

IN THE BEGINNING

A Study of Creation
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*"Through faith we understand
that the worlds were framed
by the word of God, so that
things which are seen were
not made of things which do
appear."*

Hebrews 11:3

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Lesson 1

THE ORIGIN OF THINGS

- A. Genesis= generation in the Greek (same word in Matt. 1:1) - origin or nature of things
- B. Book of origins
1. Our universe
 2. Human race
 3. Sin
 4. Death
 5. Redemption
 6. Family life
 7. Corruption of society
 8. The nations
 9. Different languages
 10. Hebrew race
 11. Ancestry of Jesus
- C. Key Word= beginning (Gen. 1:1 - In the beginning)
- D. Author - Moses
- E. Outline:
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|---------------|----------------|---|-----------|
| 1 Chap. 1-5 | Creation | - | 4000 B.C. |
| 2 Chap. 6-10 | Flood | - | 2300-2400 |
| 3 Chap. 12-25 | Abraham | - | 1900-2000 |
| 4 Chap. 21-27 | Isaac | | |
| 5 Chap. 27-49 | Jacob | | |
| 6 Chap. 37-50 | Joseph | | |
| 7 | Joseph's Death | | 1700 B.C. |
- F. Criticism from the world (I Cor 1:21)
1. Especially early chapters
 2. Bare outline-but true
- * READ GEN. 1:1-2
- G. God - not chance (NT as well as OT)

Lesson 1, P. 2

1. Testimony from the word
 - a. Gen 1:1 Moses' testimony
 - b. Mark 13:19 Jesus
 - c. Acts 17:24 Paul
 - d. Rev. 4:11, 10:6 John
2. Elohim= plurality in one (Trinity)
 - a. Jesus is God (Luke 8:39, Rom 9:5)
 - b. Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4)
 - c. "Let us make...." (Gen 1:26, 3:22)
3. Christ - agent of creation
 - a. John 1:1-3 All things made by Him
 - b. Eph 3:9 God, who created all things by Christ Jesus
 - c. Col 1:16 By him were all things created
 - d. Heb 1:2 By whom also he made the worlds
4. Holy Spirit - power of creation to bring life
 - a. Gen 1:2 moved upon the face of deep
 - b. Gen 2:7 breathed into his nostrils
 - c. John 20:21 breathed on them
moved=brood or flutter (Gen 1:2)
5. Word-means creation
 - a. Psalm 33:6-9 By word of Lord were heavens made
 - b. Hebrew 11:13 Worlds framed by word of God
6. Example of ministry of Jesus, Spirit & Word (Matt. 12:22-28 (see Matt. 8:16)

H. Create - not evolve or change

1. Word means to make or form out of nothing
2. Heb. 11:3 visible out of invisible

I. How Creation occurred

1. By word material created
2. Then God formed (Gen. 2:7, Rom. 9:20, Is. 45:7, I Tim. 2:13)
3. By his hands (Ps. 8:3,6, 102:25, Is. 45:12, Heb. 1:10)

Lesson 2

BEFORE THE SIX DAYS

A. When creation occurred

1. In the "beginning" (Gen. 1:1)
 - a. God was before the world (Ps. 90:2)
 - b. Jesus was before creation (Prov. 8:22-31)
2. According to God's definite plan- not chance or evolving (Acts 15:8, Is. 46:10, Ps. 119: 89-91)
3. No dates given for Gen. 1:1
 - a. We can date Gen. 1:2 by Bible genealogy family close at about 4000 B.C.
4. Time lapse apparent between Gen. 1:1 and 1:2
 - a. of indeterminate length
 - b. secret things belong to God (Deut. 29: 29)
 - c. Bible is story of man and God's dealing with him - not the ages prior to that.

B. Creation versus chaos

1. Gen. 1:1 is creation of God
 - a. All God's work is good (Deut. 32:4 Eccl. 3:11, Mark 7:37)
2. Gen. 2:2 is chaos and flood
3. Question is "what happened?"

C. A creation and a re-creation

1. Create - Heb=bara: to make new originally (Gen. 1:1, 21, 27)
2. Made - Heb=asah: to make from existing material (Gen 1:7, 16, 25)
3. Created & made (Gen. 2:3)

D. Other clues

1. Earth (in Hebrew=firm or dry ground)
 - a. Dry in vs. 1; wet in vs. 2
 - b. See 1:9-10
2. "Without form and void" - Hebrew=become desolate and empty
 - a. Is. 45:18, He created it not vain- Hebrew=tohu (same as form in Gen 1:2)
 - b. Is. 34:11 "confusion and emptiness" are same words as Gen 1:2 "form to void"
 - c. God not author of confusion (I Cor. 14:33)
 - d. Sense of result of destruction
 - e. Result of God's wrath (Jer. 4:23-28)
3. "Darkness upon face of deep" - absence of light-why?
4. Heaven and earth in existence before Spirit brooded over the water
5. Adam commanded to replenish Earth (Gen. 1:28).
 - a. Same as Noah (Gen. 9:1)
6. II Pet. 3:6-7 Two worlds "then was" and "now is".

