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Question: “So the angels sang when the earth was re-created after the flood because the fallen angels who had tried to blend themselves with man to obliterate the human line, right?”

Answer: Well, let me straighten out something about Job 38:4-11. Look at Job 38:4. I was trying to work all this out before last Wednesday but was unable to contact the people I needed to talk to, since then I’ve been able to finish my research and come to some conclusions. Job 38:4, “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?” If you have a study Bible you’ll see that expression has a cross reference to Ps 104:5. So you hold your place in Job and turn to Ps 104:5. Notice the similarity, “He established the earth upon its foundations, So that it will not totter forever and ever.” Now the Psalm is describing the earth being re-established after the Flood.ⁱ And it sounds similar to Job 38:4. But similarity doesn’t mean identity. Two passages can sound similar, use the same terms and so forth, but that doesn’t mean identity. Every war has similarities, people die, there’s blood, there’s armed conflict. Does that make every war the same war? No. So Job 38:4 and Ps 104:5 are similar but I don’t think identical because Job goes on in vv 5, 6 and 7 to describe things that do not have a parallel in Ps 104:5-9. So I’ve concluded that Job 38:4-7 refers to Creation week. Then in Job 38:8 look at the verbiage again, “Or *who* enclosed the sea with doors When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb;” when do you read about waters erupting out of the earth in Creation week? That’s not Creation lingo. Verse 9, “When I made a cloud its garment And thick darkness its swaddling band,” again, that’s post-Flood descriptions, the wake, the aftermath that set up conditions for an Ice Age. Verse 10, “And I placed boundaries on it And set a bolt and doors, ¹¹And I said, “Thus far you shall come, but no farther; And here shall your proud waves stop?” That’s all Flood terminology and if you look in the

margin at your cross references you'll see the parallels to Ps 104:6, 7, 8 and 9. So this is the Flood. I conclude that Job 38:4-7 refers to Creation and Job 38:8-11 refers to the Flood. So that would contradict the possibility I gave you last week that the angels were singing for joy at the Flood. They may have been, but in Job 38:7 they're not. I consulted one of my mentors who did all his research on the Creation and Flood texts at Dallas Theological Seminary in the wake of Henry Morris and John Whitcomb's earth shattering book *The Genesis Flood* in 1961 and his conclusions were the same; Job 38:4-7 are the Creation and Job 38:8-11 are the Flood.

But yes, to answer the part of your question about the angels trying to blend themselves with man to obliterate the human line, yes, they were trying to corrupt the human gene pool. Why would they do that? Because of the promise of Gen 3:15 that the seed of the woman would come who would crush Satan. Notice it says the seed of the woman, not the seed of the man. And so that's why Gen 6 is referring to one way marriages. It's always the sons of God taking the daughters of men; it's never the sons of men. It's an attack on the female side of the race, to corrupt her seed because the seed would come through the woman. There's a lot that's involved in that attack and a lot of discussion and disagreement. One side is arguing that the intermarriages are between the godly line of Seth and the ungodly line of Cain so that it's just human marriages between believers and unbelievers. That leaves a lot of questions unanswered. For one it's a one way marriage, it's always sons of God marrying daughters of men, never daughters of God marrying sons of men. For another, "sons of God" always, without exception refers to angels in the OT. Further, it doesn't explain the offspring, the Nephilim/Gibborim that result from the intermarriage. So I think it's clearly angels intermarrying with daughters of men to corrupt pure human genetics. If you remember the pre-Flood world didn't have a human government. Human government wasn't established until after the Flood in Gen 9. So the government was angelic as we can tell from Gen 3. They exercise authority on the earth; and they have the sword, which is always the symbol of civil government in the Scriptures. So during this time angels and men lived alongside one another, immortals and mortals in the same world. That's not a problem because we know that angels can temporarily manifest themselves in material form and every reference we have to angels doing this they appear as men. All through the Scriptures angels appear as men. But it's more than appearance; they're real physical entities when they do this, one about knocks Peter over in the

