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The Annals of the Old Testament from the Beginning of the World

“The world’s history is a divine poem of which the history of every nation is a canto and every man a word. Its strains have been pealing along down the centuries, and though there have been mingled discords of warring cannon and dying men, yet to the Christian philosopher and historian—the humble listener—there has been a divine melody running through the song which speaks of hope and halcyon days to come.” [*James A. Garfield, *Klopsch - Many Thoughts of Many Minds*, 1:131]

1a AM, 710 JP, 4004 BC

1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. {*Ge 1:1*} The beginning of time, according to our chronology, happened at the start of the evening preceding the 23rd day of October (on the Julian calendar), 4004 BC or 710 JP. (This day was the first Sunday past the autumnal equinox for that year and would have been September 21 on the Gregorian calendar. Historians routinely use the Julian calendar for all BC dates. Editor.)
2. On the first day {*Ge 1:1-5*} of the world (Sunday, October 23), God created the highest heaven and the angels. When he finished, as it were, the roof of this building, he started with the foundation of this wonderful fabric of the world. He fashioned this lower-most globe, consisting of the deep and of the earth. Therefore, all the choir of angels sang together and magnified his name. {*Job 38:7*} When the earth was without form and void and darkness covered the face of the deep, God created light on the very middle of the first day. God divided this from the darkness and called the one *Day* and the other *Night*.
3. On the second day {*Ge 1:6-8*} (Monday, October 24) after the firmament or heaven was finished, the waters above were separated from the waters here below, enclosing the earth.
4. On the third day {*Ge 1:9-13*} (Tuesday, October 25), when these waters below ran together into one place, the dry land appeared. From this collection of the waters God made a sea, sending out from here the rivers, which were to return there again. {*Ec 1:7*} He caused the earth to bud and bring forth all kinds of herbs and plants with seeds and fruits. Most importantly, he enriched the Garden of Eden with plants, for among them grew the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. {*Ge 2:8,9*}
5. On the fourth day (Wednesday, October 26), the sun, the moon and the rest of the stars were created. {*Ge 1:14-19*} (According to the astronomical calculations, if the moon had existed on the first day of creation then it would have been a new moon. Editor.)
6. On the fifth day (Thursday, October 27), fish and flying birds were created and commanded to multiply and fill the sea and the earth. {*Ge 1:20-23*}
7. On the sixth day (Friday, October 28), the living creatures of the earth were created as well as the creeping creatures. {*Ge 1:24-27*} Last of all, man was created in the image of God, which consisted in the capacity of the mind to have a knowledge of the divine, {*Col 3:10*} and in the natural and proper sanctity of his will. {*Eph 4:24*} When, by divine power, all living creatures were brought before him, Adam gave them their names. Among all of these, he found no one to help him who was like himself. [L2] Lest he should be destitute of a suitable companion, God took a rib out of his side while he slept and fashioned it into a woman. (Men and women both have the same number of ribs. Removal of a rib would not cause one’s son to have one less rib any more than if one lost a leg, he would expect his son to be born with only one leg. The rib is the only bone in the human body that regenerates itself if it is removed. Editor.) He gave her to him for a wife, establishing by it the law of marriage between them. He blessed them and bade them to be fruitful and multiply. God gave them dominion over all living creatures. God provided a large portion of food and sustenance for them to live on. To conclude, because sin had not yet entered into the world:

“God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was *very good*. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.” {*Ge 1:31*}
8. Now on the seventh day (Saturday, October 29), when God had finished his work which he intended, he then rested from all labour. [E2] He blessed the seventh day and ordained and consecrated the Sabbath {*Ge 2:2,3*} because he rested on it {*Ex 31:17*} and refreshed himself. Nor as yet had sin entered into the world for none is cited. Nor was there any punishment given by God, either upon mankind, or upon angels. Hence it was that this day was set forth both for our sanctification in this world {*Ex 31:13*}, as well as for a sign of that eternal Sabbath to be enjoyed in the world to come. In it we expect a full deliverance from sin and its dregs and all its punishments. {*Heb 4:4,9,10*}
9. After the first week of the world ended, it seems that God brought the newly married couple into the Garden of Eden. He charged them not to eat of the tree of the

knowledge of good and evil but left them free to eat of every other plant.

