

Genesis - God and Man

What's relevant for us from God's perspective

Last time - Cain's fate, family, and futile legacy

The failures of a generation lead future generations even further astray

"Standing on the backs of giants"

The cost of doing things your own way

Your family history?

Heritage?

Your current family?

Where and how do you fit in?

Do you fit in?

What example are we living and leaving for the next generation?

A further curse or the Father's course?

Genesis 5: God Took Him

Genesis 5:1-5

Here we get into the genealogy

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Age chart

"In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God."

In the day - literal day

Also, in the same day, same moment, made in the image of God.

Not a long process. But now, we've got to undergo sanctification.

Not like the catholics think with works and death then a survivor/american idol voting process to sainthood, but sanctification

[Phi 2:12-13 NKJV] 12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for [His] good pleasure.

**KJV says Adam for created “man”
Adam his name but also the name given to mankind**

[1Co 15:45, 47 NKJV] 45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam [became] a life-giving spirit. ... 47 The first man [was] of the earth, [made] of dust; the second Man [is] the Lord from heaven.

The first shadow of things to come, the first picture of God and heaven, is man.
Temple, sacrifices, creation all speak of God, but eventually God came in visible form, as a man

He created them male and female

Two genders. Physicality and mentality linked. Inseparable. What you are on the outside is what you are on the inside.

Yes, there are birth defects, but God knows and I'm sure provides a way to truly distinguish

[1Co 14:33 NKJV] 33 For God is not [the author] of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

Is it any wonder who has written and prescribed the confusion for this age? None other than the enemy.

God created them male and female, the enemy wants to break down even that.
This confusion is a deliberate attempt to keep us distracted from the truth, from God

[Jhn 3:12 NKJV] 12 "If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

If you can't handle that you're a boy or your a girl, it's that obvious...how will you handle things that take real discernment?

[1Co 2:14 NKJV] 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned.

It's amazing that even today we need God's spirit just to discern the simple things, like genders. It really shows how great the deception of the day we are living in

Matthew 24:24 [Mat 24:24 NKJV] 24 "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

IF possible? Look around. The church is deceived big time.

Sin, "relevance," emergent, going back to old practice, ecumenicalism without discernment, seeking experience rather than God, babies, social justice instead of spiritual justice, false doctrines, divisions, eastern mysticism, the list goes on. If the days aren't shortened I don't know that even the entire church wouldn't be deceived. It's pretty close.

IT is the last days

Things are like they were in the days of Noah

The enemy has wrought deception even down to the very creation and now the very image of God. There's only one final deception, that the enemy is God (the antichrist)

Guys, we're just about there. NK, Iran, Russia, US, EU, UN, cashless society, global surveillance, it's just going to take the rapture.

I believe it's right around the corner, and if not, man, things are going to get really bad. Somehow the tribulation will be worse than this.

Judgment is coming.

Back to Genesis

Cain and Able aren't mentioned here.

- 1 - Abel's line snuffed out
- 2 - Cain's line divergent, unfruitful, comes to an end

Also showing that their line is inconsequential to the promise. Forfeited.

We see Seth born when Adam was 130

Again, before the flood, different times

"Chemicals in this ____ are known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects, etc"

Lead in the baby food

He had sons and daughters. Plenty more people being born and multiplying.

Adam begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, Seth (Compensation)

In his own likeness

Maybe looked like him while the others were more like mom or just a mix

Also, a redemptive story for Adam. God allowed the son who would be in the lineage of the promise, to look like Adam, the one who failed to portray the image of God

That's grace. That's personal.

God works things out in us that will personally bless us in our relationship with him as we follow him.

It works that way. It's fruitful in all directions.

[1Ti 5:18 NKJV] 18 For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer [is] worthy of his wages."

David - showbread, Solomon (second son of him and Rahab) takes throne, wisest person ever

God is going to work out his grace in us. Not only for others to be fed, blessed, shown his face, but that we might see God more clearly, even in the barren, hurt, failed places

A&E repented, looked to God to keep his promise, even at age 130 when Seth was born. Did they have other kids before that? Depends on the timeline of Cain, maybe? Maybe not? Not told when Cain and Abel born, etc.

Maybe there was some serious time there, wondering, waiting, feeling not worthy, lost, looking ahead...Abraham and Sarah

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People living around 900+ years at the time.

That seems long to us, but before sin, God intended us to be immortal (eating from tree of life)

Death is both a consequence of sin and a mercy of God

Consequence - the result of sin

Mercy - that we wouldn't be stuck in sin forever, but given a way out through Jesus' victory over death. Resurrection after our death.

They all had other sons and daughters.