D. Creation of angels and other spirit beings.

1. Seraphim (Is. 6:1-7)
2. Cherubim (Gen. 3:24, Ps. 18:10, Ez. 1 & 10)
3. Zoa or living creatures (Rev. 4:6-9)
4. Spirit horses and chariot drivers
5. Angels (294 references in Scripture)
6. Fallen angels (Jude 6)
7. Lucifer (Satan)
8. All are created beings (Ps. 148:2-5, Is. 54:16, Ezek. 28:13)
 - a. Created by Jesus (Col. 1:15-16)
9. Created before earth (Job 38:4-7)
10. Probation or test of angels before trust for eternity - like man
 - a. Must learn obedience
 - b. See if will fulfill their purpose
 - c. Even Jesus was tried (Matt. 4:1 ff, Heb. 5:8-9)
 - d. Must learn authority and power of God's Word.

Lesson 3

LUCIFER'S KINGDOM

A. The being called Lucifer

1. Is not....
 - a. An evil principle
 - b. An abstract power
 - c. A being with horns, tail, hoofs and a pitchfork
2. Is a real person
 - a. Fell from Heaven (Luke 10:18)
 - b. We wrestle against (Eph. 6:12)
 - c. Hinders our work (I Thes. 2:18)
 - d. Adversary and devourer (I Pet. 5:8)
 - e. We are to resist him (James 4:7)
3. He can talk
 - a. To Jesus and man (Matt. 4:1-11)
 - b. To God (Job 1 & 2)
4. His name
 - a. Lucifer=morning star (brightness)
 - b. Satan=adversary
 - c. Devil=slanderer, accuser

B. God's Kingdom

1. Universal covering all His creation
2. Principalities and powers ruling over it by God's permission and plan (Col 1:16)
3. All in harmony for period
4. Rebellion in heart of Lucifer on Earth
5. Plotted and took 1/3 of angels with him (Rev. 12:3 ff)

C. Lucifer's Kingdom

1. God created Earth to be inhabited (Is. 45:18)
2. In Gen. 1:2 it was desolate and uninhabited
3. It became void and empty. Why?

D. Revelation from God's Word

1. Isaiah's revelation (Is. 14:12-14)
 - a. "Fallen from Heaven"-he was fallen in Eden; therefore this must pre-date 6-day creation. (Lk. 10:18 & Rev. 12:3-13)
 - b. "Son of the morning"-not an earthly man
 - c. "My throne"-denotes a kingdom
 - d. "Ascend up to heaven"-his kingdom was on Earth
 - e. Grounds, clouds, stars, already created.
2. Ezekiel's revelation (Ez. 28:12-19)
 - a. A created being (13)
 - b. Anointed (14) to protect or rule (14)
 - c. Access to God (14)
 - d. Perfect as created (15 & 12)
 - e. Sanctuary (18)
 - f. Headquarters in a pre-Adam Eden (13)
He was not arrayed this way with Eve
 - g. Sinned & fell (17)
 - h. Lost his kingdom (18-19)
3. Jeremiah's revelation (Jer. 4:23-27)
 - a. Vision of past desolation as example of sin's judgment
 - b. Earth only (not heaven) was desolate (23)

- c. No man left (25) must have been some earlier - some kind
 - d. No birds or cities or fruitful places either
 - e. No light-couldn't be after Adam
 - f. Couldn't be Noah's flood - earth not desolate
 - g. Quake deposits animal remains deep in the earth.
4. Jesus revelation and other NT revelation
- a. Matt. 13:35, 25:34, etc.
 - b. Word "foundation" is in Greek katabole=casting down
 - c. Used this way (foundation of the world) in each place in NT
 - d. Same word translated cast down in Rev. 12:10 & II Cor. 4:9
 - e. Casting down or overthrow
5. Peter's revelation (II Pet. 3:5-11)
- a. Not Noah's flood because world didn't perish (6)
 - b. "Then was" and "now is"
 - c. When referring to Noah's flood Peter clearly specifies (I Pet. 3:20, II Pet. 2:5)

E. Judgement and destruction

1. Judgement for rebellion
 - a. Satan (Ezek. 28:16-19)
 - b. Angels (II Pet 2:4-9, Jude 6, Rev. 12:3-12)
2. Lucifer's kingdom destroyed by a flood (Ps. 104:5-9, II Pet. 3:6-7)
3. Flood and darkness always a result of judgement
 - a. Noah (Gen. 6-8)

- b. Moses 9th plague (Ex. 10:21-23)
- c. For sin (Is. 5:30, 13:9-11, Jer. 4:23, Amos 5:18-20, Zeph. 1:15, Joel 2:30-31)
- d. Crucifixion (Matt. 27:45)
- e. Final judgement (Matt. 24:29, Rev. 16:10)

Lesson 4

HOW LONG IS SIX DAYS?