Book of Acts. Angels destroy men in battle all through the OT. So they can temporarily manifest themselves physically and interact with the physical, material universe. So with respect to the intermarriages I'd say that when they manifest themselves this way they have some kind of genetic information, either DNA or some similar encoded information that can successfully recombine with the female ovum and create an offspring. That should not be a problem at all if you admit an angel can knock a human down. All DNA is physical chemicals. Now I don't know if the offspring of an angel and a woman is viable, I don't know if the resultant Nephilim could reproduce. My guess is that they could. But I know that an angel and a female can produce a living offspring that is a freak of nature called Nephilim. These offspring have certain characteristics. For one, they're always male. So that shows you they at least have something analogous to the Y chromosome because the testes determining gene is carried on the Y chromosome and expression of that gene is what causes the distinctives of female anatomy to stop forming. Everybody starts off forming a female anatomy as you can tell when you see a man with his shirt off, but the development halts because the expression of the testes determining gene which produces testosterone arrests that process. And if you, later in life, destroy that gene or the expression of that gene then female characteristics will start to show up on men to various degrees. But whatever these angels contributed genetically it caused 100% of the offspring to be male. So for what it's worth, strange things occurred at that time on earth, notice I said this happened on earth. Angels in heaven are not given in marriage, but this occurred on earth, and apparently God permitted this in the world before the Flood. That brings us to the second question.

Question: "But, Gen 6:4, "The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—So weren't they still around post-flood? When is "afterward"?"

Answer: This involves us in the issue of the Nephilim, the offspring of this angel-female union. Did this freak offspring occur before and after the Flood? When is the afterward? Good question. As for the Nephilim, the translators just transliterated the word as you can see. I think in some translations they actually translate it. But they don't know what to do with this word; it simply means "fallen ones." The idea that they were giants comes from the Jewish translation into the Greek around 200BC. They translated this word *gigantes* which means "Titans" or "Giants." We don't know for sure if they were giants,

but they were *gigantes*, they were super-human but not necessarily in size. They may have been, they may not have been. They probably were, and I think they were simply because the end of verse 4 describes them as “the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.” The Gibborim, the might men, that signifies great strength.ⁱⁱ I don’t know for sure. But these were the freak offspring that lived on the earth it says in verse 4, “in those days” that’s Noah’s day” —and also afterward.” What does the afterward refer to? If you look at verse 3, what did God say? “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.” If you take that as the timetable from when this was going on, down to the time of the Flood, then the expression means these offspring were on the earth 120 years before the Flood and afterward down to the Flood when they were destroyed. The purpose of the Flood was to destroy this genetic offspring, the Nephilim that resulted from this strange intermarriage. Now who were the angels who did this? They were some of the angels that fell when Satan fell between Gen 2-3. So this is not the Fall of Satan and 1/3 of the angelic realm, this is a later incident involving some of those fallen angels. Peter tells us in 2 Pet 2:5 that the fallen angels that engaged in this intermarriage were locked away permanently at the time of the Flood in a place called *tartarus*, a special holding compartment, not to be released until the Great White Throne judgment. Jude 6-7 also refers to this event where strange flesh went after strange flesh. But in any case, the “and afterward” simply refers to that 120 year period that led up to the Flood. In the Flood the Nephilim were destroyed and a pure line of human genetics came through the Flood in Noah and his family. But someone will say, the Nephilim are mentioned after the Flood in the Book of Numbers (Num 13:33).ⁱⁱⁱ True, they are, but there is no mention of angelic-human intermarriages after the Flood. They were descendants of Anak who were descendants of Canaan who were descendants of Ham who got off the boat with Noah. So they were true human beings with true human genetics. All Nephilim means is “fallen ones” and my understanding is that these “fallen ones” had some genetic distortions, some characteristics (they didn’t know about genetics), but some distortion of normal human characteristics. And this has been seen in the human gene pool after the Flood. The cause of these distortions in the post-Flood world is called “genetic load.” Genetic load means that there has been a loss of alleles due to selection. We don’t have a problem with this. We don’t have a problem with natural selection (when it’s understood properly). It just means a narrowing or loss of information as

organisms interbreed. There are limitations in the structures that can be produced, there are barriers, but the point in this case is God's selection. There are three kinds of selection: Natural selection, where two organisms in nature breed together by some selective criteria. There's artificial selection, where a human being puts two organisms together to breed. That's what Darwin was interested in. Darwin said if man can artificially select traits by breeding then maybe nature can do the same thing. And there is God's selection, when God narrows the gene pool by selecting certain individuals, man and animal, to remain alive on the earth for interbreeding. When did God select or narrow the gene pool? At the Flood. After the flood, if you got off the ark, there were only those eight human individuals on the planet. That means that all the genetics of the human race, all the possible characteristics are exclusively in those eight people. And what this did was increase what is called the genetic load. You'll hear me use that term more later in our class. What it means is that certain alleles (coded portions at particular locus on our chromosomes) that give rise to certain traits were lost at the Flood. In other words, diversity was lost at the Flood. There was greater diversity in the human genome before the Flood than after the Flood. Which was God's whole point in the Global Flood of Noah, to get rid of the alleles of the Nephilim. But the point we want to make about the post-Flood Nephilim and other people even into our modern day, is now that the gene pool has narrowed down we have more and more mutation problems, increases in mutant traits and that's why intermarriages between family members before the Flood is not a problem at all. The old question, where did Cain get his wife? Obviously Cain married his sister. That's not a problem in a pre-Flood world because there were very few mutations in the human gene pool and so expression of mutant recessive alleles would have been extremely rare.^{iv} After the Flood you start getting legislation about not marrying too closely (Lev 19). That's because now it's dangerous and the recessive alleles combined with increased mutations have caused a dangerous situation for close marriages. That's why you read about so-called giants in the OT, people who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, people who were 9, 10, 12 feet tall. This is not unheard of even today. There have been men in the last century who were over 8 ½ feet tall, so that capacity is embedded in our genetic code.^v There are people alive right now who have six digits on each hand and foot and some that have even seven digits on each hand and foot, a condition known as polydactyly.^{vi} So this is simply due to genetic load, not due to angels intermarrying in the post-Flood world. The angels that did

