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3611	529	4	39
3610	530	5	40
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3608	532	7	42
3607	533	1	43
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3604	536	4	46
3603	537	5	47
3602	538	6	48
3601	539	7	49
3600	540	1	1/50
3599	541	2	2
3598	542	3	3
3597	543	4	4
3596	544	5	5
3595	545	6	6
3594	546	7	7
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3569	571	4	32
3568	572	5	33
3567	573	6	34
3566	574	7	35

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567	437	332	242	172	107
568	438	333	243	173	108
569	439	334	244	174	109
570	440	335	245	175	110
571	441	336	246	176	111
572	442	337	247	177	112
573	443	338	248	178	113

The number 500 is also intentional. Noah's delay can be put to the account of his being single in an age of wickedness, and the necessity of being chosen to continue the human race when the Most High announced the deluge plan to him. We do not know what age Noah's wife was, but she could have been very young relative to Noah.

With Methuselah came the prophecy, "Dying it shall come," and this prophecy may have affected the linking ages 187 and 182. Lamech and Noah may be firstborns. Methuselah and Lamech's lifespans definitely, 969 and 777, show intentional design was involved in the outcome.

Possibly the 65 years for the fathering age of Enoch is intentional because it is linked to the 365 years, a definite prophetic link to the length of the solar year and the timing of Enoch's taking to the Most High.

This reduces our number list to {105, 90, 70, 65, 162}. It is unknown if any of these remaining numbers are intentional or not. The distribution is still weighted toward the lower end of the pre-flood fatherhood ability age range (age 18 to 500). The numbers cluster closer to the low end of the range vs. being a random distribution. But then again every pattern in a random distribution has a finite probability and could happen. Each of these men had other sons and daughters. So the age indicated is an age chosen for the line of the seed, with high factors on this list being production of righteous seed, and not just a son, and also continuing the line of the righteous seed as soon as possible. Both of these are non random inputs. But we cannot quantify them.

We may conclude then that the age distribution is the result of a high degree of intentionality even if we cannot know what all the intentional factors were.

This leads us to the conclusion that failure to find a random distribution of birth ages raised as an objection to the MT list is an impotent argument against its genuineness.

Let us now turn to our post flood biotemporal data. The numbers are {100, 35, 30, 34, 30, 32, 30, 29}.

The first number is obviously a result of circumstance. Given the result from the line of Cain that the average age of fatherhood was 18.5 years, the rest of the numbers are not the result of prior ages being ages before biological maturity.

The distribution of the remaining numbers {35, 30, 34, 30, 32, 30, 29} on a range of possible fathering ages of 18 to 200, 200 being a back of the envelope choice that does not matter a whole lot, is definitely not the result of a purely naturalistic outcome. This distribution is intentional.

Likewise the age distribution of the LXX/SP for this range is not the result of a purely naturalistic outcome {130, 134, 130, 132, 130}. In fact the situation is even less likely. The distribution is intentional.

The difference between the LXX/SP and the MT on this range is also intentional. Whichever is correct, the other side is a lie introduced by the intentional changes of a scribe or scribes.

Since the distribution spans many generations targeting the same ages, the intention is the same intention in every case, and cannot be assigned to man alone if it is true. No human could consciously, as an individual reasonably control an outcome like this. Biological ability does not constrain the birth ages. Neither does individual human choice. No one in their right mind would delay procreation till their 30's in this age unless, either the Most High instructed them to, or the Most High caused the outcome without giving them a choice. This conclusion is all the more potent with the LXX/SP age distribution all 100 years greater!

For the pre-flood distribution, we could either explain the intention, assign the number to naturalistic outcome, or to unknown intention, because the intentions were all different and related to circumstances. This vindicates the list from the charge of unnatural artificialness.

In our postflood case, the intention must be the same in every case. So for which list, {35, 30, 34, 30, 32, 30} or {135, 130, 134, 130, 132, 130}, can we find a reasonable divine intention? Remember that one of the lists is an intentional lie.

If we remember that the list is the outcome of divine design, and that the line involves the chosen line of the seed, then the No. 1 most important thing in obtaining righteous seed is the education and instruction of the seed. This requires a man mature enough in education, godliness, and wisdom, to be able to instruct others. In the case of the line of the seed, this was especially important from the divine point of view.

If a man is to have a young family, there there needs to be mature men around him to assist him if he himself has not reached that maturity level. In ancient times these men were called priests. So either there had to be priests who taught the divine path, or the head of the family, the father had to be the priest. In the post flood situation, it would be best if the father was the priest, and in fact, up to the choosing of the Levites, every father was the default priest of his own family.

The age of responsibility, sufficient to be a priest is the age of 30. This is the reason that the distribution {35, 30, 34, 30, 32, 30} is the genuine list. How then do we explain the small deviation from 30? If we assume that each father in this line was instructed to take a wife just before the age of 30, in order to safely raise up godly offspring, then the criteria of intentionality is met. Those men, then, who listened to the Shem's instruction, which was derived from divinely granted wisdom, obeyed and did not marry until just before 30. The line that resulted, therefore, is the line of men who obeyed this instruction. And there was no doubt some divine management or encouragement to this end. But it needed a willing heart, and self discipline. It wasn't imposed on everyone else, but only on the line of the seed.

Obviously instruction of a family applies to both sons and daughters, and clearly the firstborn child will only be male 50% of the time. Based on the 50% ratio, and a birth spacing of 1.75 years, the number of daughters born was 6 and the number of sons 6, viz. {Arphaxad: 3 daughters @ 30, 31.75, & 33.5, then a son at 35}; Shelah: a son at 30; Eber: 2 daughters @ 30 & 31.75, then a son at 34; Peleg: a son at 30; Reu: 1 daughter at 30, then a son at 32; Serug: a son at 30}.

The pattern is only broken when it is Nahor's turn to have a son, whom Joshua tells us was an idolator. Nahor, then, was not allowed to fit the pattern.