A. What is a day?

1. A literal 24-hour day or an age or period (II Pet. 3:8)?
2. A day is made up of one evening and one morning (Gen. 1:5)
 - a. Evening (ehred)=dusk, evening or night
 - b. Morning (boker)=morning, dawn, break of day
 - c. See Gen. 8:22, Jer. 33:20
3. No symbolic period (ie. "day of the Lord") is ever numbered in scriptures as is 1st day, 2nd etc.
4. Man commanded to work 6 days and rest on the 7th, just as God did in making Earth and heaven (Ex. 20:9-11)
We are to work 6 days and rest one, not 6,000 years and rest 1,000 etc.
5. If day is 1,000 years or more, vegetation was on earth 1,000 years before sun was made to rule day (Gen. 1:11-19)
6. If day is 1,000 years or more, Adam was nearly 1,000 years old when Eve was made (Adam made first, then animals then Eve last (Gen. 2:18-22)
 - a. His total life was 930 years (Gen. 5:5)
 - b. He was only 130 years old when Seth was born (Gen. 5:3)

B. The six days of creation (we don't have all the answers- Deut. 29:29)

1. Day One (1:3-5)
 - a. "Let" = permit, not create
 - b. God is light (Jn. 1:1-9, Rev. 21:23)
 - c. His life is light itself (Jn. 1:4)
 - d. Sun not made until 4th day (Gen. 1:16-19)
 - e. He formed light and created darkness (Is. 45:7)
 - f. Separated light and darkness and named the Day and Night
2. Day Two (1:6-8)
 - a. Firmament = expanse in Hebrew
 - b. Includes our atmosphere, sky, clouds, etc. (Gen. 1:15 & 20)
 - c. Separated water on earth from water vapor in atmosphere above
3. Day Three (1:9-13)
 - a. Commanded waters to recede (9) (Ps. 33:7, 104:6-9)
 - b. Named Earth and Sea (10)
 - c. Plant kingdom made from earth-let earth bring forth (11) (Gen. 2:8-9)
 - d. Most plants to reproduce by seed (not necessarily all - see grasses) (11-12)
 - e. Plants originated before they sprung up from earth (Gen. 2:5)
4. Day Four (1:14-19)
 - a. Lights, not light (14)
 - b. He "made" them (16)
 - c. Not source of light, but channels
 - d. Compare to our being "lights of the world" in spiritual way
 - e. For signs and seasons or for order and dependability (14)
 - f. All heavenly bodies are to benefit Earth (14-17)

- g. Seasons established here,
not after Noahic flood (14)
- 5. Day Five (1:20-23)
 - a. Habitat ready, now fill it (20)
 - b. Formed out of earth's elements
(Gen. 2:19)
 - c. Live (chay-khah'-ee)=live flesh
 - d. moving=swarming
 - e. abundant and multiply (20 & 22)
 - f. God's blessing is fruitfulness (22)
- 6. Day Six (1:24-31)
 - a. Man made first, then animals
(Gen. 2:18-20)
 - b. Man made in God's image and like-
ness (26-27)
 - 1. Image=representative figure
or idol (See Ex. 20:4)
 - 2. Likeness=resemblance, shape,
or model (see Gen. 5:3)
 - c. Man made from earth's dust with
God's life in him (Gen. 2:7)
 - d. Dominion given (Ps. 8:4-8)
 - 1. Subdue earth (1:28)
 - 2. Re-populate it (1:28)
 - e. Food to be plant life - not
animals (1:29-30, 9:3)
 - 1. Millenium restoration (Is. 11:1
-10)
 - 2. Creation groaning now (Rom. 8:
21-22)
 - f. God calls his work very good (1:31)

Lesson 5

THE SEVENTH DAY

A. Day Seven (Gen. 2:1-3)

1. Work finished on day 6 (2:1)
2. Day seven was for rest only (2:2-3)
3. Set apart special by God (2:3, Ex. 20:8-11)
4. Type of our rest from works in Jesus (Col. 2:16-17, Heb. 4:4-11)

B. A few supplemental principles

1. "And God said "
 - a. Word of God is His power (Heb. 1:3, Rom. 1:16)
 - b. Word spoken is his power released (Matt. 8:8)
 - c. Higher than His Name (Ps. 138:2)
 - d. He speaks and things happen (Ps. 33:6-9)
2. "After his kind"
 - a. Basic law of reproduction
 - b. Sowing and reaping law (Gal. 6:7)
 - c. Different flesh (I Cor. 15:38-39)
3. "Bring forth"
 - a. Plants (1:11) dasha (daw shew') = sprout=spring
 - b. Sea life (1:20) sharats (shaw rats') wriggle, swarm
 - c. Animal life (1:24) yatsa (yew tsaw') bring out
 - d. Children of man (3:16) yalad (yaw lad') = beget

Lesson 6

INNOCENCE

- A. Age of Innocence (Gen. 2:4-25).
1. Earth watered by mist - no rain
(5-6) irrigation in Eden (10)
 2. Eden, the garden of God (8-14)
 - a. Tree of life-unites with God
and His nature (spiritual life)
 1. Basis is obedience and trust
 - b. Tree of knowledge of good and
evil - unites with Satan and
his nature (spiritual death)
 1. Failure to trust God - must
know for self
 2. Failure to obey just because
He said so.
 3. Based on knowledge and dis-
obedience.
 - c. Comparison

TREE OF LIFE	TREE OF KNOWLEDGE
Trust	Know (experience)
Obey	Disobey
Lord as God	Self as God (Satan)
Life	Death
Nature & in- heritance of God	Nature & inheritance of Satan
God-conscious	Self-conscious

Note which tree they ate of first. More eager for self-gratification than for life of God or to please God.