that were locked away according to 2 Peter 2:5 in the days of the Flood. There have not been any angelic-human offspring in the post-Flood world. They existed for at least those 120 years and then were wiped out.

4. Framework Hypothesis

Alright, tonight we want to look briefly at an accommodation attempt called the Framework Hypothesis or the Literary Framework. This is gaining popularity, especially among conservative evangelical theologians. This view was developed by Meredith Kline in 1958. A few men before him proposed certain elements but Kline became the influential one to carry this forward. He's a very influential theologian, typically conservative and he has some good stuff but he's got serious issues with young-earthers. "I regard the widespread insistence on a young earth to be a deplorable disservice to the cause of biblical truth..."^{vii} Do you sense he's embarrassed by young-earth creationism? You find this in academic circles. They want to maintain intellectual integrity among their peers but also want to hold on to the Bible so they come up with these academic views that sound credible.

Here's the view, "I have advocated an interpretation of biblical cosmogony [origin of the universe] according to which Scripture is open to the current scientific view of a very old universe and...does not discountenance the theory of the evolutionary origin of man."^{viii} So he's open to an old universe and macroevolution, as of 1996 at least, he's passed away since then. Notice that his interpretation of Genesis is quote, "open to the current scientific view." The way he interprets to make it open is to say Gen 1 is just a literary device and doesn't record any real events. When God said, "Let there be light," that's just a literary device, God didn't really say that and God didn't really do that. It's just a literary form to teach us something about God. So he re-interprets, but the brilliance of his re-interpretation is that he doesn't have to re-interpret over and over and over. Usually the problem with accommodation views is that when modern science changes the accommodationist has to go back and change. Kline gets around that by saying the whole of Gen 1 isn't even an account of creation, it's just a literary device. That way I don't have to go back and re-interpret over and over. Here's how he says it, "as far as the time frame is concerned, with respect to both the duration and sequence of events, the scientist is left free of biblical constraints in hypothesizing about cosmic origins."^{ix} See, if Kline can argue that Gen 1 is not to be taken literally

then he does away with all our arguments. He's done away with the expression "evening and morning." He's done away with the numerical adjectives attached to the end of each day. And he's done away with the sequence of the events in Gen 1.

So the key to his view is that Genesis is not supposed to be taken literally. How does he know that? What are his arguments? First, he says you can tell this from the literary arrangement of Gen 1. He says you have six days that really aren't days, they're six frames arranged into two panels. The first three frames form panel one and the last three frames form the panel two. By comparing panel one with panel two he says you observe literary similarities. Frame one and frame four have literary similarities; frame two and frame five have literary similarities and frame three and frame six have literary similarities. He and others conclude from this that the similar frames are describing the same event.^x As an example, Kline says, "day four thus brings us back to where we were in day one, and in fact takes us behind the effects described there to the astral apparatus that accounts for them. The literary sequence is then not the same as the temporal sequence of events."^{xi} The same thing is done with the other similar frames. This sounds academic but it's baloney. He, like many people, cannot conceive of light independent of the sun so he must have the sun to account for the light on day one. Therefore the days cannot be sequential. He concludes a very involved section on upper register and lower register time to conclude, "The creation week is to be understood figuratively, not literally."^{xii}

The second reason he says days are not literal is on the basis of Gen 2:5 which says, "Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground." He says this contradicts day three where it says plants were created with seed in them, that is, mature. Therefore we should not interpret Gen 1 as sequential. We already answered this a couple of weeks ago when we dealt with the liberal interpretation. The Liberal says, there are two accounts of creation, Gen 1 and Gen 2 and they contradict. Now Kline is saying the same thing. Does anyone remember how we are supposed to read Gen 1-2? What's the ancient literary form discovered that explains Gen 1-2? A "doublet." The doublet means you have two descriptions of the same event, the first one is chronological, the second one goes back and elaborates on specific themes.^{xiii}

