

THE FIRST MAN'S FAMILY

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זֶה סֵפֶר תּוֹלְדֹת אָדָם בְּיוֹם בְּרָא
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Genesis 5:1-5 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. ² Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. ³ When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. ⁴ The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. ⁵ Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

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0. INTRODUCTION

0.1. THE PURPOSE OF THE SERIES

- OT – the Scriptures of the primitive church
- OT – occasion of many misunderstandings and doubts
- A sense of HISTORY → a “metanarrative” as a **counterbalance** for our **individualistic** approach to the Gospel (from *mythological* thinking to *reality* in time)

0.2. A NT USE OF THE OT

- **Mt 13:52** And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

- **John 4:38** I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.

0.3. ADAM – THE FIRST HUMAN

- Pre-Adamic reality¹

The Pre-existent Christ	John 1
Creation	Gen. 1:1
Satan cast out of heaven	Isaiah 14:12-17
Six days of creation	Gen. 1:3-26
Garden of Eden	Gen. 2:8-17
Fall of Adam and Eve	Gen. 3:1-7
Expulsion from Eden	Gen. 3:21-24
Cain kills Abel	Gen. 4
Noah is born	Gen. 5:28-29
The Flood	Gen. 7:10-24

1. ADAM AS OUR REPRESENTATIVE

- **1Cor 15:42-49** So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. (οὕτως καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις τῶν νεκρῶν. σπείρεται ἐν φθορᾷ, ἐγείρεται ἐν ἀφθαρσίᾳ. ⁴³ σπείρεται ἐν ἀτιμίᾳ, ἐγείρεται ἐν δόξῃ. σπείρεται ἐν ἀσθενείᾳ, ἐγείρεται ἐν δυνάμει. ⁴⁴ σπείρεται σῶμα ψυχικόν, ἐγείρεται σῶμα πνευματικόν. Εἰ ἔστιν σῶμα ψυχικόν, ἔστιν καὶ πνευματικόν. ⁴⁵ οὕτως καὶ γέγραπται· ἐγένετο ὁ πρῶτος ἄνθρωπος Ἄδὰμ εἰς ψυχὴν ζῶσαν, ὁ ἔσχατος Ἄδὰμ εἰς πνεῦμα ζῶσαν. ⁴⁶ ἀλλ' οὐ πρῶτον τὸ πνευματικόν ἀλλὰ τὸ ψυχικόν, ἔπειτα τὸ πνευματικόν. ⁴⁷ ὁ πρῶτος ἄνθρωπος ἐκ γῆς χοϊκός, ὁ δεύτερος ἄνθρωπος ἐξ οὐρανοῦ. ⁴⁸ οἶος ὁ χοϊκός, τοιοῦτοι καὶ οἱ χοϊκοί, καὶ οἶος ὁ ἐπουράνιος, τοιοῦτοι καὶ οἱ ἐπουράνιοι. ⁴⁹ καὶ καθὼς ἐφορέσαμεν τὴν εἰκόνα τοῦ χοϊκοῦ, φορέσομεν καὶ τὴν εἰκόνα τοῦ ἐπουρανοῦ.)

1.1. ADAM – THE RULER

- **Gn 1:26-27** Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
- Gn 1 → Christ and the world
- Ps 8 → **Ps 8:4-5** what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? ⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings (וְתַחֲסֶרְהוּ מַעַט מֵאַלְהִים) and crowned him with glory and honor (וְכָבוֹד וְהוֹרָה תַעֲמִדְהוּ)
- Heb 2 → **Heb 2:9** But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone

¹ [https://www.ngumc.org/files/fileslibrary/connectionalministries/the_old_testament_background_\(2\).pdf](https://www.ngumc.org/files/fileslibrary/connectionalministries/the_old_testament_background_(2).pdf) (22-Jun-19)

1.2. ADAM – THE HUSBAND

- **Gn 2:22** And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man
- Gn 2 → Christ and the Church
- **Eph 5:31-32** "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. (**Eph 5:25** ...Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her)

1.3. ADAM – THE SINNER

- “and he died” 7x (Gen 5:5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 27, 31) → **Rom 5:14** ... death reigned from Adam...
- **Gn 3:5** For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God (וְהַיִּיתֶם כְּאֱלֹהִים), knowing good and evil (יָדַעַי טוֹב וְרָע).
- Phil 2 → **Phil 2:5-6** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped ... **Phil 2:8** he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross
- Ps 2 → **Ps 2:8** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession (שְׂאֵל מִמֶּנִּי וְאַתְּנָה גוֹיִם נַחֲלָתְךָ וְאַחֲזֶרֶךְ אֶפְסֵי-אֲרֶזִי)

2. ADAM AS A PARADIGM OF HUMAN LIFE

- genitives (“the God of...”)
- God active in history

2.1. GREAT GIFTS

- rule → the earth (Gn 1 nature; animals)
- community → family (Gn 2 garden; family)

2.2. EVEN GREATER DESIRES

- idolatry → to be like God
- hopes → **Gn 3:20** The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living (וַיִּקְרָא הָאָדָם שֵׁם אִשְׁתּוֹ חַוָּה כִּי הִוא הִיְתָה אִם כָּל-חַי)

2.3. THE SIGNS OF DEATH

- fear; hiding; excuses;
- failure in work; failure in relationships;

2.4. DISAPPOINTMENTS

2.4.1. FAMILY

- **Cain** → **Gn 4:1-2** Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. ... **Gn 4:8** Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him → Cain- Possessio — Possession; what is gotten; Abel- Vanitas; vapor — Vanity; transitoriness;
 - **Gn 4:16** Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden → secularism, religion **without the presence of God**
 - Cain - (1) Enoch [Initiatus — Instructed; dedicated] - (2) Irad [Urbis ornamentum — Ornament of a city; Descended City; fugitive] - (3) Mehujael [Dolor Dei— Grief of God;] - (4) Methushael [Unfirmitas Dei— Infirmitas, or death from God; man of God] - (5) Lamech [Validus; robustus — Healthy; strong; king (took two wives)]

2.4.2. SOCIETY

- **Technology; Arts** → **Gn 4:20-22** Adah bore Jubal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. ²¹ His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the

lyre and pipe. ²² Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron.

- **Gn 4:23** Lamech said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say: I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for striking me. ²⁴ If Cain's revenge is sevenfold, then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold."

2.5. A RETURN TO THE SENSES

- **Gn 4:25-26** And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, "God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him." ²⁶ To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD (אָז הוֹחֵל לְקַרְא בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה)

3. TO REMEMBER

- To participate in the life of Christ we have to accept our death in Adam.
- Faith is effective only if based on proper knowledge and understanding of the Word of God.
- It is better to return to God late than never.