generation Chart of Ancestors

Generations	Ancestors per Generation	Ancestors-Cumulative Total
1	2 Parents	2
2	4 Grandparents	6
3	8 Great-Grandparents	14
4	16 Great-Great-Grandparents	30
5	32 GGG-Grandparents	62
6	64 "	126
7	128	254
8	256	510
9	512	1,022
10	1,024	2,046
11	2,048	4,094
12	4,096	8,190
13	8,192	16,382
14	16,384	32,766
15	32,768	65,534
16	65,536	131,070
17	131,072	262,142
18	262,144	524,286
19	524,288	1,048,574
20	1,048,576	2,097,150
21	2,097,152	4,194,302
22	4,194,304	8,388,606
23	8,388,608	16,777,214
24	16,777,216	33,554,430
25	33,554,432	67,108,862
26	67,108,864	134,217,726
27	134,217,728	268,435,454
28	268,435,456	536,870,910
29	536,870,912	1,073,741,822
30	1,073,741,824	2,147,483,642

40 Generations The number would be well over one trillion, which is larger than the total of all people who have ever lived. The earth's estimated population today, June 12, 2008, is about 7 billion people. That number also equals the estimated total of everyone who has ever lived and already died. Therefore, 14 billion represents the total of people who have already died and who are alive today. There are about 140 generations back to Noah; so continuing from 30 generations back to 140 generations would produce an astronomical number that is impossible. To resolve this, we must recognize that each of our family tree's contains many common ancestors. This would dramatically reduce the 'actual' number of people in our family tree from the 'possible' numbers of ancestors.

Below is a matrix of your ancestors by generation: #'s 1 & 2 are your parents; #'s 3 – 6 are your grandparents; #'s 7 – 14 are your g-grandparents; #'s 15 – 30 are your gg-grandparents; and #'s 31 – 62 are your ggg-grandparents.

If #31 and #62 were brothers or sisters or brother and sister; then they obviously had a common parent. This would demonstrate how one or two or more of our ancestors would be in common, but through different legs of our family tree.

To demonstrate this, follow the numbers in the 5 generations below. #31 had son #15, who had son #7, who had son #3, who had your father (#1). Then daughter #62 had a daughter #30 (or a son #29), who had daughter #14 (or son #13), who had daughter #6 (or son #5), who had daughter #2 (your mother). This example could occur with any of the #'s in generation 5 below; or from any generations beyond 5; i.e. generation 10, or 35, or all the way back to Noah at generation # 135-150 (estimated due to age of parents at the birth of any particular child). So, we do have many common ancestors. This is more likely to happen as we travel back to the older generations. It is also more likely to occur in small tribal units when populations were small. The further we go back to older generations, the likelihood of having common ancestors increases.

Generation Matrix (Numbers replace names)

You are the child of:

1<sup>st</sup> Generation of Ancestors - Parents

1 2

2<sup>nd</sup> Generation of Ancestors - Grandparents

3 4 5 6

3<sup>rd</sup> Generation of Ancestors – Great-Grandparents

7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

4<sup>th</sup> Generation of Ancestors – GG-Grandparents

15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

5<sup>th</sup> Generation of Ancestors – GGG- Grandparents

31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62

6<sup>th</sup> Generation of Ancestors – GGGG-Grandparents

#’s 63 - #126

7<sup>th</sup> Generation of Ancestors – GGGGG-Grandparents

#’S 127 - #254

8<sup>th</sup> Generation of Ancestors – GGGGGG-Grandparents

#’s 255 - # 510

9<sup>th</sup> Generation of Ancestors – GGGGGGG-Grandparents

#’s 511 - #1022

10<sup>th</sup> Generation of Ancestors – GGGGGGGG-Grandparents

#’s 1023 - #2046

(The total of 2046 represents the cumulative total of all ancestors in the matrix, seen in the Generation Chart above)

You may be amazed by these numbers, but you also may be saying, “So what”! What can possibly be the significance of all this? I trust that the answer will equally amaze you. Consider the man Abram when he received a word of promise from God.

Gen 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

Can you count the stars in the sky or the grains of sand on the seashore? We would be foolish to even attempt it. They are numbers beyond our comprehension. Yet God is comparing Abraham’s descendants to these infinite numbers. It must be true because “God is not a man that He should lie.”