This was very common in ancient near east literature, it's very common in Genesis. In Gen 1:1-2:3 we have the chronological account. In Gen 2:4-25 we have the elaboration on specific themes. In Gen 6-7 we have the chronological account; in Gen 8 we have elaboration on specific themes.^{xiv} We also see this with some of the accounts of Joseph later in Genesis. So, this is not uncommon in ancient near eastern literature, nor is it uncommon in Genesis. So there is no reason to put Gen 2:5 up against Gen 1:9-10. Gen 2 is not attempting a chronological account, it is only elaborating on a specific theme, namely the creation of man.

Alright, those are the two arguments by which Kline says Gen 1 is not to be taken literally but should be interpreted figuratively and differently than later historical narrative portions of Genesis. I'll combat this later; we'll actually analyze the verbs in Gen 1 to see if Gen 1 is a different genre from other portions of Genesis and therefore merits different interpretive principles. The long of the short of it is "that it is statistically indefensible to argue that this text is poetry."^{xv}

Let me just say one more thing that is problematic with the Framework Hypothesis. We've said it before but we need to say it again because in an academic view like this we tend to get drawn in and forget the bigger picture. So here's what Lee Irons, another proponent of Framework Hypothesis tells us, "...plants and animals died before the Fall. According to the fossil record nature was "red in tooth and claw." In view of the vast ages between the first evidence of life and the appearance of man, this description would necessarily be true prior to the Fall."^{xvi} So they commit the same fallacy as Progressive Creationists, they separate man from nature. So when you read passages that say the wages of sin is death, through one man sin entered the world and death through sin, they say that the death there only refers to human death. And so animals were dying long before, all the geologic ages, all the fossil record of sea creatures and land animals were formed before the Fall. And we proved last time from exegesis of Gen 3:15-18 and Rom 8:19-23 that it is impossible to have animal death before the Fall of man and entrance of sin into this world. It's because of Adam's sin that man and nature are under the curse of death, evil, disease, suffering, et. al. The whole creation is groaning awaiting the revealing of the sons of God so it will be set free from the corruption into freedom. And that still awaits the return of the Lord Jesus Christ and the establishment of the Davidic Kingdom on the earth. So

there is a connection between man and nature. As goes man, so goes nature, that's the principle. And we know that even as a principle of daily life, poor stewardship of nature results in nature's degradation. This is not rocket science; this is just avoiding the obvious.

Finally we could say that it is patently obvious that Moses and the Israelites had no clue what Kline and company are talking about.

6. Gaps in Genesis 5 Chronology (1 Chron 1:1-4; Luke 3:36-38; 2 Pet 2:5 adjective, eighth from Noah)

There are two other accommodation strategies, and by accommodation we just mean trying to bring together the Bible and the framework of modern science. Accommodation is the lingo used if you do some reading in this area so you want to be familiar with that term. And I hope by going through these theories you see that the pressures of modern paganism have been felt by men of the Christian church and these attempts to accommodate are manifestations of their succumbing to the pressure. And we have to be honest, there's reputation damage in academia today if you don't go along with the modern paganism, so the pressures to succumb are great. But if we're going to fear God and not man then we're going to have to go along with the Bible and let the chips fall where they will. After a while of trying to accommodate you realize you're doing more to damage the authority of Scripture than defend it and it would have been better if believers from the start said, no, paganism is wrong, somewhere paganism's interpretation of the data has gotten off track and we're going to stick with the text, we're going to re-interpret the data according to the text rather than the other way around. Now, with these two accommodation attempts we move outside of creation week to Gen 5 and Gen 11. Since 1800 we've got to have more time, before that Christians didn't think of needing more time. But that's what we mean by accommodation. External influences are coming in from the world system and disturbing people's reading ability. Here we have more time injected into the genealogies of Genesis 5 and Genesis 11.^{xvii} The basic position is "the genealogies in *Gen 5, 11* contain generational and chronological gaps, and thus cannot be used, as James Ussher did, for chronological purposes...names are often added, omitted, or changed in form."^{xviii} This is a common position, even among conservative evangelicals. This is the claim that the OT doesn't give us any precise data for determining

the age of the earth. It behooves us to remember what Leupold, the famous commentator on Genesis said regarding this, “Any claim that the Scriptures do not give a complete and accurate chronology for the whole period of the Old Testament that they cover is utterly wrong, dangerous, and mischievous.”^{xix} Notice, he’s not just concerned with Genesis, he’s talking about the entire OT. So he says, give me a break, that’s utterly wrong, there’s some mischief going on when you read commentators saying that, conservative commentators, the walls of orthodoxy have been breached on this issue.

