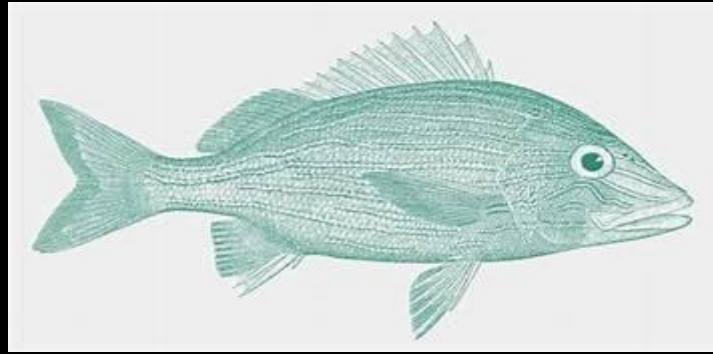


Back To The Beginning

(1 Chron.1:1)

Haemulon



- “I keep six honest serving men
[They taught me all I knew]
Their names are What and Why
and When and How
and Where and Who” – Kipling

1 Chron.1:1

- Adam, Seth, Enosh – at death: 1140 years after Adam's creation
 - All were a vapor, Ja.4:14
- 1 Chron. begins without introduction or explanation
- The book begins at the beginning of human history. Mal.2:10

I. Introduction

1 Chronicles

1. **Title:** *The events of the days* (chronicles).
LXX: “the things omitted” (from Kings)
2. **Writer:** anonymous. **Goal:** bless Israel.
Time / purpose suggests Ezra, 2 Chr.36:22f.
3. **Range:** Begins with Adam; continues through decree of Cyrus, and after,
1 Chr.3:19-24 – down to about 420 B.C.
4. **Purpose:** those who don't know history are doomed to repeat it.

Those who don't know history...

- Ro.15:4, For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.
- 1 Co.10
- Hb.3-4

Focuses on Judah alone

- Discusses obedience . . .
 - Temple
 - Features reigns of David, Solomon, Hezekiah, Josiah...
- 2 Chr.7:14, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land

The bright side of Judah's history

- Omits David's sin, Absalom's rebellion, etc.
- After restoration, it's time for reassurance.
 - 2 Cor.2:4-11
 - Emphasizes "all Israel": 1 Chr.9:1; 11:1-4

I. Introduction

II. Back To The Beginning

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- Restates Gn.1 and 5
- Pre-Flood people are included in same genealogy as later people whose history is unquestioned.
 - Noah, 1:4 . . . David, 2:15

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 - Only God could record these things

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 - God provides sinners a way out...

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 - Jd.11, Cain
 - Jn.14-15, Enoch
 - Jn.1:1 . . . Hb.11:3

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“And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”

2. Genesis is history; our origin is from God, not evolutionary processes

- Jesus . . .
 - Mt.11:21-24, Sodom
 - Mt.12:40, Jonah
 - Mt.15:7, Isaiah
 - Mt.19:4-6, Adam / Eve
 - Mt.22:23-32, Exodus
 - Mt.24:37-39, Noah – Flood
 - Mt.26:24, death of Jesus

3. Jesus came through people recorded here (and Genesis)

- Lk.3:22-38
 - 1 Chron.1:1-4 = Genesis 1-9 reduced to shortest form

4. Writer's methodology (writing after exile):

- Starts at beginning, builds on it
 - Expects readers to know these people
- We too start with first principles...continue on to maturity, Hb.5:11-14
- We either learn from history or repeat it

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- Biography is important teaching tool. Adam:
 1. Creation, Gn.1-2
 2. Marriage, Gn.2; Mt.19
 3. Temptation, sin, the fall, Gn.3
 4. Sin, 2 Co.11:3
 - Bible is consistent
 - Hb.12:16-17
 5. Adam – Seth (not Abel, Cain) Gn.4

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5. Adam – Seth, Gn.4

- Cain: evil, jealous, murderer
- Abel: righteous worshipper

And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” – Josh.24:15

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5. Adam . . . attitude toward God's word = attitude toward God.

By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks – Hb.11:4

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5. Adam – Gn.4 - punishment

¹¹ For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

¹² We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother . . . because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³ Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you.

¹⁴ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

6. Value of every word of God

- 1 Chron.1:1, three names
- One name can conjure up many thoughts
 - “Joseph” (Genesis / Matthew)
 - “Saul” (king / Paul)
 - Mt.4:4

7. We do not know many names in genealogies

- Real people: lived, served a purpose, died
 1. We also have a genealogy
 2. One person affects many others
 3. God must love common people . . .

8. Value of meditation

- Psalm 1:2
- 1 Tim.4:15

Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all

9. Cain is not mentioned in 1 Chron. genealogy

- Choices have consequences
- Worship is important
- Be humble enough to receive correction
- We are an example to others for good or bad

10. Whether people serve God or satan, God is in control

- We have freedom to choose
- All will answer to God
 - Cain . . . Flood . . . Babylonian Captivity

11. Brevity of life, permanent separation

- Some lived 900+ years, yet “time flies”
- Psalm 90

Conclusion (1/4)

1. History of God's dealings with His people: constant blessings, persistent love, and expectation of obedience.
2. History of God's people: apostasy. Gn.3
 - Eve listened to satan
 - Adam joined her, blamed God for her

Conclusion (2/4)

3. Apostasy is not God's fault. Ro.3:3

- Adam and Eve did not thwart God's plan (3:15)
- Cain did not . . . (Gn.4)
- World's sin did not . . . (Gn.6)
- We must decide whose side we are on

Conclusion (3/4)

4. Seth is a symbol of ongoing hope after sin and failure (Gn.4:25).
 - Noah, 1 Chr.1:4
 - David, 1 Chr.2:13

Conclusion (4/4)

5. A Jew's favorite part of the Bible –
1 Chr.1-8.

So all Israel was recorded by genealogies, and indeed, they were inscribed in the book of the kings of Israel. But Judah was carried away captive to Babylon because of their unfaithfulness – 1 Chr.9:1

Phil.4:3