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Review of Generation chart

Adam lived 930 years (just 70 years short of a millennium/1,000 years)

Seth third son of Adam/Eve—lived 912 years. He lived with his father Adam for 800 years.

Enos lived 912 years. He lived with his grandfather Adam close to 700 years.

Cainan lived 910 years. He lived with his great-grandfather Adam for some 600 years. Why do I keep emphasizing the years they overlapped with Adam? Passing on of Scriptural truth—the Plan of God.

Mahalaleel (died young) lived only 895 years. He lived some 500 years with his great-great-grandfather Adam.

Jared lived 962 years. He lived some 470 with Adam. Thank goodness there were no Christmas parties. Adam would have gone broke.

Enoch was on Earth a very short time—only 365 years (teenager). Enoch did not die. God simply took Enoch home. He walked with God and was transported to heaven without dying—immortality taught in first Dispensation

Next, the well-known Methuselah who lived a whopping 969 years, almost the period of a millennium. And yes, you will notice he overlapped with Adam— He lived 343 years with Adam. He will be the grandfather of Noah.

Lamech lived 777 years and related to Adam some 183 years. He was the father of Noah.

Noah lived 950 years. Adam died some 26 years before Noah

We have studied Revelation—Seal Judgments, Trumpet Judgments and Bowl judgments, 2nd Advent, Armageddon, Millennium Kingdom and Great White Throne Judgment and New heavens and New Earth and Eternity future. We have studied Daniel, with Daniel's 70th week, 7 years which we call 7 years of Tribulation. And we have studied

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Matthew chapters 24 and 25 which are vital chapters on the 2nd Advent as given by Jesus Christ Himself. It is time now to take a look at Ezekiel. First his name: you will note contains “el” at end of his name—God. His name can be “God strengthens”; or “God is strong.”

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Four empires to grasp:

1. Judah
2. Nineveh
3. Babylon
4. Egypt

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760 B.C.	Book of Jonah 2 Kings 14:25	The history of Ezekiel begins with Jonah. Go to the great enemy of Israel, Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian empire which had existed for some 1900 years up to Jonah and continued for another 100 years.
<p>Nineveh was built across the Tigris River. The walls were 100 feet high, over 30 yards at the top and wide enough to drive three chariots abreast. It was surrounded by a moat that was 200 feet wide (over 66 yards and 60 feet deep or some 20 yards.) It withstood a siege for 20 years and was considered impregnable.</p> <p>Jonah 1:1-2 God cares about all nations, all people.</p> <p>Jonah 1:3 But Jonah did not want to go. But as a result of a change of heart by Jonah as a result of divine discipline, Jonah went to Nineveh in 760 B.C. As a result, the city of Nineveh turned to Jehovah (Yahweh) of Israel.</p> <p>The great heathen city of Nineveh responded to the gospel and believed in the coming Messiah.</p> <p>750 B.C. God was moving among the 5 tribes of the Chaldeans. Abraham was from this area (circa 2000 B.C.). The 1st one to pull</p>		

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<p>together the Chaldeans is mentioned in the Bible:</p> <p>2 Kings 20:12 and Isaiah 39:1 Merodach-Baladam. He captured Babylon from the Assyrians around 705 B.C. Babylon was a growing city at this time. The Assyrians regained control of the city of Babylon.</p>		
722	2 Kings 17	Destruction of Northern Israel by the Assyrians
701		Assyrians attacked Southern Kingdom of Judah and had it not been for the ministry of Isaiah they would have destroyed Jerusalem.
660		<p>So that we can be warned of just how brief a revival can last. In 660 Nahum the prophet of the Southern Kingdom, prophesied of the fall of Nineveh, just some 100 years after it's great revival, under Jonah which lasted one generation of people.</p> <p>Read Nahum 1:1-5; & 2:8-10; 3:4-5</p>
		<p>When Nahum prophesied the fall of Nineveh, the city was at the height of her power and here is Nahum prophesying it's utter destruction. To the people this was impossible! The USA is at it's height of power. And yet, it has no place in the Tribulation. How can this be? This cannot be!</p> <p>God now moves to the fulfillment of His prophesy.</p>
626		<p>God raised up a genius named Nabopolassar who was able to unite the 5 tribes of the Chaldeans. Nabopolassar became king of the new Babylonian empire which had extended back 1000 years</p>