One of the breaches is in Gen 5. Are there gaps in the genealogies of Gen 5 and 11? We might question first of all whether Gen 5 and 11 are genealogies or chronologies. You might want to know that before you slice and dice the text. What’s the difference between a genealogy and a chronology? A genealogy shows lineal descent and can have gaps. But a chronology is a measurement of time, it’s a clock and if your clock has gaps of time when the hand wasn’t ticking but time was ticking you might want to get a new clock. So this is an attempt to say time was going on but the hand wasn’t ticking and what that does is stretch out the time in these chapters, some technique to inject time. It’s usually the claim that this is a schematization, that the whole thing here has been smoothed out by the Hebrew editors. And they come to this conclusion because they say, look, there’s 10 guys in the list in Gen 5 and there’s 10 guys in the list in Gen 11 and other places in other ancient literature I find 10 guys and this is a literary parallel and therefore it’s non-historical, it’s just a scheme that some Hebrew came up with to make the text more fluid. Here’s the problem, those other ancient texts, those other places where you have the 10 guys don’t have the formula we find in Gen 5 and Gen 11. In Gen 5 a very strict formula is used that any mathematician would automatically detect as giving a strict, tight chronology. That would be the purpose, a major one at least, in writing this way.

Observe the formula, X lived n years and begat Y, and the days after he begat Y were n years, and all the days that X lived were n plus n years. Let’s look at the first one. Adam lived 130 years and begat Seth, and the days after he beget Seth were 800 years, and all the days that Adam lives were 130 plus 800 years, they’ve already done the math in Gen 5:5, how old was Adam when he died? 930 years. Then look at the second one, he takes Seth, Adam’s prior offspring as the point of measure and gives his data. Seth lived 105

years and begat Enosh, and the days after he begat Enosh were 807 years, and all the days that Seth lived were 105 plus 807 years. Which equals how many years? 912. Then in number three he picks up Enosh. Where did he get Enosh from? From Seth, so he's connecting real tight. And then he gives his data. So each one picks up the son mentioned and gives the data in this formula. So we have Enosh begetting Kenan, Kenan begetting Mahalel, Mahalel begetting Jared, Jared begetting Enoch, Enoch begetting Methuselah. It's all very tight. We're not saying that the son mentioned is the first son born to that father, Seth obviously is not the first born of Adam, who was the first born of Adam? Cain. So it's not necessarily the first born, but it's giving the generations. How many generations bridge the period between the Creation and the Flood? If we went to the end of Gen 5 we count 10 generations in the chain.

Turn to Jude 14. Enoch was number what from Adam? He's the seventh generation in the chain. Let's see what Jude says. Jude was the half-brother of Jesus, so this guy was raised in Jesus' own family where they taught and discussed the Bible. And this obviously reflects that families understanding of Gen 5. Jude says in verse 14, "And about these also Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying..." How many generations did we say Enoch was from Adam? Seventh in the Genesis text. Jude says he was seventh. So here we have a guy right in Jesus' family agreeing with Gen 5. The Accommodationists say Gen 5 leaves some generations out? Excuse me? That wasn't Jude's understanding, that wasn't Jesus' family's understanding. Oh, well, it takes a higher order of intelligence to hold our position. Jude just didn't have all the Ph.D's we have and so Jude made a mistake. See, you can't play fast and loose with the text. A person would have far more integrity just throwing the whole Bible out. "There is absolutely no reason to assume the existence of gaps in this record, or that the years are anything other than normal years (except for the likelihood that the original year was only 360 days long." Here's Gordon Wenham. Wenham believes there are gaps but look at his frank admission, "... the Hebrew gives no hint that there were large gaps between father and son in this genealogy," Well if that's the case why did he believe there were gaps? "archaeological discoveries" and "historical problems" compelled him to accept them, thus placing Adam in "very distant times." So, it's not based on exegesis, it's coming from outside the text. http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/aid/v2/n1/do-the-genesis-genealogies-contain-gaps - fnList_1_18

Now turn to Luke 3:36-38, this in Luke's record of Jesus' genealogy. There's a little debate through church history over Jesus' genealogies. We have Matthew's and Luke's and supposedly we have a contradiction, they've got different names. Well, just maybe they're not genealogies of the same parent. Radical solution. These nitwits that come along at 90mph just looking to find a contradiction, finally after 2000 years man suddenly evolved a brain. It's really striking to see how ignorant people become after the 19th century, really shocking. Far from evolving we appear to be devolving.

