

Creation

The Bible is not a science book, nor is it designed with the purpose of presenting to us scientific principles, nevertheless, where it speaks of creation it always tells the truth.

Genesis 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. **So the evening and the morning were the first day.**

6Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. 8And God called the firmament Heaven.

So the evening and the morning were the second day.

... 13**So the evening and the morning were the third day.**

14-19 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15"and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. 16Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. 17God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, 18and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19**So the evening and the morning were the fourth day.**

... 23**So the evening and the morning were the fifth day.**

... 31Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. **So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.**

2:1-3 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

Genesis 2

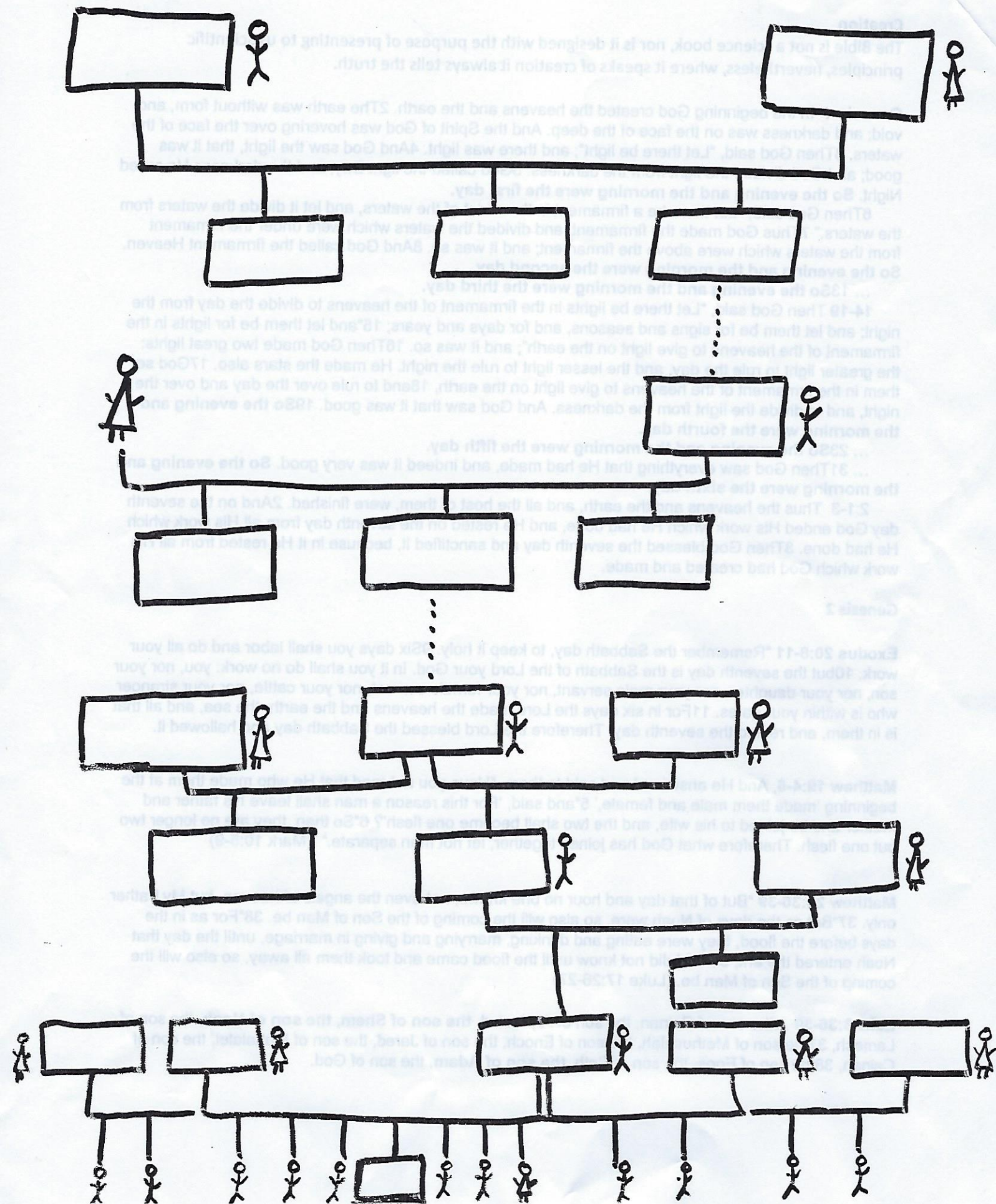
Exodus 20:8-11 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Matthew 19:4-6, And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' 5"and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? 6"So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." (Mark 10:5-9)

Matthew 24:36-39 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37"But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38"For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39"and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. (Luke 17:26-27)

Luke 3:36-39 ...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, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan, 38the son of Enos, the son of Seth, **the son of Adam**, the son of God.

The Line of the Promise



GENEALOGY OF THE PATRIARCHS,

SHOWING WHICH WERE CONTEMPORARY WITH EACH OTHER.

