

sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue It; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.' "

Romans 5:12, 19 -- "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned -- . . . For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous."

I Corinthians 15:21-22 -- "For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive."

Acts 17:26 -- "and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation,"

#### 4. The antiquity of mankind

a. According to a *prima facie* reading of Genesis 5 and 11, the lists of persons from Adam to Noah and from Noah to Abraham look like enumerations of successive generations, framed in a chronological scheme.

However, an analysis of these lists turns up some curious features. A strict, non-gap reading of the Genesis 5 list shows Lamech dying five years before the Flood of Noah's time, and Methuselah dying in the very year of the Flood. Yet there is no indication in the record of their presence on the earth during the time Noah and his sons were building the ark and Noah was preaching of righteousness to his generation. In addition, a strict non-gap reading of the Genesis 11 list shows Shem (Noah's immediate son) living for 35 years after Abraham's death, which means that Abraham's great great-great-great-great-great-great grandfather outlived him by 35 years! A non-gap reading also shows Salah (next in the list after Arphaxad) living three years after Abraham's death, which means that Abraham's great-great-great-great-great-great-great grandfather outlived him by three years. A non-gap reading also shows Eber (next in the list after Salah) living 64 years after Abraham's death, which means that Abraham's great-great-great-great-great-great-great grandfather outlived him by 64 years!

(these curiosities may be better grasped with the aid of the charts and diagrams on the following three pages)

b. In connection with the scriptural evidence for the antiquity of mankind, three shorter writings should be mentioned: