

Survey of the Bible part 28 1Chronicles 1:1-4

1 Chronicles 1:1-4 ^{NAU} Adam, Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah, Shem, Ham and Japheth.

What do we find conspicuous about these names?

These are the names of the sons of man through whom the covenant of God regarding a Savior, the seed of the woman, would be fulfilled, with the exception of Ham and Japheth who are merely mentioned as two of the three sons of Noah as they are the new group through whom the rest of mankind would carry on.

This exact group of pre-diluvian people is also described in the gospel of Luke following the line of Shem, except in reverse order, as compared to Genesis 11.

Luke 3:36-38 ³⁶ the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, ³⁷ the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, ³⁸ the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

Now, you might notice that there is name in Luke that is repeated twice and not found in 1Chronicles or Genesis 11.

It is the name Cainan in the Greek which would be Kenan in the Hebrew.

This is what is referred to as a textual variant but only in the Greek text of the Hebrew bible known as the Septuagint. But the text of the Greek translation with this addition was a later translation than the original.

In other words it was not there originally either in the Hebrew or the Greek until about the 3rd Century AD.

In his book, Refuting Compromise, Dr. Jonathan Sarfati makes these observations (pg.292):

The extra Cainan in Genesis 11 is found only in manuscripts of the [Septuagint] LXX that were written long after Luke's gospel. The oldest LXX manuscripts do not have this extra Caian."

“The earliest known extant copy of Luke omits the extra Cainan..... [found in] P75 dated between AD 175 and 225.”

“Josephus used the LXX as his source and did not mention the second Cainan.”

“Julius Africanus (c. AD 180- c. 250) was the first Christian historian known to have produced a universal chronology. In his chronology, written in c. AD 220, he also followed the LXX ages but once again omitted this mysterious Cainan.”

Dr. Sarfati makes the point that a copyist using the later and incorrect LXX chronology, when copying the gospel of Luke, wanted to have Luke line up with his unknowingly incorrect rendition of the LXX as it related to this extra Cainan.

He further states, regarding this theory of the copyist wanting Luke to align with his LXX chronology, “supporting evidence comes from the fact that the ages of “Cainan” at the birth of his son and at his death are identical to the dates of Shelah, the next one in line. This is not surprising---the copyist is confronted with the extra name in Luke, but this provides no ages. So, all the copyist can do to maintain the pattern is to repeat the ages of the next Patriarch.”

“The doctrine of biblical inerrancy is not affected in the least by the Cainan difference. As shown it is not an error in the original autographs of Scripture but one of the extremely few copyist’s errors in the manuscripts available today.”

By the way, when you do the math, following the genealogy of Christ given in the word of God and you work backwards to Adam as the gospel of Matthew lays out, you get to about 4,000 years before Christ. If you add an additional 2,000 years since Christ’s resurrection from the dead, what approximate number do you end up with for the age of the universe?

About 6,000 years. That’s a far cry from the billions of years that evolutionist’s attribute to the age of the universe. This is the reason that there is such debate between secular scientists who don’t acknowledge the God of the bible as creator and those scientists who do.

Each scientist has the same information to work from and yet they both come to entirely different conclusions as to the outcomes of the evidence. Since secularists don’t believe that there is a God who created they are only left with time and chance to arrive at life

and yet there isn't a scientist alive today who would argue that life can form from non living material, which is precisely what they argue happened at the beginning of life.

A brilliant mathematician and astronomer by the name of Sir Fred Hoyle in the early 1980's estimated the probability for the required set of enzymes for even the simplest living cell to arise by chance random processes.

By the way, when he speaks of the required set of enzymes for even the simplest living cell to arise he's not talking about life forms. An enzyme is a protein in most cases that is simply a catalyst for forming or sustaining life.

And so, when he makes the following calculation he's speaking of the pre-life material needed to form in a particular way to allow life to form.

He calculated a statistic of one in 10 to the 40,000th power. That's a 10 with 40,000 zeros after it. That's a big number and those are not good odds. But to put it into some context the hypothetical estimate of the number of atoms in the known universe is quite small in comparison at 10 to the 80th power atoms.

And so, a whole universe full of primordial soup wouldn't have a chance of producing life from non life. And that's assuming that non-life, that is inanimate material, didn't have a beginning.

