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## JESUS / GENESIS CONNECTION: PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE!

### > Jesus / Genesis connection: PAST!

(Genesis 1:1a) "In the beginning God" – When is the beginning? This beginning is not in regard to God's existence for He is eternal, but rather the beginning of the heavens and the earth, which Jesus says was the creation of man and woman on the sixth day,

according to Matthew 19:4-6 - *And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?* We know that Adam and Eve were created approximately 6,000 years ago. According to the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, this is the time of creation.

### ~ Genealogical Chart from Adam to Noah (Gen 5:1-24)

	Age at birth of first-born	Rest of life	Whole Life span	Year of birth, from creation	Year of death, from creation
Adam	130	800	930	1	930
Seth	105	807	912	130	1042
Enosh	90	815	905	235	1140
Kenan	70	840	910	325	1235
Mahalalel	65	830	895	395	1290
Jared	162	800	962	460	1422

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<b>Enoch</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>Heaven. Gen 5 987</b>
<b>Methuselah</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>1656</b>
<b>Lamech</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>874 (Adam alive)</b>	<b>1651</b>
<b>Noah</b>	<b>500 To the Flood: +100</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>1056</b>	<b>2006</b>

~ Genealogical Chart from Noah to Abram (Gen 11:10-26)

	Age at birth of first-born	Rest of life	Whole life span	Year of birth, from creation	Year of death, from creation
<b>Shem</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1556</b>	<b>2156</b>
<b>Arphaxad</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>1656</b>	<b>2094</b>
<b>Shelah</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>1691</b>	<b>2124</b>
<b>Eber</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>1721</b>	<b>2185</b>
<b>Peleg</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>1755</b>	<b>1994</b>
<b>Reu</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>1785</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Serug</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>1817</b>	<b>2047</b>
<b>Nahor</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>1847</b>	<b>1995</b>

Terah	70	135	205	1876	2081
Abram	85 <u>(Gen 16:3-4)</u>	90 <u>(Gen 25:7-8)</u>	175 <u>(Gen 25:7-8)</u>	1946	2121

(1:1b) The word God is Elohim in Hebrew, the first of the names of Deity, is a plural noun in form but is singular in meaning when it refers to the true God. This is known as a “uni-plural” noun in describing the Godhead.

God often uses plural pronouns in speaking Himself, Genesis 1:26 – “*Let us make man*”; Genesis 6:8 – “*Behold, man is become as one of us*”; Isaiah 6:8 - “*Who will go for us?*”

False teachers say that the “us” in Genesis 1:26 refers to God’s consultation with the angels with whom He takes counsel before He does anything of importance; but Isaiah 40:14 – But of whom took he counsel, shows such is not the case; and in Genesis 1:27- “*So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*” Notice man was created “*in the image of God*,” not the image of angels.

Observe the “uni-plural” reference in Deuteronomy 6:4 - “*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!*” The Hebrew word for “one” is Echaad, which means a compound unity. The Bible teaches that *Elohim* is not gods, but three persons in one (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). In Isaiah 44:6-8 - “*First . . . last . . . beside me there is no God.*” In Isaiah 45:5 – “*There is none else, there is no God beside me.*” In 1 Timothy 2:5 – “*there is one God.*” In 1 Corinthians 8:4 – “*There is none other God but one.*”

~ In the New Testament we also have:

- The Father who is God - Romans 1:7 - *To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

- The Son who is God - Hebrews 1:8 - *But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions."*

- The Holy Spirit who is God - Acts 5:3,4 - *But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."*

> When is the beginning according to Jesus – In Mark 10:2-9 - *Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" "What did Moses command you?" he replied. They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."*

In Mark 10:6-8, Jesus quotes from Genesis 1:27 and 2:24 in a straightforward, historical manner. Jesus' use of Scripture here is authoritative in settling a dispute over the question of divorce, as it is grounded in the creation and purpose of the first marriage (cf. Matthew 19:4-6). These verses are especially significant, as Jesus said in verse 6, “But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.” The statement “from the beginning of creation” (*apo archῆς ktiseōs*—cf. Mark 13:19-20; John 8:44; 1 John 3:8) is a reference to the beginning of creation and not simply to the beginning of the human race.<sup>1</sup> Jesus was saying that Adam and Eve were there at the beginning of creation, on day six, not billions of years after the beginning.

It is estimated today, by naturalistic scientists, that the universe is around 13.8 billion years old. This means that if you try to argue for theistic evolution or an old earth creation position, then man was created after 99.99997 percent of those billions of years had passed.<sup>2</sup> The evolutionary timeline makes no sense considering what Jesus says about creating man at the beginning of creation or with what the Bible teaches about God forming the earth to be inhabited.