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		<p>before Nabopolassar.</p> <p>He will rule from 625 to 605 B.C.</p>
625		<p>He conquered the city of Babylon. Assyrians attempted to regain Babylon but failed to do so. Nabopolassar had a son named Nebuchadnezzar who is considered one of the greatest generals in all world history. (Cambridge Ancient History)</p>
620		<p>While all these things are occurring in Babylon, Daniel and Ezekiel are both probably born in Judah at this time.</p>
614		<p>Nebuchadnezzar made an alliance with the Medes and the Scythians and attacked Nineveh.</p>
612		<p>Assyrians went into their walls and laughed at this army laying siege to Nineveh. In the book of Nahum 1:8 the prophet tells how Nineveh would be destroyed. Secular history tells how this happened. Nabopolassar and Nebuchadnezzar and the forces they had gathered besieged the city of Nineveh, but had no real plans for taking it, only of containing it. Then God sent an unbelievable rain that caused the Tigris river to overflow. It washed away a big portion of the wall. Led by Nebuchadnezzar the attacking force made their way through this portion of the city and utterly destroyed the great city-state of Nineveh. Nahum 3:11- become hidden. After this battle in 612 B.C. the city was completely lost until A.D. 1842 when archeologists stumbled on the ancient site. That is some 2500 years later when this city was found. Hidden from history, as God prophesied. There</p>

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		<p>are no Assyrians left today, but there are Jews; There are no Babylonians but there are Jews; there are no Chaldeans but there are Jews. Since the time of The Exodus, Satan has tried to destroy the Jewish race: from Egypt to Hitler. The latter is just one helper of Satan who tried to do this.</p> <p>Even today Egypt, Iraq and Iran have declared that they will exterminate the Jews. And yet they are still here.</p>
612		<p>Nineveh is overthrown by the Babylonians and the Medes, which terminates the Assyrian Empire and brings Babylon into prominence as they sought to make conquest of all the Assyrian Empire had been completely overthrown by 610 B.C.</p>
608		<p>Pharaoh Necho of Egypt defeated Josiah, king of Southern Kingdom (King of Judah) in the battle of Megiddo and demanded that Judah join his forces. At the same time he defeated the Babylonians at the 1st battle of Carchemish (on the Euphrates River). At this time, Jehoiakim was put on the throne of Judah in place of Jehoahaz.</p>
606-605		<p>Nebuchadnezzar was pursuing Pharaoh Necho. The Babylonians defeated Pharaoh Necho at the 2nd battle of Carchemish as Nebuchadnezzar. traveled northward toward Carchemish in 606 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar (greatest military general in all history) traveled through Jerusalem for the 1st time.</p>

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605		<p>But in 605 B.C. after defeating Pharaoh Necho at the second battle of Carchemish, Nebuchadnezzar heard of the death of his father, Nabopolassar. Nebuchadnezzar returned from Carchemish to Babylon to ascend his father's throne in Babylon.</p> <p>Nebuchadnezzar will rule the Babylonian empire from 605 to 562.</p> <p>As he traveled, he passed Jerusalem again, he remembered something that was written in the history of the Chaldeans, about 150 years ago, that one of his ancestors, his great-great-grandfather had visited Jerusalem at the time of King Hezekiah, during the time of Prophet Isaiah. That Hezekiah had asked his God for more years to his life and was granted 15 more years. But it had been better had he not had these extra years for he did not use them for the Lord. King Hezekiah showed Nebuchadnezzar's ancestor all the treasures of Judah kept in the Temple.</p> <p>Isaiah 39:1-8 (prophesied in 701 B.C.) So, Nebuchadnezzar knew that Jerusalem contained great wealth. So, he went into Jerusalem and besieged the city in 606-605, fulfilling this prophecy by Isaiah, some 100 years before these events took place. The exactness of various prophecies in the Bible has caused many to challenge the dates they were written, because they do not believe that God is in control of history, especially to the point of such exact prophecies. This was the first invasion of</p>