3. Man to have a life of usefulness and satisfaction tending to God's creation (15) and protecting it from enemies (keep).
4. The law (16-17)
 - a. One point
 - b. Free to do anything else
 - c. Penalty clearly stated-death (see also Rom. 6:23)
 - d. Sentence will be immediate
5. Man's help-meet (18-25)
 - a. Insight into God's nature (18)
 1. Adam created in God's image
 2. Not good for Adam to be alone
 3. God does not want to be alone
 4. He wants fellowship
 - b. Naming animals shows Adam's dominion and wisdom (19)
 - c. Woman was the only adequate help for him (20-23)
 1. She was part of him - not a separate creature
 2. Adam was satisfied
 - d. God instituted marriage (24-25)
 1. Leave others
 2. Cleave to each other
 3. Sexual union was God's purpose
 4. Complete innocence and abandon (25)
 5. No knowledge or experience in sin.
 - e. God conscious rather than self-conscious (see Heb. 10:2)

B. Innocence short-lived

1. How long was man innocent? .
 - a. A few days at most
 - b. Satan does not leave man alone very long today
 - c. Story of creation and fall proceeds without a break in time
 - d. Word "now" in 3:1 indicates no delay
 - e. Had not had time to eat of Tree of Life (3:22)
 - f. They had no child yet (4:1)

Lesson 7

TEMPTATION AND SIN

A. Man's condition before sin

1. Had eternal physical life-never die.
2. Had eternal spiritual life (the life and nature of God)
3. Perfect communion and fellowship with God-perfect communication.
4. Access to God's knowledge and wisdom (2:19-20)
5. Complete authority and dominion over God's creation-the god of this world (Ps. 82:6, Jn. 10:34)
6. Natural disposition to the fruits of the Spirit - love, etc.
7. Free from evil, lusts and prejudice.
8. Power and authority over Satan and his demons
9. Freedom to do anything he wanted but one.
10. Like God physically, emotionally and spiritually
11. A satisfying, useful life
12. An idyllic marriage

B. Temptation (Gen. 3:1-7)

1. Temptor is Satan (Matt. 4:1-3)
 - a. Used a serpent as his tool (3:1)
Subtil=cunning.
 - b. Called a serpent (Rev. 12:9, Luke 10:17-19)
 - c. God doesn't tempt into sin (James 1:13)
2. Temptation takes shape
 - a. Appealed to curiosity (3:1)
 - b. Appealed to desire of the flesh (3:6) See I Jn 2:16.
 1. "Good for food" - lust of the flesh
 2. "Pleasant to the eyes"-lust of the eyes
 3. "To make one wise"-pride of life
 - c. Not sin yet (James 1:14-15)
3. The temptation itself
 - a. You can be like God (3:5)
 - b. Run your own show
 - c. Just like Lucifer's wicked desire (Is. 14:14)
 - d. Wrong method-to rebel
 - e. Right way to be like God is Jesus' way
 1. Empty self (Phil. 2:5-9)
 2. Humble self (I Pet. 5:6)

C. Satan's technique - attack God's Word

1. Doubt concerning God's Word
 - a. "Hath God said?" (3:1)
 - b. All doubt of God's Word is Satanic in origin
 1. "Bible is too hard to understand"
 2. "It's a mystery"

3. "One man's interpretation is as good as another."
 4. "You can prove anything you want to from the Bible"
 5. "Only the properly instructed can understand it correctly."
 6. "It doesn't really mean what it says."
 7. "Those are stories, myths."
 - c. We must settle that God's Word means what it says.
2. Misquoting and adding to the Word
 - a. "Neither shall ye touch it" (3:3)
 - b. "Lest ye die" (3:3)
 - c. This makes the Word fit our unbelief and doubt
 - d. Can be the cause for our getting angry at God. "He's unfair, etc."
 3. Contradict the Word
 - a. "Ye shall not die" (3:4)
 - b. Satan is a liar and the father of all lies (Jn 8:44)
 - c. To contradict God's Word which is Truth (Jn. 17:17), is to lie (Rom. 3:4)
 - d. Satan tempted man to "change truth of God into a lie" (Rom. 1:25)

D. Sin conceived

1. The sin was not:
 - a. Just eating fruit. The fruit was good for food (Gen. 1:31, 3:6)
 - b. Sex. God commanded them to multiply (Gen. 1:28)
2. The sin was:
 - a. Disobedience - breaking God's Word (Gen. 2:17)
 - b. The act of eating this particular

fruit was sin because God said
it was-simply that.