Answers in Genesis:

<https://answersingenesis.org/evidence-against-evolution/billions-of-people-in-thousands-of-years/>

Let us start in the beginning with one male and one female. Now let us assume that they marry and have children and that their children marry and have children and so on. And let us assume that the population doubles every 150 years. Therefore, after 150 years there will be four people, after another 150 years there will be eight people, after another 150 years there will be sixteen people, and so on. It should be noted that this growth rate is actually very conservative. In reality, even with disease, famines, and natural disasters, the world population currently doubles every 40 years or so.¹

After 32 doublings, which is only 4,800 years, the world population would have reached almost 8.6 billion. That's 2 billion more than the current population of 6.5 billion people, which was recorded by the U.S. Census Bureau on March 1, 2006.² This simple calculation shows that starting with Adam and Eve and assuming the conservative growth rate previously mentioned, the current population can be reached well within 6,000 years.

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Methusaleh - oldest guy ever

Enoch had a right relationship with God.

Remember what God wanted in the garden? To meet with them in teh cool of the day? Enoch walked with God.

Our lives need to be a walk - each step in the direction of faith in God.

Not perfect, but walking

Is your life marked by steps of faith? Or are you just known for being the oldest guy on the block? A bump on a log?

It's ok if we're getting lapped, just be moving in the right direction

Latin, Jehovah with an i - Indiana Jones

Every step on teh word of God

Interesting that Enoch lives 365 years

[2Pe 3:8-13 NKJV] 8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day [is] as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack

concerning [His] promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner [of persons] ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Walked - to walk, traverse, walk about, manner of life, proceed, move, go away
Talking yesterday at lunch with my dad about moving

Is moving all the time really that bad if it's God who's leading? Even if we don't know where we're going? Are our permanent roots on this earth? Are we not to be living a tent life?

[1Pe 2:11 NKJV] 11 Beloved, I beg [you] as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

[Col 3:1-3 NKJV] 1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

[Mat 6:19-21 NKJV] 19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Not that settling down, so to speak, is wrong, if it's where God has you - but it shouldn't be the goal. A career is not the goal in this life, it is a tool to further God's goals for you - to finance your life of ministry

Don't settle. Lot settled in the direction he wanted and eventually ended up in sodom and had to be dragged out by angels before it burned.

[Mat 6:33 NKJV] 33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

God will settle us where he wills and we'll have our hearts desire

Love God and do what you want

He was not...really not there in the scripture, more saying that he literally disappeared

Good took him

Take, take in hand, carry along, take up, take out of, seize, fetch, procure, take possession of, captured, taken away, removed...the list goes on

[1Th 4:17-18 NKJV] 17 Then we who are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

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Different Lamech

Same name "powerful"

One guy's line ended, the other saved humanity and all the animals

Vain power vs. Godly power

We can have the same name but be a totally different person

Sanctification - image of God - be made into the <insert your name here> picture of God he intended

Or we can try to make our own name

Family crests, history, internet - can't really believe what you read

Noah born, not far from Adam.

Seth died 14 years before Noah born, Enos, Adam's grandson, could have told Noah all about the garden

Lamech felt the burden of sin, the work of their hands - the curse of the ground. Knew that God would use his son. But I think, similarly to how the Jews missed Jesus and the real intent of the scripture, they were somehow looking to Noah to save them in another way - I'm sure they didn't picture the end of the world really happening. Probably never crossed their minds.

I think we struggle the same way today - God will take away our troubles, our tears, our trials- that a Christian, godly life, won't have those struggles in it -

Moving and the trials in Maryland

If he's going to wipe away our tears, that means there will be tears staining our face when we reach the next side, so to speak.

This life will be painful.

[Mat 16:24-28 NKJV] 24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. 28 "Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

Taking up your cross is painful. Being a living sacrifice. Losing what you want can be painful, but getting what God provides in it's place is always worth it.

They looked to Noah for comfort, but I think Enoch is the real comfort That even before the Messiah came, it was possible to walk with God and to walk so close as to escape all judgment.

Again, I believe God is giving us these pictures all throughout scripture, and I think we miss it. Yes, this is a genealogy, potentially boring roll call when we're just waiting for the one name - Jesus, to be called. Like a graduation ceremony...

[Rev 3:7-13 NKJV] 7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens": 8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. 9 "Indeed I will make [those] of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie--indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. 10 "Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. 11 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. 12 "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And [I will write on him] My new name. 13 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

The church, the rapture, the promise to those who overcome. But we need to hold fast, even though we're not strong.

Hebrew	English
Adam	Man
Seth	Appointed
Enosh	Mortal
Kenan	Sorrow;
Mahalalel	The Blessed God
Jared	Shall come down
Enoch	Teaching
Methuselah	His death shall bring
Lamech	The Despairing
Noah	Rest, or comfort.

**Noah begat sons...plural...three...Shem, Ham, Japheth
All three would be going to populate the world. All three have significance, not just one.**

Shem - name

Oldest son, semitic tribes

Ham - hot

Southern lands

Japheth - opened

Mediterranean, Europe, Asia

We too, each have significance in the salvation story. Not leading up to it, but leading from it, back to it.

Lay hold of the upward call. Don't settle for less. Why should we? God has something better in store.