Look at the list of men we have beginning in Luke 3:38 and work backward; we have to work backward to get the order because of the way Luke starts with Jesus and works his way back to Adam. So it's reverse. Verse 36, "the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, ³⁷the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch," there's Enoch, number seven, then "the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, ³⁸the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God." Exactly the order in Gen 5. I don't see any gaps there; the same thing is recorded in 1 Chron 1:1-4 if you want more confirmation. The bottom line is you can't get more time in Gen 5. The formula of Gen 5 locks you down.

The last thing we want to observe with the Gen 5 chronology is the age of these patriarchs. Look at how old they are when they die? 930, 912, 905, 910, 895, 962, 365. (Enoch was taken, he didn't die) 969, those are all the guys that lived and died before the Flood. Now look at that, that's shocking. The average age of these guys, excluding Enoch, is 912 years. And of course, people have tried to get around this: oh, they must have had a shorter year, their month must have been equivalent to our year or something, 1:12 ratio, that will get their ages down. Again, you'd have more integrity just letting the Bible go rather than trying to hang on. There are issues here. If we take these guys and graph them, we have ten generations and we plot those generations on the X axis, on the Y axis we plot the age at death. Draw a best fit line and you get this. A nice flat line. If you do the math you come up with 1656 from Creation to the Flood. The last righteous guy to die before the Flood was Methuselah, he died the year of the Flood. His name in the Hebrew means, "when he dies, it will come," in hindsight, referring to the Flood.

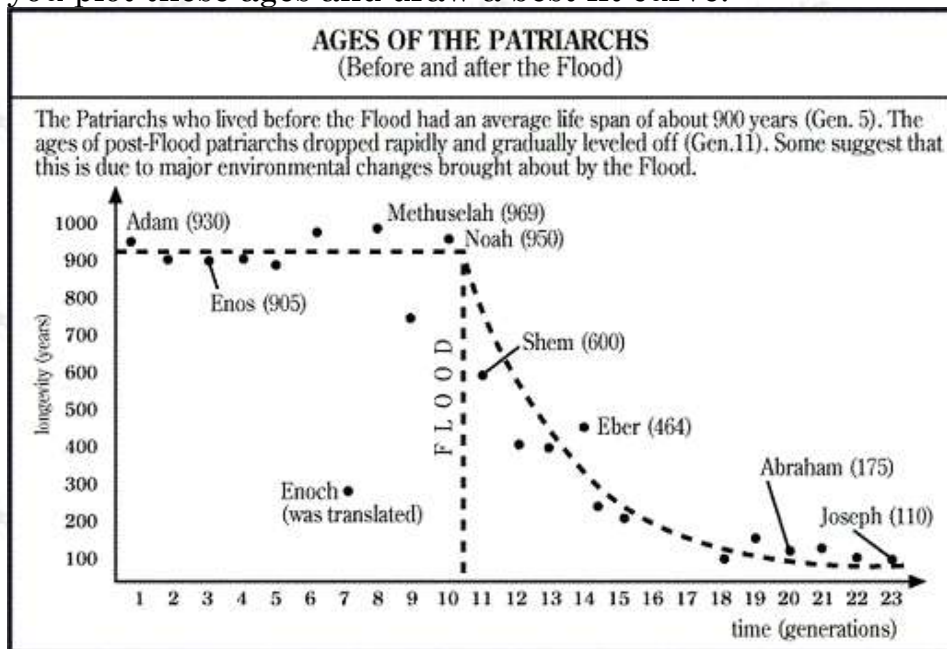
7. Gaps in Genesis 11 Chronology

Now let's turn to Gen 11:10 and we'll plot these guys. This is the second genealogy that accommodationists try to insert time. This one after the Tower of Babel. So we have the Creation and then 1,656 years later we have the Flood, then 101 years after the Flood we have the Tower of Babel and out of that confusion of languages we have the various language groups. Before that everyone spoke the same language and people today are trying to get back to that. Alexander the Great tried to get back to that because Alexander the Great was a one world type of guy. And these one world types know that to get a one world system they've got to have one world language. They're very smart people, they're right, if you're ever going to get unity you've got to get a unified language. But God divided the languages at this point, God isn't against a one world system, He's just against a one world system built by the autonomous dictates of man. And so God divided the languages to disrupt this one world system and now we have the various language groups that compose modern civilization, basically they are three-fold and they stem from the three sons of Noah; Shem, Ham and Japheth. Those three sons of Noah become the progenitors of modern civilization. Everyone on the planet comes forth from one of those three sons. And modern genetics is pointing to this as we speak, it's pointing out that we all came out of that one family of Noah, a monogenetic origin, not a polygenetic origin.