- c. "She...did eat....and he did eat"
(3:6, James 1:15)
- d. They both were guilty (I Tim. 2:14)

Lesson 8

FROM LIFE TO DEATH

A. Sin is disobedience

1. All disobedience to God's Word is sin (Rom. 5:19)
 - a. Sin is transgression of the law (I John 3:4)
 - b. No sin if no law (Rom. 4:15, 5:13)
 - c. Whether you know the law or not (Lev. 5:17, Rom. 2:11)
2. Source of disobedience is rebellion and putting self on throne of your life. (Study I Sam. 15:22-23)
3. Summary of the first sin
 - a. The sin was disobeying God's Word
 - b. The means was temptation by Satan
 - c. The source was selfishness and pride

B. Is God a liar?

1. Believe the record or make God a liar (I Jn. 5:10)
 - a. Not a man that he should lie (Num. 23:19)
 - b. He cannot lie (Tit. 1:2)
 - c. He is the Truth (Jn 14:6)
 - d. Changing God's truth is making a lie (Rom. 1:25)
 - e. Satan is author of lies (Jn. 8:44)
 - f. A lie is anything contrary to God's Word-truth (Rom. 3:4)
 - g. Satan's first lie was about the Word of God (Gen. 3:1-5)
2. What did God say? What is the record He

gave us of creation? Gen. 2:4-5
"These are the generations (origins)
....."not "may be" or "possibilities",
but "THESE ARE."

3. Those who reject Bible view of creation will also reject the Fall of man and his need for forgiveness and redemption

C. Results of Sin (Gen. 3:7-11)

1. Loss of innocence - "they knew (by seeing or experience) that they were naked" (7)
2. Became self-conscious - "the eyes of both were opened" (7)
3. They received shame and confusion (8)
 - a. See 2:25
 - b. Shame and guilt before God (Ezra 9:6)
 - c. Obeying the Word prevents shame (Ps. 119:6, 80)
 - d. Confusion and shame are frequently connected in the Word (Is. 41:11)
4. Hid from God - "they hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God" (8)
 - a. Broken fellowship
 - b. Broken communion
5. Introduction of fear and uncertainty in place of faith and confidence - "I was afraid" (10)
 - a. Fear of God (9 & 10)
 - b. Fear of others - nakedness (7)

6. Sense knowledge became dominant over revelation knowledge - "who told thee?" (11)
7. Eternal spiritual death entered men's spirit
 - a. He received Satan's nature
 - b. Satan became man's lord and god of world's systems
 - c. Physical death (which came many years later - Gen. 5:5) was result of spiritual death.

Lesson 9

JUDGEMENT AND MERCY

A. Man's reaction to conviction (Gen. 3:12-13)

1. Not repentance and calling on God's grace.
2. Put blame on others
 - a. Adam - blame God and Eve (12)
 - b. Eve - blame serpent (13)
3. Note the difference between Adam's attitude and that of David, a "man after God's own heart." (II Sam. 12:13)

B. No forgiveness without repentance

1. No record that Adam was restored
2. Hebrews 11 "Hall of Faith" does not include him
3. In New Testament, Adam is identified with death (I Cor. 15:22) and disobedience (Rom. 5:19)
4. To identify with Adam is to die, to identify with Jesus (the lost Adam) is to live.

C. Judgement of God - The Curses (Gen. 3:14-19)

1. On the serpent (14-15)
 - a. Cut down from the highest to the lowest of animals
 - b. Most miserable of all beasts
 - c. Crawl on belly
 - d. Eat dust
 - e. Be at enmity with man (15)

2. On Satan (15)
 - a. Even though he was man's lord, man would be his enemy.
 - b. His seed (ungodly men) would be at enmity with godly men (seed of the woman - especially Jesus)
 - c. Seed of the woman (Jesus) would eventually destroy him (bruise his head) after he has temporarily hurt him (bruised his heel). See Luke 1:35 and Gal. 4:4.
 3. On the woman (16)
 - a. Labor and toil in childbirth
 - b. Be under the husband's rule
 4. On the man (17-19)
 - a. A sorrowful unsatisfying existence in sustaining life
 - b. Hard labor and toil
 - c. Physical death
 5. On the earth (17-19)
 - a. Become a wilderness
 - b. Thorns and thistles to grow up
 - c. Wrestle against man to hinder his efforts.
- D. Sin must be judged
1. God is just (Neh. 9:33, Isa. 45:21, II Sam. 23:3)
 2. Necessary that He keep his Word (Jn 10:35, Ps. 119:138 and 160)
 3. Leniency and tolerance cause more rebellion (Eccl. 8:11, I Cor. 5:6-7)
- E. From wife to mother (Gen. 3:20)

1. Woman (2:23) to Eve (3:20)
2. Motherhood promised in 3:16
3. Eve was mother of all living.
 - a. Skeptics ask where Cain's wife came from (4:17)
 - b. Word is silent on this specific, but she obviously came as descendant from Eve and her husband, Adam.
 - c. To invent another original mother than Eve is to contradict what God said.