10. The Devil envied God's honour and man's obedience. He tempted the woman to sin by the serpent. By this, he obtained the name and title of *the old serpent*. {Re 12:9 20:2} The woman was beguiled by the serpent into eating the fruit, but the man deliberately ate the fruit. {1Ti 2:14} They broke the command of God concerning the forbidden fruit. Accordingly, when they were sought for by God and convicted of this crime, each had their punishments imposed on them. At this point, the promise was also given that the seed of the woman should one day bruise the serpent's head. Christ, in the fulness of time, should undo the works of the Devil. {1Jo 3:8 Ro 16:20} Adam first called his wife Eve, because she was then ordained to be the mother, not only of all that should live this natural life, {Ge 3:20} but of those also who should live by faith in her seed. This was the promised Messiah, as Sarah also later was called the *mother of the faithful*. {1Pe 3:6 Ga 4:31}.

11. After this, our first parents were clothed by God with clothing of skins. They were expelled from Eden and a fiery flaming sword was set to guard the way leading to the tree of life, so that they could never eat of that fruit which they had not yet touched. {Ge 3:21,22} It is very probable that Adam was turned out of paradise the same day that he was brought into it. This seems to have been on the tenth day of the world (November 1). On this day also, in remembrance of so remarkable an event, the day of atonement was appointed {Le 23:27} and the yearly fast on that day, that was mentioned by Paul. {Ac 27:9} On that day all strangers, as well as native Israelites, were commanded to afflict their souls, so that:

“every soul which should not afflict itself on that day, should be cut off from among his people.” {Le 16:29 23:29}

12. After the fall of Adam, Cain was the first of all mortal men that was born of a woman. {Ge 4:1}

130d AM, 840 JP, 3874 BC

13. When Cain, the firstborn of all mankind, murdered Abel, God gave Eve another son called Seth. {Ge 4:25} [L3] Adam had now lived a hundred and thirty years. {Ge 5:3} From which it may be gathered that, between the death of Abel and the birth of Seth, there was no other son born to Eve. For then, he should have been recorded to have been given her instead of Seth. (Since man had been on the earth a hundred and twenty-eight years and Adam and Eve had other sons and daughters, {Ge 5:4} the number of people on the earth at the time of this murder could have been as many as several hundred

thousand. Editor.) Cain might justly fear, through the awareness of the guilt of his crime, that every man that met him would also try to kill him. {Ge 4:14,15}

235d AM, 945 JP, 3769 BC

14. When Seth was a hundred and five years old, he had his son Enos. The fact that the worship of God was even then wretchedly corrupted by the descendants of Cain, indicates the lamentable condition of all mankind. Hence it came about that even then the distinction was made, that those who continued in the true worship of God were known by the name of the *children of God*, whereas those who forsook him, were termed the *children of men*. {Ge 4:26 6:1,2}

325d AM, 1035 JP, 3679 BC

15. Cainan, the son of Enos, was born when his father was ninety years old. {Ge 5:10}

395d AM, 1105 JP, 3609 BC

16. Mahalaleel was born when Cainan, his father, was seventy years old. {Ge 5:12}

460d AM, 1170 JP, 3544 BC

17. Jared was born when his father Mahalaleel was sixty-five years old. {Ge 5:15}

622d AM, 1332 JP, 3382 BC

18. Enoch was born when his father Jared was a hundred and sixty-two years old. {Ge 5:18}

687d AM, 1397 JP, 3317 BC

19. Methuselah was born when Enoch, his father, was sixty-five years old. {Ge 5:21}

874d AM, 1584 JP, 3130 BC

20. Lamech was born when his father Methuselah was a hundred and eighty-seven years old. {Ge 5:25}

930d AM, 1640 JP, 3074 BC

21. Adam, the father of all mankind, died at the age of nine hundred and thirty years. {Ge 5:5}

987d AM, 1697 JP, 3017 BC

22. Enoch, the seventh from Adam at the age of three hundred and sixty-five years, was translated by God in an instant, while he was walking with him, that he should not see death. {Ge 5:23,24 Heb 11:5} [E3]

1042d AM, 1752 JP, 2962 BC

23. Seth, the son of Adam, died when he was nine hundred and twelve years old. {Ge 5:8}

1056d AM, 1766 JP, 2948 BC

24. Noah, the tenth from Adam, was born when his father Lamech was a hundred and eighty-two years old. {Ge 5:29}

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