Are you beginning to get the picture? You may be asking yourself, “Is this guy saying that Abraham’s descendants are infinite? I thought that the total number of Jews was about 16 million persons in the world today. How can this possibly be true.”

The answer lies in who exactly are Abraham's descendants. His first child was Ishmael who fathered 12 princes among today's Arabs. Abraham's son of 'promise' was Isaac, who fathered Esau and Jacob. Esau married into the Edomite kingdom and became a progenitor of the Edomites. The Edomites resisted the Israelites until finally being defeated by the Macabbees in 126 BC and were forced to become Jews. Abraham married Keturah after the death of Sarah and fathered 6 sons, who also were numbered in today's Arab nations.

The answer, however, lies in Abraham's son Jacob. Jacob fathered 12 sons who became the 12 Tribes of Israel. They grew to number 3-6 million people in Egypt, and then on into the Promised Land. They became the nation/kingdom of the 12 Tribes of Israel. Solomon's death resulted in the division of Israel into the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah; also known as the Houses of Israel and Judah. Their sins eventually resulted in God sending them into captivity; Israel 125 years prior to Judah. Judah returned from Babylon after 70 years but Israel never returned to the Land and were said to be 'lost' as in Lost Israel or the Lost 10 Tribes.

This House of Israel became 'lost' to the world, today's church, and to themselves. They did not know who they were as they were scattered into the nations of the world. But history knew who and where they were. They left their captivity in Assyria and migrated in all directions, but primarily to the west where they were known as the Caucasians. They overthrew whoever was in their path, inter-married with them, and left their bloodline behind them as they moved on. They populated the nations of Europe, which eventually populated the United States, Canada, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand primarily. They populated the lesser nations of the world also.

Do you see the big picture now? With maybe 125 generations since Abraham; can you see how many people living today could be his descendants. It only takes one person in these 125 generations with Abraham's bloodline to result in any descendants being of Abraham. Jacob's sons were the Israelites whereas Abraham's other sons produced the Arabs and some became mixed into the Jewish population. All of these descendants of Abraham are Semites; Jews, Israelites, Caucasians, and Arabs because they are the descendants of Shem; from which the term Semites originated.

Conclusion: I could easily believe that every person in the world today carries Abraham's blood. Only God Himself could prove that statement. I can much easier believe that a majority of the world's population is of Abraham. It is very easy for me to accept that all of the world's Caucasian population carries the blood of the Israelites. This bloodline would be spread into the other races as inter-marriage, rape, and fornication produces offspring. We must also consider the historical statements of some of the Israelites migrating northward and eastward. There are accounts of some people groups of the Lost Tribes being in China, India, and even Japan. Another factor is that some of the Israelites often remained in today's Arab lands as the main groups moved on. Peter wrote in [1Pe 1:1](#) "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia," which are areas of present-day Turkey, Iraq, and Iran.

You can see from the Chart and Matrix above that one person could easily be the ancestor of a billion people, if that person lived before the birth of Jesus. I am sure that if God can number the hairs on your head, He knows where every person with Israelite blood is today. We can easily say that Israelite blood has been mixed into a majority of the world's population. That makes them the natural heirs of the Promise. But, genealogy will not determine the inhabitants of the Kingdom of God. Those inhabitants will carry the spiritual bloodline of Jesus, who came the first time to establish His Kingship over the Kingdom through Judah's 'sceptre' right to rule. Jesus will come the second time to receive Joseph's Birthright of the Kingdom. Joseph's Birthright was given to Ephraim, who was the lead tribe of the Israelites. The natural Israelites will eventually populate the Kingdom of God. The spiritual Israelites will 'rule and reign' with Jesus when He returns to establish His Kingdom upon the earth.

The foregoing information could be easily argued against by most, based upon their limited information. This is a vast topic that requires much study and reading, but it is readily available. Our beliefs are all based upon the

information that we are familiar with. If we want to dwell in Truth, we will have to become well informed in the Bible and in history.

I have written a book that is 312 pages long that presents all of the foregoing statements with their scriptural and historical references. It traces the Birthright and the Houses of Israel and Judah. We then look at the Kingdom and the Sons of God. If you are interested in learning more upon this topic, you may visit my website to view more information and the links to order this book online at [lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) .

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