

GENERATIONS

DEFINITION OF GENERATION

In kinship, generation is a structural term, designating the parent–child relationship. In biology, generation also means biogenesis, reproduction, and procreation.

A **generation** is generally defined as the average period of **20 to 30 years** during which children are born, grow up, and begin to have children. Most people agree that a generation falls between **20 and 35 years old**. This timeframe can vary based on societal norms and life expectancies, but it typically represents the span of time between the birth of parents and their children.

IN THE BIBLICAL CONTEXT, "GENERATION" REFERS TO MORE THAN JUST A TIME SPAN; IT ENCOMPASSES:

Family planning in Scripture can be understood in light of the biblical mandate to steward the gift of marriage and children under God's wisdom. One of the earliest commandments mentions procreation: "God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it ...'" (**Genesis 1:28**). While this directive underscores the blessing of having children, it also highlights the broader responsibility to manage all aspects of family life in a way that honors God.

The Bible consistently presents children as a blessing from God. Yet it also depicts stewardship, selflessness, and prayerful decision-making within the family unit. In biblical times, large families were often associated with God's favor (**Ruth 4:13-17**), though there are examples where couples navigated various circumstances surrounding childbearing, such as Hannah's long period of barrenness before the birth of Samuel (**1 Samuel 1:5-20**).

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

- **Daniel 4:34**, "But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom **endures from generation to generation.**"
- **Luke 1:50**, "And his mercy is upon **generation** after **generation** toward those who fear him."

THROUGH MANY GENERATIONS MEN HAVE REFUSED TO OBEY GOD, BUT THE WORD OF GOD HAS NEVER BEEN LOST

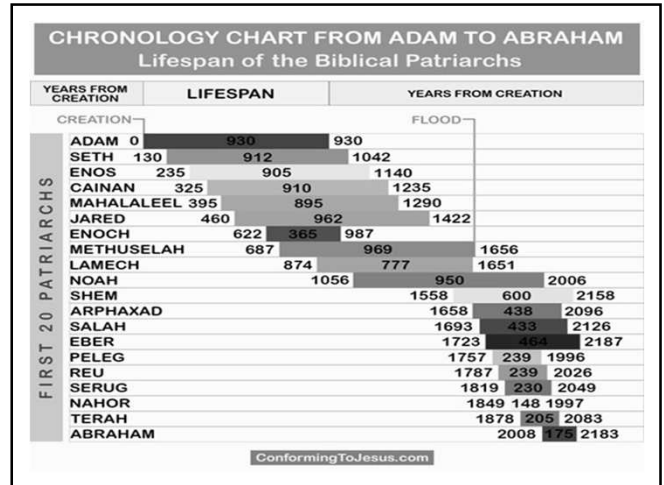
2 Kings 22:13, 2 Chronicles 34:21, "Go, inquire of the LORD for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning **the words of the book** which has been found; for great is the wrath of the LORD which is poured out on us because our fathers have not observed the word of the LORD, to do according to **all that is written in this book.**"

Revelation 20:15, "And if anyone's name was not found **written in the book of life**, he was thrown into the lake of fire."

THE LIST BELOW ARE MAN'S GENERATIONAL IDEAS

- **The Lost Generation:** Born roughly between **1883 and 1900**, this generation came of age during World War I and experienced disillusionment and a sense of loss.
- **The Greatest Generation or The GI Generation :** Born between **1901 and 1924**, this group is known for their resilience and patriotism, having lived through the Great Depression and fought in World War II.
- **The Silent Generation:** Born between **1925 and 1945**, this group is often characterized as quiet and traditional, having come of age during the post-war period.
- **Baby Boomers:** Born between **1946 and 1964**, this generation is known for its large size and its impact on culture and society.

- **Generation X:** Born between **1965 and 1980**, this group is often described as independent and pragmatic, having come of age during a period of economic and social change.
- **Millennials (Generation Y):** Born between **1981 and 1996**, this generation is known for its digital fluency and its emphasis on social issues.
- **Generation Z:** Born between **1997 and 2012**, this group is characterized by its digital native status and its focus on social media and technology.
- **Generation Alpha:** Born between **2013 and 2025**, this is the youngest generation, characterized by their early exposure to technology and their unique perspectives.
- **Generative AI is experimental**



20 GENERATIONS ADAM-ABRAHAM

- 1 ADAM
- 2 SETH
- 3 ENOS
- 4 CAINAN
- 5 MAHALALEEL
- 6 JARED
- 7 ENOC
- 8 METHUSELAH
- 9 LAMECH
- 10 NOAH
- 11 SHEM
- 12 ARPHAXAD
- 13 SALAH
- 14 EBER
- 15 PELEG
- 16 REU
- 17 SERUG
- 18 NAHOR
- 19 TERAH
- 20 ABRAHAM

ABRAHAM-DAVID-JESUS

- ABRAHAM
- ISAAC
- JACOB
- LEVI
- KOHATH
- MOSES
- DAVID
- MARY
- JESUS

Numbers 32:13, "So the LORD'S anger burned against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until the entire **GENERATION** of those who had done evil in the sight of the LORD was destroyed."

