

References: JESUS SERVED AS AN EARTHLY FATHER

Study Group: Read references from The URANTIA Book - (Only partial references given here.)

- 1373:7 - "But he little dreamed of the tragedy, so soon to occur, which would insure the abandonment of all such plans by causing him to assume the responsibility for the support and direction of a large family, presently to consist of five brothers and three sisters as well as his mother and himself. Jesus had a larger and longer experience rearing this family than was accorded to Joseph, his father; and he did measure up to the standard which he subsequently set for himself: to become a wise, patient, understanding, and effective teacher and eldest brother to this family - his family- so suddenly sorrow-stricken and so unexpectedly bereaved."
- 1388:All- All did go well until that fateful day of Tuesday, September 25, A.D.8, when a runner from Sepphoris had stopped at the shop informing Jesus of the tragic accident which resulted in Joseph's death.
- 1389:2,4- "For almost a score of years (until he began his public ministry) no father
5,6,7,8 could have loved and nurtured his daughter any more affectionately and faithfully than Jesus cared for little Ruth. And he was an equally good father to all the other members of his family."
- "Jesus rightly reasoned that the watchcare of his earthly father's family must take precedence of all duties; that the support of his family must become his first obligation."
- 1391#5 - -"Each of these momentous problems this young Galilean turned over in his mind and seriously pondered while he continued to work at the carpenter's bench, laboriously making a living for himself, his mother, and eight other hungry mouths."
- 1392:#5 The Financial Struggle
- 1393: All of page
- 1394:1 "Even the little tots had their regular duties to perform in the well-regulated scheme of management which characterized the home life of this Nazareth family."
- 1396:3,4 "By the end of this year he had just about made up his mind that he would,
5,6 after rearing his family and seeing them married, enter publicly upon his work as a teacher of truth and as a revealer of the heavenly Father to the world."
- 1397:5,7 "He adhered to the terms of his original plea, maintaining that his first duty was to his family, that a widowed mother and eight brothers and sisters needed something more than mere money could buy- the physical necessities of life - that they were entitled to a father's watchcare and guidance, and that he could not in clear conscience release himself from the obligation which a cruel accident had thrust upon him. He paid compliment to his mother and eldest brother for being willing to release him but reiterated that loyalty to a dead father forbade his leaving the family no matter how much money was forthcoming for their material support, making his never-to-be-forgotten statement that "money cannot love."
- 1398:1

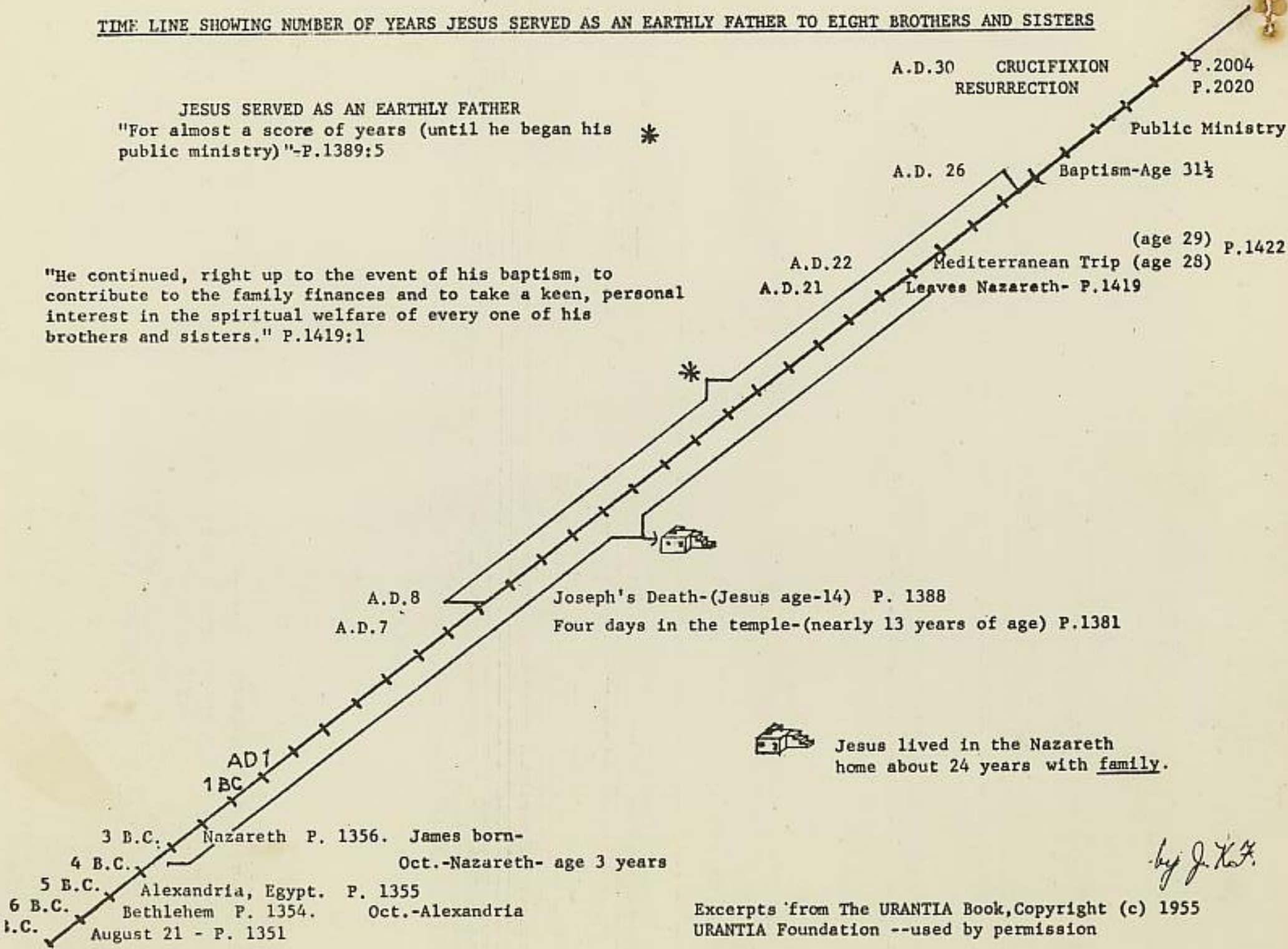
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TIME LINE SHOWING NUMBER OF YEARS JESUS SERVED AS AN EARTHLY FATHER TO EIGHT BROTHERS AND SISTERS

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"For almost a score of years (until he began his public ministry)"-P.1389:5 *

"He continued, right up to the event of his baptism, to contribute to the family finances and to take a keen, personal interest in the spiritual welfare of every one of his brothers and sisters." P.1419:1



Jesus lived in the Nazareth home about 24 years with family.

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