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		<p>Jerusalem by the Babylonians.</p> <p>In this first invasion Nebuchadnezzar was kind to Jerusalem; while he did take it's treasury back to Babylon, he left king Jehoiakim (609-598) on the throne subject to Babylon, But, Nebuchadnezzar took a large part of the wealth of Jerusalem and he also took members of the Royal family back to Babylon.</p>
		<p>Three invasions of Jerusalem of the Southern Kingdom by Babylon.</p>
605		<p>1st invasion, but Nebuchadnezzar was kind to Jerusalem. Daniel is taken to Babylon.</p>
598		<p>2nd invasion; but Nebuchadnezzar still did not destroy Jerusalem. Ezekiel is taken to Babylon.</p>
586		<p>3rd and final invasion –this time Nebuchadnezzar. besieged the city for 18 months. And Nebuchadnezzar. destroyed the city, the temple and the walls. The land became desolate.</p>
		<p>King Jehoiakim rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar and the Word of God and made an alliance with Egypt, which God told him not to do. This was against the warnings of both Jeremiah (627-580) and Ezekiel (592-570).</p>
606		<p>It was at this time that Daniel and his 3 friends were brought from Jerusalem to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar along with other hostages from the royal families of Jerusalem.</p> <p>Daniel was about 17 years of age</p>

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		<p>We do not hear about the others who were brought captives, except for Ezekiel-- why not? They did not continue to trust the Lord. Up against great intimidation, they turned from the Lord. But Daniel and his 3 friends and Ezekiel continue to trust the Lord and all 5 will be used by the Lord in a mighty historical way. Daniel continued to be a top advisor from circa 602-603 B.C. all the way through the remainder of the Babylonian empire until the Medo-Persian empire took over. He will become a top advisor in that period of history. From 603-530 B.C., Daniel will be a top advisor. Ezekiel will write one of the most profound prophecies of the Tribulation and Second Advent of the Messiah.</p> <p>There would be no book of Daniel or Ezekiel had they not remained faithful to God and to all he knew of God.</p>
603-597		<p>Archeologists have discovered so many tablets, describing how Nebuchadnezzar was consolidating his empire, enriching his capital city of Babylon, building temples and bringing Babylon into world prominence.</p>
	2 Chron. 35-36	<p>Nebuchadnezzar returns to Jerusalem to put down the revolt of the Southern Kingdom.</p> <p>King Jehoiakim died during the siege. One of his sons Jehoiachin was put in charge but he lasted only about 100 days before the siege ended and Jehoiachin and all his family were taken captive back to Babylon.</p>

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		<p>This is when Ezekiel was taken to Babylon when he was about 25 years old. Ezekiel and Daniel are about the same age.</p> <p>At this time Zedekiah was appointed to succeed as king of Judah (2 Kings 24:17). He will be the last king of the Southern Kingdom, but Nebuchadnezzar, again did not destroy Jerusalem. There was still something left, there were the walls and the Temple and some of the people, where they could worship Jehovah. Jeremiah continued to warn the people but a group of false prophets began to multiply in Jerusalem and the people much preferred the message of the false prophets over that of Jeremiah. The false prophets told the people lies and that God was not going to destroy them and so the people refused to listen to Jeremiah.</p> <p>Much like the political and news media and voices today, declare that America is doing fine and we will recover and be mighty again, even though we do not listen to the Word of God saying: there is no God, and we will be great even though we are vastly immoral and anti-God and anti-Jesus Christ and anti-Word of God. We better listen to the Word of God, as individuals and as a nation.</p> <p>There was also another true prophet: Ezekiel who was about the same age as Daniel. Ezekiel began to warn them as to what was going to happen if they did not return to Jehovah (Yahweh). He gave the same basic message as Jeremiah except</p>