GENEALOGY OF THE PATRIARCHS.		YEAR OF THE WORLD.....	BEFORE CHRIST.....	THESE COLUMNS SHOW WHICH OF THE PATRIARCHS WERE CONTEMPORARY WITH EACH OTHER, AND FOR HOW LONG A PERIOD.																							
				ADAM.....	SETH.....	ENOS.....	CAINAN.....	MAHALALEEL.....	JARED.....	ENOCH.....	METHUSELAH.....	LANEOL.....	NOAH.....	SHEM.....	ARPHAXAD.....	SELAH.....	TERAH.....	PELEG.....	REU.....	SERUG.....	NAHOR.....	TERAH.....	ABRAHAM.....	ISAAC.....	JACOB.....		
				Aged	Aged	Aged	Aged	Aged	Aged	Aged	Aged	Aged	Aged	Aged	Aged	Aged	Aged	Aged	Aged	Aged	Aged	Aged	Aged	Aged			
ADAM.....	Created	...	4004	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
SETH.....	Born....	130	3874	130	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
ENOS.....	Born....	235	3769	235	105	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
CAINAN.....	Born....	325	3679	325	195	90	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MAHALALEEL.....	Born....	395	3609	395	265	160	70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
JARED.....	Born....	460	3544	460	330	225	135	65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
ENOCH.....	Born....	622	3382	622	492	387	297	227	162	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
METHUSELAH.....	Born....	637	3317	637	557	452	362	292	227	65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
LAMECH.....	Born....	874	3130	874	744	639	549	479	414	252	187	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
ADAM.....	Died....	930	3074	930	800	695	605	535	470	308	243	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
ENOCH.....	Transl..	987	3017	...	857	752	662	592	527	365	300	113	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
SETH.....	Died....	1042	2962	...	912	807	717	647	582	...	355	168	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
NOAH.....	Born....	1056	2948	...	...	821	731	661	596	...	369	182	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
ENOS.....	Died....	1140	2864	...	...	905	815	745	680	...	453	266	84	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
CAINAN.....	Died....	1235	2769	...	...	...	910	840	775	...	548	361	179	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
MAHALALEEL.....	Died....	1290	2714	...	...	...	...	895	830	...	603	416	234	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
JARED.....	Died....	1422	2582	...	...	...	...	...	962	...	735	548	366	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
SHEM.....	Born....	1558	2446	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	869	682	502	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
LAMECH.....	Died....	1651	2353	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	964	777	595	93	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
METHUSELAH.....	Died....	1656	2348	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	969	...	600	98	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
THE DELUGE.....	.....	1656	2348	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	600	98	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
ARPHAXAD.....	Born....	1658	2346	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	602	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
SALAH.....	Born....	1693	2311	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	637	135	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
EBER.....	Born....	1723	2281	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	667	165	65	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
PELEG.....	Born....	1757	2247	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	701	199	99	64	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
REU.....	Born....	1787	2217	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	731	229	129	94	64	30	...	...	...	...	...	...
SERUG.....	Born....	1819	2185	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	763	261	161	126	96	62	32	...	...	...	...	...
NAHOR.....	Born....	1849	2155	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	793	291	191	156	126	92	62	30	...	...	...	...
TERAH.....	Born....	1878	2126	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	822	320	220	185	155	121	91	59	29	...	...	...
PELEG.....	Died....	1996	2008	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	940	438	338	303	273	239	209	177	147	118	...	...	
NAHOR.....	Died....	1997	2007	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	941	439	339	304	274	...	210	178	148	119	...	...	
NOAH.....	Died....	2006	1998	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	950	448	348	313	283	...	219	187	...	128	...	...	
ABRAHAM.....	Born....	2008	1996	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	450	350	315	285	...	221	189	...	130	...	...	
REU.....	Died....	2026	1978	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	468	368	333	303	...	239	207	...	148	18	...
SERUG.....	Died....	2049	1955	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	491	391	356	326	...	...	230	...	171	41	...
TERAH.....	Died....	2083	1921	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	525	425	390	360	...	...	...	...	205	75	...
ARPHAXAD.....	Died....	2096	1908	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	538	438	403	373	...	...	...	...	...	88	...
ISAAC.....	Born....	2108	1896	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	550	...	415	385	...	...	...	...	...	100	...
SELAH.....	Died....	2126	1878	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	568	...	433	403	...	...	...	...	...	118	18
SHEM.....	Died....	2158	1846	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	600	...	...	435	...	...	...	...	...	150	50
JACOB.....	Born....	2168	1836	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	445	...	...	...	...	...	160	60
ABRAHAM.....	Died....	2183	1821	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	460	...	...	...	...	...	175	75
EBER.....	Died....	2187	1817	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	464	...	...	...	...	...	...	79
ISAAC.....	Died....	2288	1716	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	180
JACOB.....	Died....	2315	1689	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	147

NOTE.—This tabular view is interesting and instructive in several particulars. It shows that Noah might have received the account of creation through six equal channels with equal directness, thus: from Adam through Enos only, or from Cainan or Mahalaleel, or Jared or Methuselah, or Lamech, his own father. Lamech was fifty-six years contemporary with Adam, and ninety-three years with Shem; and Shem, again, was contemporary for several years both with Abraham and Isaac. The communication from Adam to Abraham and Isaac is only through Lamech and Shem.