Deuteronomy 1:35, "Not one of these men, this evil **GENERATION**, shall see the good land which I swore to give your fathers."

Deuteronomy 7:9, "Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth **GENERATION** with those who love Him and keep His commandments"

Deuteronomy 32:5, 20, "They have acted corruptly toward Him, *They are* not His children, because of their defect; *But are* a perverse and crooked **GENERATION** ... **20** Then He said, 'I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end *shall be*; For they are a perverse **GENERATION**, Sons in whom is no faithfulness."

Judges 2:10, "All that **GENERATION** also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another **GENERATION** after them who did not know the LORD, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel."

Esther 9:28, "So these days were to be remembered and celebrated throughout every **GENERATION**, every family, every province and every city; and these days of Purim were not to fail from among the Jews, or their memory fade from their descendants."

Psalms 33:11, "The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart from **GENERATION** to **GENERATION**."

Psalms 71:18, "And even when *I am* old and gray, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to *this* **GENERATION**, Your power to all who are to come."

Psalms 78:4, 6, 8, "We will not conceal them from their children, But tell to the **GENERATION** to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wondrous works that He has done ... **6** That the **GENERATION** to come might know, *even* the children *yet* to be born, *That* they may arise and tell *them* to their children ... **8** And not be like their fathers, A stubborn and rebellious **GENERATION**, A **GENERATION** that did not prepare its heart And whose spirit was not faithful to God."

Psalms 102:18, "This will be written for the **GENERATION** to come, That a people yet to be created may praise the LORD."

Ecclesiastes 1:4, "A **GENERATION** goes and a **GENERATION** comes, But the earth remains forever."

Lamentations 5:19, "You, O LORD, rule forever; Your throne is from **GENERATION** to **GENERATION**."

Joel 1:3, "Tell your sons about it, And *let* your sons *tell* their sons, And their sons the next **GENERATION**."

Matthew 17:17, "And Jesus answered and said, 'You unbelieving and perverted **GENERATION**, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to Me.'"

Mark 8:38, "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful **GENERATION**, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

Acts 2:40, "And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, 'Be saved from this perverse **GENERATION**'"

Philippians 2:15, "so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse **GENERATION**, among whom you appear as lights in the world"

Hebrews 3:10, "THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS **GENERATION**, AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART, AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS'"

THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS CHRIST (**RUTH 4:18-22; 1 CHRONICLES. 2:1-15; LUKE 3:23-38**)

Matthew 1:1-2, 6, 16-17, "The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham: **2** Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers ... **6** Jesse was the father of David the king. David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah ... **16** Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. **17** So all the **GENERATIONS**, from Abraham to David are fourteen **GENERATIONS**; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen **GENERATIONS**; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen **GENERATIONS**"

THE COMING MESSENGER

Malachi 3:1, 6, "Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the LORD, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming, says the LORD of hosts ... **6** For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed."

Malachi 4:4-5, "Remember the law of Moses my servant, *even the* statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel. **5** Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD."

CHRIST BORN OF MARY (**LUKE 2:1-7**)

Matthew 1:20-21, 23, "But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. **21** She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins ... **23** 'BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,' which translated means, 'GOD WITH US.'"

JOHN THE BAPTIST PREPARES THE WAY (**MATTHEW 3:1-12; LUKE 3:1-20;** **JOHN 1:19-28**)

Mark 1:2-5, "**2** As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: 'BEHOLD I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY; **3** THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.'" **4** John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins."

THE DISCIPLES' EYES OPENED

Luke 24:44-47, "Now He said to them, 'These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.' **45** Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, **46** and He said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, **47** and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

TO BE SAVED

Acts 1:1-3, "The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, **2** until the day when He was taken up *to heaven*, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen **3** To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over *a period of forty days* and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God."

Acts 2:14, 21, "But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: 'Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words ... **21** 'AND IT SHALL THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'"

Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for **it is the power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

John 1:43, 46, "The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ... **46** Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see'."

Matthew 4:19, "And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you **fishers of men.**"

1 Corinthians 16:13, "Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, **act like men**, be strong."

THE INVITATION – THE GOOD NEWS – THE GOSPEL CALL

- **HEAR:** **Luke 8:21**, "But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who **hear the word** of God and do it."
- **BELIEVE:** **Mark 16:16**, "He who has **believed** and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned."
- **REPENT:** **Luke 13:3, 5**, "I tell you, no, but unless you **repent**, you will all likewise perish."
- **CONFESS:** **Romans 10:9**, "that if you **confess** with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved"
- **BE BAPTIZED:** **Acts 2:38**, "Peter *said* to them, "**Repent, and each of you be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- **LIVE FAITHFULLY:** **Hebrews 3:6**, "but **Christ was faithful** as a Son over His house – whose house we are, if we **hold fast** our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end."