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		<p>Ezekiel will close with reasons for hope. But the people and the King listened to the false prophets and they rebelled again, against Nebuchadnezzar and Babylon and went to Egypt for help. Not to Jehovah (Yahweh).</p> <p>Turning to Egypt instead of Yahweh, is all through the Old Testament. Putting their trust in man, rather than the Lord.</p>
606		1st invasion
598	2 Kings 24-25	<p>2nd invasion of Jerusalem by the Babylonians; This was a violent siege of Jerusalem.</p> <p>2 Kings 24-25 tells of the events before this invasion and during the invasion itself, fulfilling of prophecy.</p>
588		The Babylonian army continues its control and subjugated the Lebanon area north of Palestine.
586, Jan. 3rd	2 King 5:21	<p>In the final invasion, the Babylonian army came down to Jerusalem. This siege of Jerusalem lasted some 18 months. Nebuchadnezzar invaded Jerusalem and as prophesied. Under severe drought, the Jews inside the walls of Jerusalem resorted to cannibalism. They finally fell to Nebuchadnezzar in 586 B.C.</p> <p>Babylon deported a great majority of the inhabitants of Jerusalem and destroyed the city – Temple and walls. The land became desolate. They took all the sacred instruments used in the Temple and carried them back to Babylon. Tens of thousands of Jews were destroyed, because</p>

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		<p>they would not listen to the Word of God.</p> <p>Think about this, with their capital destroyed and their people either killed or taken into slavery, yet the Jews remain today and in fact are back into the land. God controls history.</p> <p>Jeremiah prophesied the taking of Jerusalem by the Babylonians and in fact told those in the city, how to survive it. Jere. 21:8-10</p> <p>Principle: Listen. Even in time of National disaster; time of destruction, many of those who will listen to the Word of God will be spared!</p> <p>In the period 603-587 there are several mentions of Daniel by Ezekiel (Ezek. 14:14-20; 28:3). In this period Daniel is in a place of prominence. The golden image of Daniel 3 seems to have been set up at the time of the conquest of Jerusalem in 598 B.C.</p> <p>It is significant that at the very time that Jerusalem is coming under attack, God is revealing to Daniel the Time of the Gentiles.</p> <p>Jeremiah and Ezekiel told them how to survive—to get out and surrender; those who stay in the city will be killed violently; false prophets told them not to go out and while a few listened most did not listen and were destroyed.</p>
586-573	Ezekiel 29:17-20	<p>After the fall of Jerusalem, the Babylonian army moved northward to subdue Tyre which was under siege from 586-573.</p> <p>The fall of Tyre meant that Babylonians</p>

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		controlled the territory from the Tigris and Euphrates all through Assyria to the Mediterranean Sea, Tyre, Lebanon, and Palestine. From the Euphrates all the way across: this is the land that was promised to Abraham (Gen. 15:15-17). Nebuchadnezzar conquered and occupied the land that was originally given by covenant promise to Abraham.
562	Jeremiah 52:31	Nebuchadnezzar died and was succeeded by his son, Evil-Merodach (means "servant of Merodach" one 'of the idolatrous gods) He lasted only 2 years. 562-560 B.C.
549	Daniel 5:16	At this time, there were two men competing for power in Babylon. Nabonidus and Belshazzar who was in charge of the Babylonian military. This explains why in Daniel Chapter 5, Daniel is said to be 3rd in charge.
539		Babylon was captured by Cyrus of the Persian Empire.
536		First year of the rule of Cyrus, he will issue the proclamation for the return of the Jews to Palestine. They were in captivity for 70 years.
533		3rd year of Cyrus reign we have Daniel's last vision 10:1
530		Cyrus dies.
396		Jerusalem completed.