All the generations from Adam to the flood were eleven. Of all these, Adam was contemporary with eight; Seth, with nine; Enos, ten; Cainan, ten; Mahalaleel, ten; Jared, ten; Enoch, nine; Methuselah, eleven; Lamech, eleven; Noah, eight; Shem and brothers, four. Thus, there were never less than nine contemporary generations from Adam to the flood, which would give, in one lineal descent, eighty-one different channels through which the account might be transmitted.

Who ever imagined, without making the comparison, that Shem lived to witness all the glorious things transacted between God and Abraham? Who would have supposed that Abraham and Isaac lived with those who, for one hundred years of their early life, witnessed and assisted in the building of the ark; who were borne triumphantly in it through the swelling flood, saw the opening heavens, felt the heaving earth when its deep foundations were broken up, and heard the groan of a perishing world? Yet such was the fact. Noah was contemporary with every generation after him down to Abraham, and Shem down to Jacob.

These narrations bring the account to the time when minute and particular history commences, and when the art of inscribing upon papyrus, and probably upon parchment, was understood. The participants in the awful scenes of the flood lived to see the Pharaohs, the pyramids and obelisks of Egypt, and probably to have those scenes stereotyped on monuments and in hieroglyphics which have come down to us; so that we have the account, in a manner, second-handed from Shem.

CHRONOLOGY

J. Ussher

Archbishop James Ussher (or Ussher) furnished a chronological system in the seventeenth century. Understanding the Biblical genealogies of Genesis as descriptive of a strict linear succession, he concluded that the world was formed at 4004 B.C. This system was incorporated into the margins of the reference edition of the Authorized Version of the Bible published in 1611. Some editions of the King James Version still contain this chronology.

Upon closer examination at some of the genealogies in 1 Chronicles, it is noted that these genealogies are not a strictly linear succession. Sometimes names were left out and the time periods are not necessarily consecutive. Oriental chronological computation is quite different from the modern genealogy we know. The genealogy in Genesis has two groups of ten as the genealogy in Matthew has three units of fourteen. It is quite possible that these lists are more conventional, than linear. Therefore the system by J. Ussher is no longer considered accurate.

THE ANTEDILUVIAN PERIOD, FROM THE CREATION TO THE FLOOD (1657 YEARS).

YEAR OF THE WORLD.	BEFORE CHRIST.	EVENTS OCCURRING BEFORE THE FLOOD.	YEAR OF THE WORLD.	BEFORE CHRIST.	EVENTS OCCURRING BEFORE THE FLOOD.
1	4004	The first year of the Mundane Era, and of the life of Adam. Whether the years of Adam are reckoned from his creation, or from the expulsion from Paradise, is left undecided.	987	3017	Translation of Enoch, aged 365 years.
		Cain and Abel.	1042	2962	Death of Seth, aged 912 years. [Bisection of the period from Adam to the Promise.]
130	3874	Birth of Seth.	1056	2948	Birth of Noah.
235	3769	Birth of Enos. "Then began men to call upon the name of the Lord."	1140	2864	Death of Enos, aged 905 years.
		Birth of Cainan.	1235	2769	Death of Cainan, aged 910 years.
325	3679	Birth of Mahalaleel.	1290	2714	Death of Mahalaleel, aged 895 years.
395	3609	Birth of Jared.	1422	2582	Death of Jared, aged 962 years.
460	3544	Birth of Enoch.	1536	2468	The ark begins to be prepared (120 years).
622	3382	Birth of Methuselah.	1557	2447	Noah's eldest son is born (500 years).
688	3317	Birth of Lamech.	1558	2446	Shem is born.
874	3130	Death of Adam, aged 930 years.	1652	2352	Lamech dies, aged 777 years.
930	3074		1656	2348	Methuselah dies, in his 969th year.
			1657	2347	The Flood, in the 600th year of Noah, and the 99th year of Shem.

NOTE.—The death of Abel must be supposed to have not long preceded the birth of Seth, since Eve regarded Seth as the substitute "for Abel, whom Cain slew." In that case there will be no difficulty in explaining Cain's exclamation, "Every one who findeth me shall slay me." In one hundred and twenty years after the Creation, the earth may have had a considerable population.

Today

"Most conservatives, however, are prepared to concede a somewhat older earth than the traditional 4,004. In general, we are bound by the clear Biblical impression of a relatively young earth, but we are in no position to attempt to fix a precise date, nor, in a fully Biblical context, is it an important matter" (The Word Becoming Flesh, p. 64).