And here are the records for Shem in Gen 11:10ff. You'll notice a formula similar to that of Gen 5. X was n number of years old when he beget Y and X lived n years after he beget Y. The only difference is it doesn't tell you how many years in all the father lived. But that's easy enough to calculate, anyone with 4th grade math can do that. So it's almost exactly the formula of Gen 5 and what did we say that indicates? A strict, tight chronology being given. Any mathematician can see this.

But the accommodationist says we can stick gaps of time in there, no problem. Oh yes, problem. You're going to see what you destroy when you do that kind of Bible study. It's not study at all; it's manipulation of God's infallible speech. Look at this, here's a chart of the guys in Gen 11 that come down through Shem. Look at the ages. What's the trend? Are these guys dying later or earlier than the guys before the Flood? Earlier. This is part of

that post-Flood decay I talked about the first week. Look at what happens when you plot these ages and draw a best fit curve.



There's not an engineer here that doesn't know immediately what that curve is, you see it again and again in that field. What do you call that curve? Exponential decay curve. Take a glass of hot water and put a thermometer in, get the thermometer at equilibrium, drop 5 ice cubes in the glass, watch the temperature drop, plot the temperature vs time, plot the curve and you'll see the exact same curve, an exponential decay curve. As far as we know, everywhere you go in the physical universe you get this curve when you move from one steady state to another steady state. It's striking. When you read this text do you think Moses had his pocket calculator and he said, "Alright, let's start here and then he pressed the logarithmic key and came up with this exponential decay curve." You see, it's these details in the text that show its reality. The Bible is reporting something tremendously important, but if you add millions of years between these guys you don't get that curve, you get a straight line. The mythologies don't plot like this, because the mythologies remember a golden age when men lived tens of thousands of years, but if you plot their ages, it goes up to something like 100,000 or 200,000 thousand years, you have these big curves, then you have remembrance of a Flood, and then a sharp break off. In other words, it's a step function. Isn't it striking that the Bible alone has the traits of real history when you look at it carefully. This is the spirit of truth, and He's left indelible marks all over the text that just scream out, this is reality. Look at this, if we will just take the

time to do these little experiments with the text and be intellectually honest enough to absorb them.

So one of the major points of the texts of Gen 5 and Gen 11 is to say, looking at the chart again, how many generations do we have from Creation to the Flood? 10. How many generations do we have from the Flood to Abraham? 10. What's the major difference of those periods? The ages of the people. Over here you've got an average lifespan of 912. Over here you drop rapidly down to 70, 80, 90 years at best, a ten fold reduction.^{xx} What happened such that the human body once lived 900 years and now goes to 90? What's God telling us by this observation? The differences in these two worlds, the radical differences. How do you explain this change in human longevity? What caused this? Think of the body chemistry and the details of how complex and wonderfully made we are. What on earth caused this tremendous deterioration? We're little pygmies compared to these people that lived in the glorious pre-Flood world; if we showed up back there they would look at us and say, "What is wrong with you? Are you okay? Somebody call a doctor." We'll make some speculations what happened genetically and environmentally as we get further into the class, but undoubtedly a shift in steady state occurred, that's what the exponential decay curve means. Was that caused by a local flood in the Mesopotamian valley? I don't think so. You don't get those kinds of changes because somebody's bath tub spilled over. Whatever happened at the Flood introduced tremendous changes.

As a concluding note, the traditional interpretation, and by tradition we mean the tradition of the Jews, the tradition of the apostles in the early church, they all said the earth is young. And the irony is, on the part of the Accommodationists, "Are you really saying that these people were ignorant about the interpretation of Genesis until you guys came along in 1850? That we needed the modern geological speculations of Hutton and Lyell to get us on the right track?"

ⁱ Progressive Creationist and Framework Hypothesis proponents disagree with this. I believe it's accurate to say they hold that Ps 104 is a creation hymn. This of course is a poetic passage and they allow it to explain to some degree Gen 1. Later in the Psalm mention is made of animal death and they hold that this occurred before the Fall of man.

ⁱⁱ The same word is used of David's mighty men later in Scripture. This of course does not imply that they were the progeny of some angelic-human intermarriage.

ⁱⁱⁱ They were descendants of Anak who was a descendant of Canaan who was a descendant of Ham, so they are true human beings, not hybrid beings.

^{iv} The Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament in Jubilees 4.9 says, “And Cain took Âwân his sister to be his wife and she bare him Enoch at the close of the fourth jubilee.^{iv}” The text goes on to say that Eve had nine sons and mentions that these other sons married other sisters.