Isaiah 45:18-19 - *For this is what the Lord says — he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited — he says: "I am the Lord, and there is no other. I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness; I have not said to Jacob's descendants, 'Seek me in vain.' I, the Lord, speak the truth; I declare what is right.*

- The Bible clearly affirms that Jesus is the Creator, with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, this once again affirms the Trinity: John 1:1-3 -

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made." This passage emphasizes that. Jesus (the Word) was integral to the creation of all things.*

Colossians 1:16,17: "For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities, all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." This verse highlights that everything in existence was created through Jesus and for His purpose.

Hebrews 1:2: "But in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world."

This verse reinforces the idea that Jesus is not only the heir but also the agent of creation.

Revelation 4:11: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." This verse acknowledges God's sovereignty in creation, attributing it to Jesus.

> Genealogy of Jesus according to Luke Ch. 3:23-38 traces through Genesis:

- Luke gives us the genealogy of Mary, while in Matthew 1:1-17 we have the genealogy of the foster father Joseph. Matthew's genealogy begins with Abraham and comes down to the Lord Jesus Christ through David and through Solomon; this being the legal title to the throne.

Luke goes back to David and then back to Adam. This would be the royal blood of David that flowed through Mary's veins to Jesus and yields His blood title to the throne of David.

- Interesting side note: Observe the meaning of the names in the first 10 generations: Adam- *Man*; Seth- *Is appointed*; Enosh- *Mortal*; Cainan- *Sorrow*; Mahalalel- *Blessed God*; Jared- *Shall come down*; Enoch- *Teaching*; Methuselah- *His death shall bring*; Lamech- *Despairing*; Noah- *Comfort or Rest*.

Put it together for the time of the flood: *Man is appointed mortal sorrow, (but) blessed God shall come down teaching; his death shall bring (the) despairing, comfort or rest.*

- Luke then focuses on Jesus' temptation by Satan (Luke 4:1–13). This is interesting as “unlike Adam, another ‘son’ of God, who sinned (Luke 3:38), Jesus overcomes the tests (cf. Genesis 3).” Whereas Satan’s first step in tempting Eve was to distort the truthfulness of God’s Word (Genesis 3:1), Jesus overcame Satan’s temptations by quoting Scripture, saying to the devil, “It is written,” which has the force of or is equivalent to “that settles it”; Jesus used the “sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.” (Ephesians 6:17)

> Jesus refers to the killing of Abel in Genesis Ch. 4 according to Luke 11:49-52 - *Therefore the wisdom of God also said, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute, that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the*

*temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation. “Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered.” Jesus believed that Abel, like Adam, existed at the “foundation of the world” and that Adam, Eve, and Abel were historical.*

> Jesus declares His ETERNAL NATURE and DEITY in John 8:48-59 by referencing Abraham from Genesis - *Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death." Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.' Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.*

> Jesus speaks of Abraham again in regard to life after death in Luke 16:19-31 - The Rich Man and Lazarus - *"There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"*

- Let us at this time contend with the false teaching of PURGATORY - According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, purgatory is “a place or condition of temporal punishment for those who, departing this life in God’s grace, are not entirely free from venial faults, or have not fully paid the satisfaction due to their transgressions.” In other words, in Catholic theology purgatory is the place where a Christian’s soul goes after death to be cleansed of the sins that had not been fully paid for during life. Is the doctrine of purgatory in agreement with the Bible? Absolutely not!

*Hebrews 9:27-28 - And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.*

### **> Jesus / Genesis connection: PRESENT!**

- Jesus speaks of Genesis in regard to these last days before the rapture of the church and going into the “*Great Tribulation*” (Rev. Ch. 6-19) according to Luke 17:26–30 - *And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.”*

- The days of Noah and Lot were grossly immoral and wicked, just like today, and God will judge this evil once again. The historical accounts of Noah are found in Genesis Chapters 6 & 7; of Lot in Genesis Ch. 19. In both accounts God chose to REMOVE the righteous prior the judgment of the unbelievers. Jesus did not consider the account of the flood a myth or legend.

The flood not only destroyed human life that inhabited the world at that time, but it also destroyed and reshaped the entire physical world (Genesis 6:13). The word Luke uses for “flood” also sheds light on the nature of the flood. It comes from the Greek word *kataklýsmos* from which we derive our English word *cataclysm*—a clear reference to a global catastrophe. If Luke had believed that the flood in Genesis 6–8 were local, covering only the region of Mesopotamia, then why did he not use the Greek word for an ordinary local flood, *plemmura* (Luke 6:48)? Because Jesus believed the flood was a global catastrophe and not a local one.