F. The first death (Gen. 3:21)

1. First death was a sacrifice on man's behalf.
2. Life must be given and blood shed to cover sin (Lev. 17:11, Heb. 9:22)
3. Man's attempt to hide his shame and guilt (nakedness) with fig leaves was not adequate (2:7)
4. This was something God had to do. Man couldn't help himself.
5. Same principle under Moses (Ex. 12:13, Lev. 16)
6. Same principle and fulfilled under the New Covenant.
 - a. Our works filthy rags (Is. 64:6)
 - b. He clothes us with garments of salvation (Is. 61:10)
 - c. Redeemed by sacrificial blood (I Pet. 1:18-20)

7. See into God's heart concerning sinful man
 - a. Kill innocent animals to hide sin (nakedness)
 - b. Give innocent Jesus to be sacrificed for our sin.

Lesson 10

AGE OF CONSCIENCE

A. Banishment (Gen. 3:22-24)

1. Become=changed to something different
 - a. Knows good and evil by own determination, rather than by instruction.
 - b. Not subject to God any longer but self-motivating like Him.
 - c. Refuse to trust God for what is best. Must make own decisions by self-interest.
2. If Adam lived forever, he would forever be a competitor with God, not a cooperator. Look at Satan's example.
 - a. Can only be one best purpose for world-and that is God's will and plan, not someone else's.
 - b. If man lived forever in fallen state, would be no hope for his restoration.
 1. If he can't die, he can't be raised to new life (Rom. 6:4-8, Matt. 16:25).
 2. If he doesn't die, he won't want to be changed-no penalty for sin=no reason to repent (Eccl. 8:11)
3. Tree of life still exists
 - a. God's people will one day eat of it (Rev. 2:7, 22:2)
 - b. Eternal physical life will apparently be sustained by the tree of life
 - c. In that day thy curses of Gen. 3 - all but on Satan - will be ended (Rev. 22:3) Earth will be restored to God's original plan.

4. Enmity with God brings separation from God's servants
 - a. Cherubim became Adam's enemies (3:24)
 - b. They were set to oppose his reentry by force or deceit.
 - c. The "way of the tree of life" is only by repentance and forgiveness.

B. Age of Conscience - Adam to Noah and the flood (1656 years)

1. No specific laws to obey - no tree of knowledge to refrain from
2. Only an inner sense or knowledge from within of right and wrong
3. What is conscience?
 - a. Webster - the moral faculty or sense; the principle or faculty which decides the lawfulness of our actions and approves or condemns them.
 - b. What the Word says
 1. Good conscience - Heb. 13:18
 2. Convicted by - John 8:9
 3. Seared by lying - I. Tim. 4:2
 - c. Part of the heart of man (Rom. 2:12-15) - "by nature"
4. Man given free choice with no limits - permitted to go the full extent of wickedness to learn the foolishness of such a wrong choice and the hopelessness of his condition without God. (Acts 14:15-17)

Lesson 11

THE DESCENDANTS OF ADAM

- A. Brotherhood the devil's way (Gen. 4:1-15)
 - 1. Adam's first two sons
 - a. Cain-self willed and rebellious
 - b. Abel-humble and obedient
 - 2. They knew about true worship
 - a. God had slain animals in the garden and clothed man. Blood was shed.
 - b. Abel brought the correct sacrifice. The true way had been made clear; this was not just a stroke of good luck.
 - c. Cain rejected the counsel of his conscience and took another course.
 - 1. Perhaps he resented having to bring any offering to God.
 - 2. Perhaps he thought to bring something that was easy and didn't cost much.
 - 3. He brought his own works
 - 4. Obedience and faith= acceptance with God (4:7) and peace with God and self
 - 5. Disobedience and works=
 - a. Rejection by God (5 & 16)
 - b. Anger-"wroth" (5-6)
 - c. Unhappiness (5-6)
 - d. Jealousy
 - e. Murder - break law of love (I Jn. 3:12-15)
 - f. Satan becomes his Lord I Jn. 3:12
 - g. Loss of life

6. Cain rejects repentance (7-8) and shows his inner heart
 7. Like father - like son (9)
 - a. Like Adam - slippery (3:12)
 - b. Like Satan - lie and murder (Jn. 8:44)
 8. The blood cries to God (10)
 - a. Able's blood cries of sin and depravity
 - b. Jesus' blood cries of sacrifice and redemption
 9. His punishment
 - a. Things he loved (ground) turned to be his enemy (11-12)
 - b. Never-ending guilt - fugitive and vagabond
 10. Cain condemns God (13) See Job 40:8
 - a. Accuses Him of too harsh a punishment
 - b. Concerned about punishment, not about the sin
 11. Mark of Cain (15) - God's pledge that no man would kill him
- B. The next generation (Gen. 4:16-24)
1. Cain's wife a daughter or granddaughter of Adam and Eve
 - a. Eve the mother of all living (3:20)
 - b. Adam had daughters (5:4)
 - c. Seth, Cain's brother, had daughters (5:7)
 2. Lamech, descendant of Cain, was first polygamist (4:19) - 6th generation from Adam.

