

A Comparison of the Differences between the Genealogies of Moses and Joshua

The Genealogy of Moses Exodus 6	Number of Generations from Jacob	Ages at Death	The Genealogy of Joshua 1 Chronicles 7	Number of Generations from Jacob
v 16 These are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations... Kohath ... and the length of Levi's life was 137 years.	1		vs 22-23 ... Ephraim ... went in to his wife, and she... bore a son, and he named him Beriah	1
v 18 The sons of Kohath: Amram ... and the length of Kohath's life was 133 years.	2	137	v 25 Rephah was his son... Telah his son,	2
v 20 Amram married his father's sister Jochebed, ¹ and she bore him Aaron and Moses ; and the length of Amram's life was 137 years.	3	133	Tahan his son,	3
	4		v 26 Ladan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son,	4
		137	v 27 Non his son and Joshua his son.	5
Sum of Ages		407 ²		6
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¹ "...in the actual history of the birth of Moses his parents are not called Amram and Jochebed. Instead the text simply says (Ex. 2:1), 'And there went out a man of the house of Levi, and took a wife of the house of Levi'" (William Henry Green, "Primeval Chronology," *Bibliotheca Sacra* 47 (1890): 294.

² Levi was born before at least 42 years before the descent of Jacob and his sons into Egypt in 1876 B. C. (E. H. Merrill, "Chronology," *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch*, 121.) There had to be more than two intervening generations when Moses was born 350 years later in 1526 B C.

³ If there were ten generations between Jacob and Joshua, it is very unlikely that there were only four between Jacob and Moses. The natural assumption would be that some of the generations were not recorded.

⁴ Adapted from Green, "Chronology," 290-91.