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88	937	750	568	67
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109	958	771	589	88

Josephus and the LXX

In William Whiston's edition of Josephus, the time from the deluge to the birth of Abraham is given as 292 years, and the time from creation to the death of Moses is given as *just under* 3000 years. All editions of Josephus, according to Whiston, Greek and Latin have the consistent figure under 3000 years. This figure cannot include the inflated fathering ages of the LXX for the pre-flood period, as the result would greatly exceed 3000 years. The 3000 year figure only reflects inflated fathering ages for the period after the flood, and tends to agree with the SP as to the duration. But it appears that the sums to support these duration figures have not survived changes by scribes who thought the LXX was correct. All the figures in Whiston are the inflated LXX figures. It appears that the scribes altering the figures to the LXX did not add them up so as to be able to check the 292 year figure and the 3000 year figure. Therefore they did not change the 292 year figure and the 3000 year figure in their early copies. Quite a number of early Latin and Greek editions contain the 292 year figure (later changed to 992). The reason this number suffered corruption to 992 is that it was much easier to add up Josephus' LXX chronology for this period and see that a contradiction ensues. Therefore, to correct it when the scribes finally had time to examine Josephus and not just copy him, they increased the figure to 992.

The 292 year figure is almost the exact sum one would expect from the deluge to Abraham based on the Masoretic Hebrew Text! This sum sits there in Whiston's edition showing an older text, while all the other numbers surrounding it have been updated to show an LXX reading. And there is no explanation why a supposed original 992 would be shortened to 292 without shortening the corresponding fathering ages.

This remnant and older Josephus MSS as well as textual logic show that it was the original number. It tells us to call into question the 3000 year figure, which just had been changed at an earlier date from a figure near 2547 years. For the 292 bears witness to the later figure, and the fact that *none* of the LXX inflated ages must have been in the original Josephus. While Josephus spoke highly of the LXX, he must have quietly included the Hebrew numbers in his texts, only to be later changed by Christians scribes favoring the LXX.

It may even be that the almost 3000 year figure is Josephus himself covering his bases. 2547 in fact rounds up to 3000. But it allows wiggle room for a SP text type chronology and the MT text type chronology. It allows no wiggle from for the LXX text type chronology.

Josephus also gives us a figure of 1440 years from the Flood to the building of the Temple. Ant. 8.3.1. The Temple was built in 1019 BC, and 1440 years earlier is 2459. Josephus later added 20 years to his 592 years from the Exodus to the Temple, for 612 years. Thus we should increase the putative deluge date by the same amount: 2479 BC. This is just 4 years short of the mark in 2483 BC.

What this demonstrates is that the original Josephus did not contain the inflated LXX figures in Genesis 11.