3. Beginning of cities and keeping herds (4:20) - 7th generation from Adam
4. Beginning of musical instruments (4:21)
5. Beginning of metal working (4:21)
6. Murder and a haughty spirit runs in the family - the sin nature is passed down (4:23-24)

C. The lives of the "Righteous One" preserved

1. Seth born (4:25)
2. Through Seth's son, Enos men turned to God (4:26)
3. Enoch (6:18-24)
 - a. Obedient to God - "walked with God" (Amos 3:3)
 - b. Basis of this walk was faith (Heb. 11:5)
 - c. Three hundred years of obedience
 - d. Raptured (Heb. 11:5)
4. Methuselah - oldest man at 969 (5:25 27).

5. Noah (4:28-32)

D. Longevity (Gen. 5)

1. Adam 930 years (3)
2. Seth 912 years (8)
3. Enos 905 years (11)
4. Cainan 910 years (14)
5. Jared 962 years (20)
6. Lameck 777 years (31)

E. Contemporaries of Adam

1. His descendants in order

				<u>Cum.</u> <u>Yrs.</u>
Adam	130	when Seth born	(5:3)	130
Seth	105	when Enos born	(5:6)	235
Cainan	70	" Mahalaleel	(5:12)	395
Mahalaleel	65	" Jared "	(5:15)	460
Jared	162	" Enoch "	(5:18)	622
Enoch	65	" Methuselah	(5:21)	687
Methuselah	187	" Lamech "	(5:25)	994
Lamech	182	" Noah "	(5:28)	1176

2. Adam lived 930 years (5:5)

3. Flood came when Noah was 600 years old (7:11)

Lesson 12

FALLEN ANGELS, GIANTS, & SHORTENED LIFE

A. Giants in the earth (Gen. 6:1-4)

1. Sons of God (2)

a. Not Godly men of Adamite descent

1. Man was wicked (Gen. 6:5, 11-13) Only Noah was just (6:9, 7:1)
2. Compare term "men" in verse 1 to "sons of God" in verse 2, not the same.
3. Man reproduces "after his kind" according to the law of creation and reproduction. He does not produce giants, (Gen. 1)
4. Sons of God and daughters of men denote different parentage (2).
5. Only by a specific act of creation (not natural generation) can a man be called a son of God.
 - a. Adam (Luke 3:38)
 - b. Jesus (Luke 1:35)
 - c. New creation (Jn. 1:12-13, II Cor. 5:17, I Jn. 5:1)

b. There were fallen angels

1. They were in heaven at throne of God (Job 1:6, 2:1)
2. Men couldn't go to heaven before Jesus' resurrection
3. They were present at the laying of earth's foundations before man was created (Job 38:4-7)
4. The Septuagint (Greek translation of Old Testament in 285 B.C.) reads "The angels of God...took them wives..."

