

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church
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Class: Genesis: From Paradise to Prison

INTRODUCTION:

1. Following the account of the Fall of Man (ch. 3), two ancestral lines are traced in chs. 4 & 5.
 - A. The _____ line (4:1-24)
 - 1) The establishment of the world's first _____ (4:1-15).
 - 2) The beginning of _____ society/culture(s) (4:16-24).
Cain's ambition was to create an artificial paradise to compensate for the real one now lost.
 - B. The _____ line (4:25-5:32)
The men whose names are listed are not necessarily the firstborn sons of their fathers. The ten listed are those sons who turned out to be in the line of the promised seed (3:15). With Seth began the line that would exhaust itself in the person of Christ, the woman's promised seed.

The Longevity of the Antediluvian _____.

1. With each antediluvian patriarch, five details are given.
 - *name*
 - *age at the birth of the son who was in the messianic line*
 - *length of his remaining life (after the birth of the son in the messianic line)*
 - *statement that he fathered other sons and daughters.*
 - *age at death*

2. Is this a _____ or _____ genealogy? Are there "gaps" in the record? Assuming no "gaps" in this genealogy, there was a total of 1,656 yrs. from the Creation to the Flood.

_____ is this _____?

The genealogies in Genesis 5 and 11 are critical in determining the age of the earth and the universe.

There are four timespans back to creation that are significant:

- 1) From the present (A.D. 2021) back to the birth of Christ: 2,021 years
- 2) From Christ back to Abraham's birth (2,166 B.C.): 2,166 years
- 3) From Abraham back to the Flood (see Gen. 11:10-32): 354 years *
- 4) From the Flood back to Creation (see Gen. 5:1-32; cp. 7:6ff.): 1,656 years

"It may be hard to believe, but Genesis 5 and 11 are actually two of the most controversial chapters in the Bible, even in Christian circles." The New Answers Book 2 (2008). Chapter 18 – "Are there gaps in the Genesis Genealogies?" by Larry Pierce and Ken Ham.

Where does this leave Christians who try to harmonize the Bible with the old earth/universe proponent? They must fit millions/billions of years into Genesis 1-11. Where???

Why all the fuss about creation details and the age of the earth? Does it really matter how or when it all began? The _____ and _____ of the Bible is at stake!!!

The Longevity of the Antediluvian _____.

1. Before the Flood:
Seven lived more than 900 years; and the average age, if you exclude Enoch, was 912 years.
2. After the Flood (Gen. 11:10-32)
There is a steady decline in life spans: Shem = 600 years; Terah = 205 years; Abram = 175 years.
3. Why the longevity of these men (and others) who lived in the world before the Flood?
 - A. The decaying effects of sin took centuries to produce negative results in the human body.
 - B. The pre-flood (antediluvian) climate and environmental conditions on earth were radically different than they are today. There was a water vapor canopy over the entire earth. On the second day of creation (Gen. 1:6-7) God suspended a vast body of water in vapor form over the earth, protecting it from the destructive rays of the sun, and providing a “greenhouse effect” over the earth.

The High Points of Antediluvian History

Among the antediluvian patriarchs in the messianic line, two in particular stand out with distinction: Enoch and Noah. Noah we'll study in the weeks to come.

1. Enoch _____ with God
 - A. This phrase replaces the word “lived” in the other paragraphs of the chapter.
 - B. Walking can be defined as a series of steps in the same direction over a long period of time.
 - *In the same place at the same time*
 - *You must be going in the same direction*
 - *You must be going at the same pace*
2. Enoch _____ to men. See Jude 1:14-15.
Enoch was a prophet of God (Gen. 4:26). What he said is summarized for us in Jude 14-15. Enoch was not an ear-tickling kind of preacher. His message was about God's judgment of the world which had a preliminary fulfillment in the great Flood, but its final fulfillment awaits the glorious return & triumph of the Lord.
3. Enoch was _____ to _____. See 5:24 (cp. Heb. 11:5; 2 Kings 2:1, 11).

* “Genesis 11 and the Date of the Flood” (Appendix II) from . . .

The Genesis Flood: The Biblical Record and Its Scientific Implications by J. Morris & J. Whitcomb (c. 1964)

1. Genesis 11 need not be interpreted as a strict chronology.
Several important reasons for questioning the validity of the strict-chronology interpretation of Genesis 11
 - *The number of years is not totaled*
 - *The name and years of Cainan do not appear in the Hebrew Text*
 - *Genesis 5 and 11 are perfectly symmetrical in form*
 - *Information is given concerning each patriarch which is irrelevant to a strict chronology*
 - *The post-diluvian patriarchs could not have been contemporaries of Abram*
 - *The Bible implies a great antiquity for the Tower of Babel*
 - *The messianic links were seldom firstborn sons*
 - *The term “begat” sometimes refers to ancestral relationships*
2. Genesis 11 cannot be stretched beyond certain limits.