

THE PENTATEUCH I: GENESIS

WEEK 4

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7 GENERATIONS, 10 TOTAL

1	Adam	
	Serpent	Woman
2	Cain	Seth
3	Enoch	Enosh
4	Irada	Kenan
5	Mehujael	Mahalel
6	Methushael	Jared
7	Lamech	Enoch
8	*	Methusaleh
9	*	Lamech
10	⊥	Noah

A SOURCE CRITICAL QUESTION

Genesis 5:1 says, “This is the written account of Adam’s family line.”

Some wonder if the additional ‘written’ indicates that Moses had sources that he used for compiling Genesis, especially those portions for which he was absent.

That seems well within the boundaries of orthodoxy and is not at odds with my previous argument against the extreme versions of source criticism (Documentary Hypothesis).

GEN 6:1-4—THE SONS OF GOD, DAUGHTERS OF MEN

Here are some possible interpretations:

1. The 'Sons of God' are fallen angels
 - ▶ Advantage-Accounts for the yet unused 'sons of God'
 - ▶ Disadvantage-Jesus indicates angels do not marry (Matt 22:30)
2. The 'Sons of God' are (demon-possessed) kings
 - ▶ A-Escapes disadvantage of 1.
 - ▶ D-King aspect comes from early tradition but not the text
3. The 'Sons of God' are pious men from the line of Seth.
 - ▶ A-The intermingling of the seeds explains judgment (Cf. Israel)
 - ▶ D-The seed lines are woman's and serpent's, not God's and man's
4. This is simply a description of marriage (Cf. Matthew 24:38)
 - ▶ A-Origin of man from God's hand, women from man's body
 - ▶ D-Limitation of years Judgment reads abruptly

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THE PROGRESSION OF SEED

One of the central motifs in Genesis is *seed*, with its foundation in Genesis 3:15:

- ▶ The curse is a major event in its own right which should draw our eyes to the seed concept
- ▶ Genealogies galore! (Four! Gen 4, 5, 10, 11)
- ▶ Structured genealogies leading to the patriarchs
- ▶ The progression of the covenant through the patriarchs (Abraham-Isaac-Jacob)
- ▶ There seems to be a consistent focus on specific individuals (note the singular, 'seed'; cf. Galatians 3:16)

INEVITABLE DEGENERATION

Notice: Seth's line degenerates under the weight of the sin nature.

- ▶ The judgment of 120 years (Gen 6:3)
- ▶ The judgment of the Flood (Gen 6:17)
- ▶ Only Noah and his seed will survive (including wives; does *not* include any of Noah's siblings.)
- ▶ Both Noah and (at least) one of his sons fails morally after the flood

Lesson: These cannot be *the* Seed, though they may participate in His arrival.

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POSTDELUVIAN RECREATION

Some argue that the creation is in view here. The differences tend to be worth special note.

Day	Event-Genus	Event-Species	
1	Precreation	("Wind"/Spirit)	8:2a
2	Division of Waters	(End of Rain)	8:2
3	Appearance of Land	(Mountain Tops)	8:3-5
4	Luminary Visibility (?)	(Window)	8:6
5	Populating of Birds	(Ravens)	8:6-12
6a	Populating of Man	(Human Exit)	8:18
6b	Populating of Beasts	(Animal Exit)	8:19
6c	Blessing and Proclamation	(Poetry of Image)	9:6,7

LOCAL OR GLOBAL FLOOD

Immediate sense of the text implies a global flood.

Some argumentative strands permitting a local flood:

- ▶ Use of 'whole world,' like 'day,' has flexible usage.
- ▶ Rock strata (of a certain depth) only indicate limited floods
- ▶ The amount of water required to cover mountains would exceed the current volume of water

LOCAL OR GLOBAL FLOOD

Some argumentative strands implying a global flood:

- ▶ Additional details, like, ‘Under the heavens,’ do not permit the same flexibility as ‘whole world’
- ▶ Mysterious Evidence of Cataclysm: Frozen, preserved mammoths in the arctic with undigested food in mouths and stomachs
- ▶ Ossiferous Fissures-Deposits of a diversity of animals in High Mountains; Spread over many continents; Bones *NOT* Eroded By Water; Deposited While Under Water
- ▶ There is some evidence that mountains are rising with the passage of time

LOCAL OR GLOBAL FLOOD

Main take away: Judgment of Mankind

Common memory of judgmental flood: Ancient Near East, Greeks, Chinese, Native American Indians, Pacific Islanders, Australasians, Celts of Wales, Sudanese, Greenlanders

Worth note:

2 Peter 3:5-7- For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

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TYOLOGY

A *type* is an event, person, or institution reflected through Scripture in a later event, person, or institution (*anti-type*).

Frequently this centers around Jesus Christ and one of his two comings.

Warning! Be cautious with types! (Why?)

- ▶ Typology is a sensitive tool; it could very quickly lead to bad theology, if not madness
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 4:6-“Do not go beyond what is written”—God’s made numerous types clear. If he wants us to know others, he’d make those clear too

TYOLOGY

The flood is typologically linked to the end by both Christ & Peter (Matt 24, Luke 17, 2 Peter 2,3)

1. God is not afraid to judge (2 Peter 2:5; 3:3-5)
2. God does not like judging (Gen 6:6; 2 Peter 3:9)
3. Unrighteous will be caught by surprise, in spite of abundant warning (2 Peter 2:5, Luke 17:27)
4. The righteous will have to wait for a long time (Gen 5:32; 7:6; Matt 25:1-13 ; 2 Peter 3:8)
5. The righteous will be saved through a violent cataclysm (Flood: water:: End: fire)

Peter also connects the flood to baptism.

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TABLE OF NATIONS AND MORE

Genesis 10—Describes the Spread of Humanity from Noah's Sons (Rejuvenation of Serpent's Seed, Shown in Gen 11)

Genesis 11:10-26— Another sequence leading to Terah and Family (Ten Generations from Noah to Abram)

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TECHNOLOGY?

Tower of Babel is a peculiar narrative. Moses pays special attention to technological development:

- ▶ “Let’s make bricks,” instead of stone (11:3)
- ▶ “Let us build a city,” to make a name (11:4)
- ▶ “Nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.”(11:6)

Cf. Among the Cainites, special attention is again given to technological development:

- ▶ Father who live in tents and raise livestock (4:20)
- ▶ father of all who play stringed instruments and pipes. (4:21)
- ▶ who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron. (4:22)

Why might God take issue with human technology?

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