

Activity Sheet, 13 January 2019

Abraham, Noah, Adam ...and Jesus

Genesis 11v10-12v10

- In the Bible, *faith* is trusting in the real God who acts in the real world
- The Bible gives a continuous history from creation to Christ
- Abraham looks back to Adam, as well as forward to Christ

➤ “If Jesus didn’t physically rise from the dead there is no point being a Christian.” True or false? (See 1 Corinthians 15v14).

➤ Who does both Mary (Luke 1v55) and Jesus (Matthew 22v32) talk about as a historical person?

(1) Linked by history

- precise history
- consistent history
- continuous history [1 Chronicles 1v1-27; Luke 3v23-38; Hebrews 11]

▶ Abraham is as historical as Noah and Adam

➤ How many people are needed to pass a message from Adam to Abraham? (a) 2, (b) 20, (c) 200

➤ Whose age at death do we know more precisely? (a) Noah or (b) Jesus?

(2) Linked by promise of blessing

- God speaks life [Romans 4v17]
- undoing curse [Leviticus 26v6]
- promise of a saviour [Galatians 3v8]
- universal

▶ God of creation = God of redemption = Jesus

➤ Who are the peoples included in the blessing on Abram (12v3) descended from? (See Genesis 10v32, 9v19)

(3) Linked to us

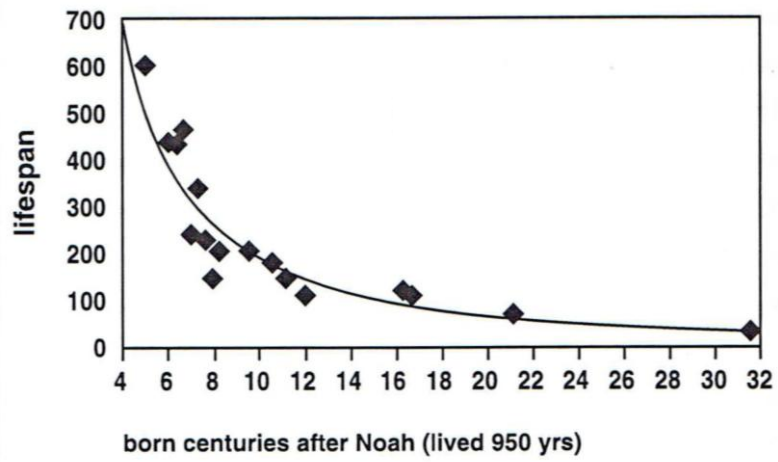
- different reality
- physical reality
- attractive reality

▶ Will you, like Abraham, obey God’s call to follow him?

Questions for discussion:

1. Why would many today assume that your faith is irrelevant to them?
2. Why does it matter for the gospel that the flood was a global event?
3. The blessings God promised Abraham were very physical. How many did he receive during his 175 year life? (See Hebrews 11v8-16). How physical is the salvation God gives to Christians today?
4. A Christian says: “Believing in a death-free original creation, a global flood, people living to be over 900 etc. is so ridiculous that it will stop people taking the message we bring about Jesus seriously.” How would you respond?
5. Our world values equality, freedom and inclusiveness. Where are all these found in the creation and salvation revealed in Genesis 1-12?

Declining Lifespan - Noah's descendants



[John Sanford, *Genetic entropy & the mystery of the genome* (Elim Publishing, 2005) p152]