- Turn with me to Matthew 24:36-44 - *“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the*

*coming of the Son of Man be. Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

(v40a) The word *then* in Greek is *tote* meaning - *when the thing under discussion takes place; or shall have taken place.*

(v40-41) Let us examine two key words in these verses:

(1) “*one is taken*,” Greek word - *paralambano* - *to receive near*, i.e., associate with oneself (*in any familiar or intimate act or relation*); by analogy, *to assume an office*; figuratively, *to learn*.

- This same Greek word *paralambano* is found in three insightful passages:  
Matthew 1:24 - *Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took (paralambano) to him his wife*; (Jesus takes His bride in the rapture.)

Matthew 17:1 - *Now after six days Jesus took (paralambano) Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves* (this was the Mt. of Transfiguration—Jesus will transfigure us in the rapture, we will be glorified.)

John 14:2-3 - *In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive (paralambano) you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also*, (Jesus is taking us to heaven!).

(2) “*the other is left*,” the Greek word is *aphiemi*, which is translated *to leave*.

- Left to go through the seven years of tribulation, the “Great Tribulation!” (Rev. Ch. 6-19).

Jesus is giving reference to the rapture of the church (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:50-58). We notice that one man or one woman is taken and the other left. There is a Biblical principle known as The First Mention Principle, whereas God indicates in the first mention of a subject the truth with which that subject stands connected in the mind of God. Since God is immutable (unchanging) this principle stands regarding the “rapture.”

- The first “rapture” is found in the Old Testament with Enoch, before God’s wrath was poured out on a fully corrupted world at the time of the flood with Noah (this judgment comes in Genesis Ch. 6 – 7).

- Observe these passages for the “rapture” in *First Mention Principle*, Genesis 5:21-24 - *Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.*

- In Hebrews 11:5-6 - *By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

- In Genesis 7:13-16 ... We see that the very same day (vs. 13) that Noah and His family enter the ark ... God shuts the door ... (vs. 16 "...and the LORD shut him in.") and the flood begins! We see in Genesis 19:22 that the angels could not even DO anything till Lot and his family were safely out of there! God in His own Righteousness and Honor could not bring this judgment on Sodom until the righteous were delivered.

- The terms “watch” and “be ready” establish the doctrine of the imminent return of Christ; meaning Christ can rapture His church (bride) at any moment, this substantiates a pre-tribulation rapture. Whereas mid-tribulation and post-tribulation rapture theorists deny this important doctrine.

## > JESUS / GENESIS CONNECTION – FUTURE!

- REVELATION Chapter 20 - The Millennial Kingdom of Christ at His Second Coming will be similar to the original Garden of Eden!

- The term 1000 years is used six times in this chapter 20 (v3, 4, 5, 6, 7). This defines the Millennial Kingdom of Christ. It will be a time of universal peace, prosperity, long life, and righteousness. It is extremely important to understand that this is a literal 1000-year period; Jesus Christ will fulfill numerous OT prophecies (e.g., 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 2; Is. 11:6-12; 24:23; Hos. 3:4,5; Joel 3:9-21; Amos 9:8-15; Mic. 4:1-8; Zeph. 3:14-20; Zech. 14:1-11; Matt. 24:29-31,36-44), and reign on earth!

~ What will the Millennial Kingdom be like?

- The Bible declares that politically and socially, the rule of Christ and His saints will be universal (Ps. 2:6-8; Dan. 2:35), absolute (Ps. 2:9; Isa. 11:4), and righteous (Isa. 11:3-5).

- Spiritually, it will be a time when the believing remnant of Israel is converted (Jer. 30:5-8; Rom. 11:26) and the nation is restored to the land God promised to Abraham (Gen. 13:14-15; 15:18). It will be a time when the Gentile nations worship the King (Isa. 11:9; Mic. 4:2; Zech. 14:16). The millennial rule of Christ and the saints will also be marked by the presence of righteousness and peace (Is. 32:17) and joy (Isa. 12:3-4; 61:3, 7).

- Physically, it will be a time when the curse is lifted (Isa. 11:7-9; 30:23-24; 35:1-2, 7), when food will be plentiful (Joel 2:21-27), and when there will be physical health and well-being (Isa. 33:24; 35:5-6), leading to long life (Isa. 65:20). <sup>1</sup>

~ After the thousand-year reign of Christ all non-believers will be cast to Hell along with Satan and all the evil angels, whereas all believers will go to the New Heavens, New Earth, and the New Jerusalem!

*In Revelation 21:1-5 - Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."*

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<sup>1</sup> John MacArthur New Testament Commentary, Revelation