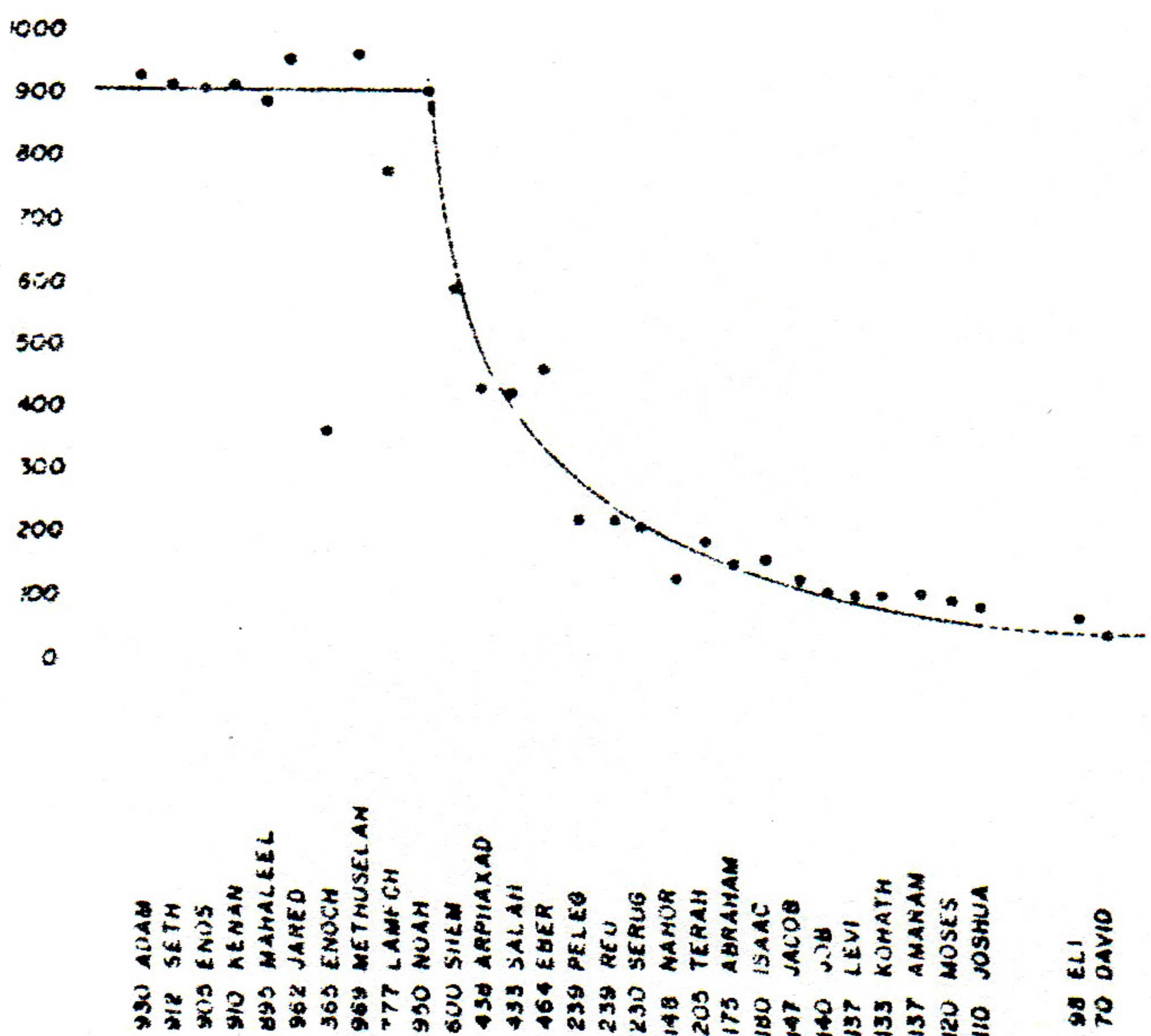
- c. Angels have real bodies
 - 1. Always appeared as men in scripture (Dan. 10:16, 18)
 - 2. They walked, ate and acted as men (Gen. 18)
- d. Angels sinned in fornication before the flood
 - 1. Sinned before the flood (II Pet. 2:4-5)
 - 2. Fornication was the sin (Jude 6-7)
 - 3. Angels now in Hell apparently committed a heinous sin. All fallen angels are not in Hell yet (Rev. 12:7-8, Eph. 6:12)
- 2. Giants were the offspring of fallen angels and human women (6:4)
- 3. Purpose was Satan's way of destroying the "seed of the woman" (Gen. 3:15)
 - a. All flesh corrupted (6:12)
 - b. Noah was only righteous and pure man (6:9-7:1)
- 4. Reoccurrence after the flood - "and also after that" (6:4)
 - a. Inhabitants of the land of Canaan (Gen. 12:6)
 - b. Known variously as:
 - 1. Rephaim (Gen. 14:5, 15:20)
 - 2. Emim (Gen. 14:5, Deut. 2:10-11)
 - 3. Zamzummims (Deut. 2:20-21)
 - 4. Anakims (Deut. 9:2, Num. 13:22, 28, 32-33)
 - 5. Horim, Avim and others
 - 6. Destroyed by flood the first time, these new giants were to be destroyed by Israel, the people of God (Deut. 7:1-5)

B. Life expectancy declines

1. According to God's pronouncement (Gen. 6:3)
2. This is 120 year statement probably applies specifically to Adam and not to all men
 - a. God is giving 120 more years and that's all
 - b. Word "man" is in Hebrew "the Adam."
 - c. Septuagint translates "strive" as "remain in." Actually means "to rule" or "judge"
 - d. Word "alos" indicates one man is addressed
 - e. All men were not cut off after 120 years.
3. Moses wrote that "the days of our years are three score and ten (70); and if by reason of strength they be fourscore (80) ..." (Ps. 90:10)
4. Decline in longevity after the flood was gradual - 1500 years and 30 generations.

CURVE OF DECLINING LONGEVITY

ANTE-DILUVIAN AND POST-DILUVIAN PATRIARCHS



Taken from: "The Biblical Flood and the Ice Epoch" by Donald W. Pattern.

5. The "Greenhouse Effect" theory
 - a. Water vapor canopy over the earth (Gen. 1:6-7) above the atmosphere
 - b. Rainbows only occur after rains by direct sunlight through rain drops. First rainbows were after the flood (Gen. 9:13-15)
 - c. "Windows of heaven" opened at flood (Gen. 7:11-12) for a 40 day rain.
6. A canopy like this would greatly alter earth's climate
 - a. More even temperatures all over the earth
 - b. Humid moist air
 - c. No winds
 - d. Thicker ozone layer which blocks out harmful short-wave radiation of the sun (ultra-violet etc.)
 1. Without the ozone layer over the earth today, the sun's direct rays would cause all life to cease.
 2. Theory is that the thicker ozone layer before the flood coupled with water vapor canopy shielded earth more effectively and life spans were longer.
7. These are theories advanced by believers who accept the Bible's account of creation, flood etc. and yet can scientifically postulate orderly ways these events could have happened, directed by the hand of God.

Helpful Books For Additional Study

(These books were used in the preparation of this study.)

1. "God's Plan for Man", Finis Jennings Dake (Dake Bible Sales, Inc.)
2. "Scientific Creationism General Edition", Henry M. Morris, Ph.D. (Creation Life Publishers)
3. "The Biblical Flood and The Ice Epoch" Donald Wesley Patten (Baker)