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A Biographical Study of Adam

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Adam

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

I. Inside the Garden of Eden
   A. His divinity
      1. He was created directly by God (Gen. 1:27)
      2. He was made in God’s image (Gen. 1:26-27)
      3. He was formed from the dust of the ground (Gen. 2:7)
   B. His duties
      1. He was placed in Eden by God (Gen. 2:8-14).
      2. He was commanded to work and take care of Eden (Gen. 2:15).
      3. He was given dominion over all creatures (Gen. 1:26, 28).
      4. He was commanded to increase in number (Gen. 1:28).
      5. He named all the animals (Gen. 2:19-20).
      6. He was the source for Eve’s creation (Gen. 2:21).
      7. He was allowed to eat of any tree in the Garden except one (Gen. 1:29; 2:16-17).
      8. He was forbidden to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17).
   C. His disobedience—He disobeyed God and ate of the forbidden tree (Gen. 3:6).
   D. His despair
      1. Adam realized his spiritual nakedness and tried to hide it from God by sewing fig leaves together (Gen. 3:7).
      2. He was judged by God (Gen. 3:17-19).
         a. A curse was placed upon the ground.
         b. By sweat and sorrow he would till the ground.
         c. At the end, he would return to the ground.
   E. His deliverance
      1. He was promised a future Savior (Gen. 3:15).
      2. He was forgiven and clothed with animal skins by God himself (Gen. 3:21).
      3. He named his wife Eve, meaning “mother of all living.”
   F. His departure—Adam was driven from Eden, lest he eat of the tree of life and live forever in his sin (Gen. 3:22-23).

II. Outside the Garden of Eden
   A. He fathered another son, Seth, in addition to several unnamed sons and daughters (Gen. 4:25; 5:4).
   B. He was 130 at the birth of Seth (Gen. 5:3).
   C. He died at the age of 930 (Gen. 5:5).

THEOLOGICAL SUMMARY
I. Job assured God he was not attempting to hide his sin as Adam once had (Job 31:33).


III. Paul contrasted the person and work of Adam with the person and work of Christ (Rom. 5:12-21; 1 Cor. 15:20-23, 45-50).
   A. Adam came from the dust of the earth and possessed a natural, corruptible body.
   B. Christ came from above and possessed a supernatural, incorruptible body.
   C. Adam introduced sin and death into the world because he disobeyed God. This he passed on to all his descendants.
   D. Christ introduced righteousness and life into the world because he obeyed God. This he passes on to all who believe in him.
   E. To remain in Adam is to die.
   F. To be joined to Christ is to live.

IV. Paul used Adam to explain why he placed the man to be head of the woman (1 Tim. 2:12-14).
   A. The chronological reason—Adam was created before Eve.
   B. The theological reason—Adam was not deceived when he sinned, as was Eve.

STATISTICS

Father: God (Gen. 1:27; 2:7)
Mother: God (Gen. 1:27; 2:7)
Spouse: Eve (Gen. 2:21)
Sons: Cain, Abel, Seth, and unnamed sons (Gen. 4:1-2, 25; 5:4)
Daughters: Several unnamed daughters (Gen. 5:4)
First mention: Genesis 2:19
Final mention: Jude 1:14
Meaning of his name: “Of the ground, dust”
Frequency of his name: Referred to 30 times
Biblical books mentioning him: Nine books (Genesis, Deuteronomy, 1 Chronicles, Job, Luke, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 1 Timothy, Jude)
Occupation: Tiller of the ground (Gen. 3:17-19, 23)
Place of birth: Inside the Garden of Eden (See Gen. 2:7-8.)
Place of death: Outside Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:23-24)
Age at death: 930 (Gen. 5:5)
Important fact about his life: He was the world’s first human being (Gen. 1:27; 2:7).