Hoyle then went on to clarify the probability of even the simplest cell arising by chance by comparing it to a hurricane going through a junk yard and leaving in its wake a Boeing 747, full of jet fuel and ready to fly.

The irony is that Sir Fred Hoyle never stated a belief in special creation as he himself was an atheist and skeptic. He died in 2001 still searching for the solution to this evolutionary dilemma.

Psalm 14:1 ^{NAU} For the choir director. *A Psalm* of David. The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good.

And in the final analysis God will get the last word.

Isaiah 32:5-6 ⁵ No longer will the fool be called noble, Or the rogue be spoken of as generous. ⁶ For a fool speaks nonsense, And

his heart inclines toward wickedness: To practice ungodliness and to speak error against the LORD,

To suggest that the intricacy and utter undeniable perfect design of life is mere chance is to speak nonsense and error against the Lord God Creator.

Again, to put it into some perspective the most simple cell is known as a prokaryote which is a single cell and describes what we call bacteria. The other type of living cell is known as a eukaryote which are both single and multicellular organisms and these compose most of all living matter.

So, for example, your blood is made up of eukaryote type cells that are very complex. But just to give you some idea of how complex even the most simple prokaryote cell is we need only look at the bacteria e-coli which has a motor mounted within the outer wall of the cell.

Now keep in mind a bacteria doesn't have a brain or any type of reasoning capability, but somehow or another it decided to create a motor for pushing it around in its environment, according to evolutionists.

This bacterial motor, according to evolutionists, has been around for billions of years before man invented his first electric motor. And the irony is that both motors are very similar in the way they work.

The main difference between the two motors is that the man made electric motor runs on electrons and the bacterial motor runs on protons. Unlike the man made motor the bacterial motor has the capability to stop instantly, start and reverse itself instantly and has a 100% efficiency at cruising speeds.

In fact, its top cruising speed is comparable to a 6 foot tall man swimming at 60MPH. Also, another advantage of the bacterial motor is that it produces its own fuel unlike the man made motor which has to be supplied with an outside force to make it work.

And just in case you think I'm using the word motor as a metaphor for the bacterial propulsion system I am not. It is a literal miniature motor.

Would anyone like to conclude that the electric motor seen on your handout was the result of mere chance and time forming it without a designer?

If you found one of these on the side of the road or buried in your back yard would the thought ever cross your mind that you discovered an ancient fossil, yet to be named among all of the other fossils we have of animals and plants, that evolved over billions of years?

So, what do you think the chances are of a bacterial motor which is infinitely more complex and efficient forming by mere chance and time?

Sir Edward Hoyle would say at least 1 in 10 to the 40,000th power.

But I digress. Back to our text.

Why do you think the writer of Chronicles begins with a genealogy of Adam?

Because the entire bible is about our Creator God and His relationship to His special creation, man.

And what is that relationship in man's natural state?

It is a relationship of enmity where we are by nature children of wrath.

Ephesians 2:1-3 ^{NAU} And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

Romans 3:9-12 ⁹ What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; ¹⁰ as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; ¹¹ THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD; ¹² ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE."

No man can do enough good in this world to make him any less a child of wrath. In fact, we know how good we have to be if it were possible to attain unto perfection.

James 2:10 ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one *point*, he has become guilty of all.

And this takes us back to the reason that God revealed His will in the word of God in both Old and New Testaments.

And from this standpoint what is the main reason God wrote His word for mankind?

To reveal Jesus Christ the Messiah who would be born of a virgin and redeem a people for Himself.

This is precisely what God told Adam and Eve after they sinned against God as He not only meted out His justice but also gave them the hope of life once more without sin and the curse.

Genesis 3:14-15 ¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life; ¹⁵ And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel."

Who is the seed of the woman that God is speaking about?

It is the promised Messiah. It is the same seed that was promised to Abraham of whom Paul speaks in the book of Galatians.

Galatians 3:16 ¹⁶ Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as *referring* to many, but *rather* to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ.

When we first began this study through the Old Testament, this survey if you will, you'll remember that one of the things I continued to emphasize was that the entire bible is really written about one person in particular.

Does anyone remember who that person is?

Jesus Christ. And of course our Lord confirmed this right after His resurrection.

