

Table XXII

Synchronistic Narratives of the Book of Genesis and the Records of the XIIth and XVIIIth Egyptian Dynasties

The Chronological Sequence of the Three Famines in the Book of Genesis

Contemporaneous Egyptian Famine Relief Works, and Egyptian Conquests to Effect and Restore the River Improvement Works Between the 1st and 3rd Cataracts

		Years from Call of Abram	Date A.K.	Date B.C.	Years from beginning of 8th Year Senusert III	
I	(1) Abram 75 years old (Gen. 12:4) Call of Abram - he depart Haran Abram journeys from Mesoptamia into Canaan, and, finding famine in Canaan, continues his journey into Egypt. Christian chronographers state that this was during the reign of Nacheres = Lacheres = Senusert III (Dyn. Xii). (Budge, <i>History of Egypt</i> , III, 42).	0	2083.5	1917	0	8th year Senusert III (Dyn. XII) Senusert III in this year subdued Nubia, found the canal at the 1st cataract choked, and cleared it.
	(2) Abraham 100 years old Birth of Isaac.... (Gen. 21:5)	25	2108.5	1892	58	River improvement works continued and extended under Amenemhat III, and records of high Nile kept at the Cataracts to Year 5 of Amenemhat IV.
	(3) Isaac, 60 years old Birth of Jacob and Esau (Gen.25:26)	85	2168.5	1832	72	During the war of independence against the Hyksos, and during the Northern wars of Amosis I (Dyn. XVIII) the river improvement works at and above the 1st Cataract fell into the hands of the Nubians.
II	(4) Death of Abraham Abraham 175 years old (Gen. 26:15-18) Famine in Canaan, some time after the death of Abraham, and some time prior to the 40th year of Esau (Gen. 26:34), causes Isaac to sojourn in Gerar, amongst the Philistines (Gen. 26:1) (Gen. 26:15-18) "Go not down into Egypt" (Gen. 26:2) Obviously because Egypt was then barely settled after expulsion of the Hyksos.	100	2183.5	1817	111	Inscription of Baba at El Kab during Dyn. XVII (war of independence) refers to a famine of many years, obviously owing to low inundation resulting from the river not having been kept clear of obstructions at the Cataracts.
	(5) Esau 40 years old some time after the famine (Gen. 26:34)	125	2208.5	1792	135	Middle of 3rd year of Tahutmes I Inscription of Tahutmes I at 1st Cataract stated: "Year 3, Month IX, his Majesty commnaded to clear this canal after he had found it filled with stones, so that no boat could pass up." Breasted states that in this year Tahutmes I effected the "reorganisation and thorough pacification of the country" between the 1st and 3rd Cataracts.
	(6) Joseph's Seven Years' Famine Jacob, 130 years old, enters Egypt 2 years after the Seven Years' Famine began (Gen. 45:6 - 46:7)	213	2296.5	1704	112	Beginning of 1st year Amenhotep I (Dyn. XVIII). At the beginning of his reign, Amenhotep I subdued Nubia between the 1st and 2nd Cataracts
III	Joseph's Seven Years' Famine ends	220	2303.5	1697	135	Beginning of 50th year Tahutmes III Campaign in Nubia. Inscription of Tahutmes III at 1st Cataract (Sehel) states: "Year50, Day 22, Month IX, under the majesty commanded to cut this canal, after he had found it choked with stones, so that no vessel crossed over it. - The fishers of Elephantine are to dredge this canal every year."