^v See Robert Wadlow who reached 8 feet 11.1 inches tall and weighed 485 lbs at his death at age 22. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Wadlow Also see, Bao Xishun who was measured to be 8 feet 1 inch tall in 2009. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bao_Xishun See list of world’s tallest humans recorded in modern history at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tallest_people

^{vi} See http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://fraccers.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/kamani.jpg&imgrefurl=http://fraccers.com/2009/02/california-baby-born-with-12-fingers-12-toes/&h=258&w=267&sz=17&tbnid=5lGjSUOMz6qJM:&tbnh=109&tbnw=113&prev=/images%3Fq%3Dsix%2Bdigits&usg=__70Rp7GjZ0lXFheaRfJ35JLG6QnU=&ei=_PXyS4HMNsOC8gaskMHRDQ&sa=X&oi=image_result&resnum=4&t=image&ved=0CCMQ9QEwAw

^{vii} Meredith G. Kline, Space and Time in the Genesis Cosmogony, From *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*, fn. 47 (1996).

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^x Lee Irons, “The Framework View” in *The Genesis Debate: three views on the days of creation*, ed. David G. Hagopian (Mission Viejo, CA.: Crux Press, 2001), 248.

^{xi} Meredith G. Kline, Space and Time in the Genesis Cosmogony, From *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*, 48:2-15 (1996).

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^{xiii} See Douglas Mar, *Parallel or Duplicate Accounts (Doublets)* http://helpmewithbiblestudy.org/5system_moses/dh11.aspx

^{xiv} We also see this in the Book of Revelation where Rev 6 gives a chronological account of the seal judgments and Rev 7 goes back and fills in some details during that period. Rev 8-9 gives the chronology of the trumpet judgment and Rev 10-13 go back and give details during that period. Rev 14 and 15 give the chronology of the bowl judgments and Rev 16-19 give details about that period of time.

^{xv} Steven W. Boyd, “The Genre of Genesis 1:1-2:3: What Means This Text” in *Coming to Grips with Genesis – Biblical Authority and the Age of the Earth*, ed. Terry Mortenson and Thane H. Ury (Green Forrest, AR.: Master Books, 2008), 176. Boyd presents his statistical data in more detail in *RATE II – Radioisotopes and the age of the earth: Results of a Young-Earth Creationist Research Initiative*, ed. Larry Vardiman, Andrew A. Snelling, and Eugene F. Chaffin (El Cajon, CA.: Institute for Creation Research and Chino Valley AZ.: Creation Research Society, 2005), 631-734.

^{xvi} <http://www.reasons.org/animal-death-fall-what-does-bible-say>

^{xvii} The most often mentioned arguments for gaps due to fluidity in the genealogies of Genesis 5 and 11 are: (1) The genealogies in Genesis 4 and 5 are so alike that they must have evolved from a common source. (2) The symmetrical ten-generation form of the Genesis 5 and 11 genealogies with emphasis on the seventh position indicated schematization in the tradition of ancient Mesopotamian king, sage, and ancestor lists. (3) The lives of the patriarchs overlap too much in a no-gap reading of the text. (4) The oft repeated formula “X fathered Y” should be interpreted to mean that X fathered the line leading to Y. (5) Humankind originated longer ago than a no-gap reading of Genesis 5 and 11 will allow according to extra-biblical evidence.

^{xviii} <http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/aid/v2/n1/do-the-genesis-genealogies-contain-gaps>

^{xix} That's not just Genesis, that's the whole OT. We've had Bishop Ussher's work, we've had updated works too, especially in recent years Floyd Nolen Jones work *Chronology of the Old Testament*, we've had works done on specific periods, like Edwin Thiele's book, *The Mysterious Numbers of the Hebrew Kings* and David Down's book on Egyptian Chronology, *The Pharaoh's Unwrapped*. It's absurd to say God didn't intend to give us a precise chronology of the OT period. What are you talking about? Gen 5 is clearly giving us the number of years between Creation and the Flood, it's very specific, a 4th grader can do the math, 1,656 years. Gen 11 is giving us the number of years between the Flood and Abraham's birth, again, a fourth grader can do the numbers, 292 years.

^{xx} Maturity rate increases with this reduction of age. The pre-Flood patriarchs matured much slower and had children at older ages. The post-Flood patriarchs matured much quicker and had children at younger ages. This shows a relationship between longevity and maturity and may answer to the common quip, "enjoy your kids now, they grow up too fast." Indeed it is true in the post-Flood world that they grow too fast. It has not always been so!

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