

# FROM THE BEGINNING

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Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus, who is the Holy One of Israel and who has come in the flesh. You are receiving two newsletters due to the fact I didn't get FTB 40 out in time but now you have a two for one. I apologize. We have been very busy with street evangelism, jail ministry, counseling and speaking and ask that you would continue to pray for the Lord to open up new doors of opportunity. There are many struggles and obstacles that satan uses to try and discourage us but I know that there is nothing in all Creation that can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. Our DVD seminar series is now listed on our website and you can get a special price when purchasing the set. We are adding one more presentation on Noah's Ark that can be added to the set for \$13 extra or substituted with any other title. We have added many presentations so please prayerfully consider having a presentation done in your local community. I am running into so many churches that find a young earth position offensive, divisive and theologically incorrect. But if the Bible is to be taken as authority for morals as well as salvation, we must take a bold stand on the truth of God's Word.

## Genesis Five Gospel Story:

Sometimes the most fascinating things can be found in what appears to be the most boring part of Scripture. In Genesis 5:3-32 we read, "When **Adam** had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his

own image; and he named him **Seth**. . . When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father of **Enosh**. . . When Enosh had lived 90 years, he became the father of **Kenan**. . . When Kenan had lived 70 years, he became the father of **Mahalalel**. . . When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he became the father of **Jared**. . . When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of **Enoch**. . . When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of **Methuselah**. . . When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of **Lamech**. . . When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son. He named him **Noah** and said, 'He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed.'"

There are a lot of names listed there that are very helpful in determining the age of the earth and the time of the Flood etc., however, there is also a unique Gospel story told in their names as well. Today in America we name our children after people we like or simply because it sounds nice. Back in Biblical times names were given because they had meaning and in some cases those names were prophetic. For example, Methuselah means "His death shall bring forth" and yet he died the year of the Noah's flood. This means he either was wicked and died in it or, as his name may indicate, that his death marked the sending forth of the Flood as a type of prophecy. When we examine the names in Scripture, many such examples are found.

However, here in chapter five of Genesis the names together point to a prophetic message of Jesus Christ. The following is the meaning of their names in order:

Adam means "man"

Seth means "appointed/granted"

Enosh means "mortal" (comes from root anash)

Kenan means "sorrow"

Mahalalel means "The blessed God"

Jared means "Shall come down" (from verb yaradh)

Enoch means "Teaching"

Methuselah means "His death shall bring" (from muth meaning "death" and shalach "to send forth")

Lamech means "Despairing" (lamentation)

Noah means "rest" or "comfort" (from nacham).

When one simply hooks all of those meanings of the names together we read, "So man is appointed mortal sorrow. The Blessed God shall come down, teaching that his death shall bring the despairing rest." Short and sweet. Aren't you glad that Hebrew names were given not just because they sound nice. Maybe we could learn something from that ourselves?

## THORNS: FROM GENESIS TO BUSINESS

Thorns are an interesting teaching tool for our children as well as a good reminder for us. First of all, we find fossilized thorns supposedly 410 million years old. Do you find a problem with that? I sure do. What brought thorns into this world anyway? The curse because of man's sin!

According to evolution man wasn't around until the last 100,000 years so how can something that can't be here before man be millions of years old? Either evolution is wrong or the Bible is. Obviously, the Bible that is historically, archaeologically, scientifically, theologically, literarily, philosophically and experientially proven correct is not wrong. Therefore, the fact that we see fossilized thorns is evidence that the earth is not millions of years old, but these fossils simply formed in Noah's Flood only about 4,400 years ago. Also, this Flood came about because of man's wickedness, that spiritually speaking, may have come about because of thorns.

What do I mean by that? A while back I did a newsletter called, "So shall it be" that talked about how Jesus said the same things that were going on before the Flood came will be the same things going on before His return (Luke 17). He then went on to describe, normal everyday business that wasn't sinful but only distracting people from their real purpose here on earth. People became so busy they didn't have time to spend with God. Today, more and more Christians are growing dissatisfied with Jesus and becoming impatient for His return. They are doing so because of what Jesus Himself referred to as thorns. We read in the parable of the Sower where some have received the Word upon thorny ground and Jesus explains, "The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the Word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful" (Matt 13:22). Do you

feel as if you are being “unfruitful” as a Christian? Are you filled with worries of money, children, people at work, building projects or reputations. Do you give the Lord only an hour of your time each week in church or are you growing in your desire to know Jesus? Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, may this letter encourage you to return to your first love and “Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first” (Rev 2:5). I know at times I can get caught up with the business of life and neglect family and ministry. It is for this reason I am thankful to God for thorns because every time I see them I am reminded of Creation, the curse and the Cure. May we clean up our lives, and stop running ourselves ragged with so many nice but unnecessary activities so that we may focus more on things of eternal benefit, that is the Cure, Jesus Christ.

## **Man's Inventions or Gods?**

The bumps on the flipper of the humpback whale looks like anything but a good design. However, US Naval Academy scientists have discovered that it isn't such a poor design after all. They made scale models 22 inches long of flippers, one being smooth as they thought it



should be and the other with the bumpy tubercles as God created on the whale. To their surprise the bumpy wing had 8% better lift, 32% less drag and stalled at a 40% steeper wing angle. The reason being the tubercles generate vortices keeping the airflow near the surface of the wing. With humpback whales weighing up to 40 tons and 60 feet long, they need all the help they can get to catch fish. This new information may be very helpful in developing better airplane wings (though maybe not as attractive). One added instinctive behavior that can only come from a Creator is their trapping of fish. The whale will swim in a circle while blowing air out its blow hole. This causes bubbles to go up towards the surface in a bubble net keeping the fish inside. The whale can now with extreme agility swim up through the bubble net and catch a mouth full of fish. Isn't God wonderful?

Man can learn a lot from observing the creation of the Creator. Many of our modern day inventions have come from stealing God's ideas. Velcro came from replicating those annoying stickers that stick to your pants while walking through weeds. Likewise, spider webs are being used to develop a material that is much stronger than bullet proof vests because according to New Scientist (Jan 22, 05) spider silk is the strongest material in the world (100 times stronger than steel). It is even heat and cold resistant. Though it weakens once it reaches 302 degrees Fahrenheit, it doesn't disintegrate until 700 degrees. This may prove to be helpful in many ways for modern science.

Because of the remarkable ability for Geckos to climb on smooth surfaces they are being used to discover a glue that will stick over and over again. One goal is to make band aids that would stick to the skin but not leave

any residue. Dolphin blubber was discovered to carry the spring in the dolphin tail so now submarine engineers are hoping to copy this ability for flexible propellers resembling a dolphin tail. Moth eyes are covered with microscopic pyramids that keep infrared radiation from being reflected off of them thus keeping them invisible to predators that use this for hunting. Researchers are now using this knowledge to maximize resolution in infra-red telescopes. Vultures have short wingspans but fly remarkably well. Swiss researchers reproduced the shape of the vulture wing and had startling results allowing them to halve the wing for the same lift/drag ratio. Physicist Edward Kelley copied the design of the human eye and developed a

digital camera with silicone oil between the lenses and is now 70 times better than those filled with air. Leafcutting ants emit chirping vibrations while cutting. This makes the ant and leaf vibrate at the same frequency (about 1000 hertz) and allows the leaf to stiffen and the cut to be more even. This same principle was used by biologists to make the vibratome, a tool used to shave slices of soft tissue. The bombardier beetle is being used to improve jet propulsion and we could go on and on. Is it any wonder that God said, “Since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities, eternal power and Divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from that which has been made so that men are without excuse” (Rom 1:18-20)?

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