

## Advent Generations Extended

### Advent Generations Extended

Today, while reading the lesson about the Advent Generations (the three sets of 14 generations between Abraham and the Lord Jesus), I looked at my 13 Dot Bible timeline to see how many generations there were back to Adam. Lo and behold, it is probably another set of 14 generations.

#### 13 Dot Timeline



Open my 13 Dot timeline from the Bible:

#### ***42 Advent Generations over 2,000 Years***

In your mind, superimpose Advent Generations on the timeline. They fall between 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> dots, a time span representing 2,000 years and 42 (3x14) generations.

#### ***9 Generations from Adam over 1,500 Years***

The 13 dot timeline already notes 9 generations from Adam. They are those people with the long black life spans. A footnote lists the span of those generations: 130, 105, 90, 70, 65, 162, 65, 187, and 182 years.

#### ***5 Estimated Generations over 500 Years***

The 13 Dots and the three sets of Advent Generations show us there were more years per generation as we go back in time. In other words, the children came later in life in the earlier generations. Between those 9 (count the numbers) earliest generations and the 42 Advent generations (3 sets of 14), we have to estimate.

#### ***56 Total Generations over 4,000 Years***

Any way we estimate, it could easily be 5 more generations (for another set of 14). In other words the 4,000 years between Adam and the Lord Jesus would cover 56 generations.

### The Lord's Business Model

By the way those four sets of 14 represent four important models of the Lord's business. Business models need sets of time periods to measure cause and effect. The Bible demonstrates the effect of cause is not immediate. Like all business models, to demonstrate cause and effect, the Lord uses time periods; and he uses generations to measure time.

The same thing happens in business where the generations are found by associating business character (and results) with people. Like Biblical generations, business generations are periods of personal responsibility. That is very important in relating cause and effect for confidence (forecasting rates and factors), but should never be

## Advent Generations Extended

used to directly forecast the future. In other words, within that generation as things change you can flex with the change and you can predict capacity, but the estimate depends on the people responsible for the teamwork.

### Impact of the Estimate

What is the impact of this estimate? What is the impact of these 5 new generations? In terms of people, what is the impact of seeing all four sets of 14 generations? What is the impact of the three sets of Advent generations? What is the relationship from one set to the next? I will try to quickly explain my view.

The estimate of the 5 new generations links the three sets of Advent Generations with the first 9 Generations from Adam. Like the last side of a triangle, they can be derived. In other words, they may have been left out because they are not needed. That link can be estimated, but it is important because the stories of the Bible build on each other. Like changing business models, each business model provides meaning (confidence) for the next.

For example: The Creation Story provides a meaning for Adam under God, and Adam as a complete person, his perfect knowledge and understanding, and our understanding of what his offspring learned from him directly. For example: all the math we found in those digs in Iraq came from Adam (or from outer space, but so far we haven't even found any dirt in outer space). Adam provides meaning all the way through Noah to Abraham. From Abraham to Moses, from Moses to David, from David to Daniel and from Daniel to Jesus; each set of generations is a new business model that derives its meaning from the previous model.

### The Details of the Estimate

Note the general trend of shrinking years by generations until the time of Daniel. The average for the earlier generations was (130, 105, 90, 70, 65, 162, 65, 187, 182)  $(926/9=102)$  approximately 100 years. The first set of Advent generations covered two dots or 1,000 years. It averaged  $(1,000/14=71)$  approximately 70 years per generation. Lives were getting shorter and people were having children earlier. But that seemed to level out for the last two sets that were 500 years each. The last two sets of Advent generations were each approximately 35 years per generation. There are 4 dots to Abraham (2,000 years). Lives got shorter after the flood at 3 dots. So the first nine generations cover 1,500 years. The missing 500 years is how many generations? It is half the time of the first Advent set, so it could be no more than 7 generations  $(14/2)$ . It could not be less than 5 of those 100 year generations. As people were thinking they were getting smarter, note the size of those last two generations of 187 and 182 years. With that uptick, it looks like 14 generations fits all four business models. It fits "good enough for government work" and a lot better than global warming time estimates.

# **Advent Generations Extended**

## **Summary**

The interesting thing (to me) about the way the Lord measures time (by birthdays or generations), is that it is very useful for connecting cause and effect (for confidence) but very poor for looking forward (for direct forecasting). In other words with this method, you will never be able to say something will happen in your lifetime. At the same time you can look back to the beginning and see a balanced set of generations. The Lord's business model changes with those sets of generations.