Luke 24:13-27 ¹³ And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and *began* traveling with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. ¹⁷ And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ One *of them*, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?" ¹⁹ And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, ²⁰ and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. ²¹ "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. ²² "But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. ²⁴ "Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see." ²⁵ And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

This is the reason we study the word of God; to learn and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and to declare to the world who this Jesus is and why He was prophesied to Adam and Eve and fulfilled all the prophecies concerning Himself in the word of God.

The genealogy starts with Adam in 1Chronicles because this is where mankind started as God created Adam from the dust of the earth. He was created perfect but chose to rebel against his Creator and God and as a result we live in a world condemned to sin, the curse and death.

But as Jesus stated clearly to Martha, after the death of her brother Lazarus, that He, (Jesus), is the resurrection and the life. And this is the promise to you and me in Christ that we too will never have

to die again, but will be raised to eternal life to live on the new earth amidst the new heavens.

Revelation 21:2-7 ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, ⁴ and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." ⁵ And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." ⁶ Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. ⁷ "He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.

This essentially was the promise made to Adam and Eve and in these last days God has spoken to us through His Son, our God and Savior and Creator, Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 1:1-3 ^{NAU} God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. ³ And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

When Paul wrote the Corinthians he said this of Jesus Christ.

^{NAU} **Colossians 1:16** For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him.

The Son of God has created all things both visible, like the stars and planets, all animals and man. And He has created all things invisible: angels, air and yes even bacteria with its intricate system of life and mobility to which nothing man made could ever compare.

He is the all wise God and no amount of those who profess to be wise can ever undo what God has ordained and created. The creature can tell the creator all day long that He doesn't exist, or that He didn't create, but in the final analysis God will prevail because none can stand before Him outside of Christ. And this is best summed up when God rebuked Job.

Job 38:1-12 ^{NAU} Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, ² "Who is this that darkens counsel By words without knowledge? ³ "Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you instruct Me! ⁴ "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell *Me*, if you have understanding, ⁵ Who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it? ⁶ "On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷ When the morning stars sang together And all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸ "Or *who* enclosed the sea with doors When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb; ⁹ When I made a cloud its garment And thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰ And I placed boundaries on it And set a bolt and doors, ¹¹ And I said, "Thus far you shall come, but no farther; And here shall your proud waves stop "? ¹² "Have you ever in your life commanded the morning, *And* caused the dawn to know its place,

Job 40:15-24 ¹⁵ "Behold now, Behemoth, which I made as well as you; He eats grass like an ox. ¹⁶ "Behold now, his strength in his loins And his power in the muscles of his belly. ¹⁷ "He bends his tail like a cedar; The sinews of his thighs are knit together. ¹⁸ "His bones are tubes of bronze; His limbs are like bars of iron. ¹⁹ "He is the first of the ways of God; Let his maker bring near his sword. ²⁰ "Surely the mountains bring him food, And all the beasts of the field play there. ²¹ "Under the lotus plants he lies down, In the covert of the reeds and the marsh. ²² "The lotus plants cover him with shade; The willows of the brook surround him. ²³ "If a river rages, he is not alarmed; He is confident, though the Jordan rushes to his mouth. ²⁴ "Can anyone capture him when he is on watch, With barbs can anyone pierce *his* nose?

Job 41:1-11 ^{NAU} "Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook? Or press down his tongue with a cord? ² "Can you put a rope in his nose Or pierce his jaw with a hook? ³ "Will he make many supplications to you, Or will he speak to you soft words? ⁴ "Will he make a covenant with you? Will you take him for a servant forever? ⁵ "Will you play with him as with a bird, Or will you bind him for your maidens? ⁶ "Will the traders bargain over him? Will they divide him among the merchants? ⁷ "Can you fill his skin with harpoons, Or his head with fishing spears? ⁸ "Lay your hand

on him; Remember the battle; you will not do it again! ⁹ "Behold, your expectation is false; Will you be laid low even at the sight of him? ¹⁰ "No one is so fierce that he dares to arouse him; Who then is he that can stand before Me? ¹¹ "Who has given to Me that I should repay *him*? *Whatever* is under the whole heaven is Mine.

This is the God who created Adam and all generations since. Today's study was merely a reminder of why we study the word of God and to point us to the Almighty God who created us and has saved a people for His own possession that we might share in His eternity on the earth that we were made for and on which He will dwell among us forever, Emmanuel.

This is precisely why genealogies are so important to God and why the writer of 1Chronicles begins in this way. And you thought genealogies were going to be boring.