

simply means that this was X's age when the son was born through whom X became an ancestor of Z. Hundreds or thousands of years may have intervened between X and Z.

I have no doubt that Adam was the first man, and that all that is said about him in Genesis is true. But I do not believe that it was God's intention to tell us how long ago Adam lived.

It is my present guess that the flood might have occurred as early as 30,000 or 40,000 B.C. Man may have been created as early as 100,000 B.C. If someone wants to say 900,000 B.C., I have no objection to such a guess.

We have no way of knowing how long the creative "days" of Genesis 1 lasted. They may have been very long periods of time.

I have heard it said that if all that geology tells us about the history of the world were considered as a big pile of books resting one above the other, then all that has been found of early man would be contained in the very top page of the very top book. This shows how very small a portion of geologic history has occurred since the coming of man on the scene. This is exactly what we would expect from Genesis, which describes man as not created until the latter part of the sixth day.

I hope that this material, along with the article that I will send as soon as it is available, will be of help to you.

Do not hesitate to write further. I am anxious to do everything possible to help those who are interested in the correct understanding of God's infallible Word.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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