

42nd Generation

Today I want to speak to you from the first chapter of New Testament – Matthews Gospel first chapter verse 17. Many don't like the genealogy account. They try to skip it when they read through. Someone presented Dr. Cho New Testament in his deathbed. He started to read from Matthew and he said, I am not interested in who begot whom. It is like reading a history book.

Why genealogy is mentioned? To prove that Jesus is not myth or imagination, but a real Historical figure. He is not the invention of some mythological figures like in Ramayana or Mahabharata. But Jesus was actually born into this world – in a time period in history as a human being. Jesus is a historical figure – not a lie or a coined up story or an imaginary cartoon or character. He is a real person born in flesh and blood.

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Paul Sudahkar was a student of Radhakrishnan, late President of India. He was a great Mathematician . One day when he was granted an opportunity to meet with Dr. Radhakrishan , he asked him, sir I want you to be my Guru

- teacher and I want to follow you. To which he replied - I don't want anyone to follow me. Then he went to his library & took a N.T. and gave to him and said read this. He took a hotel room to read it. When he started to read it, he was so interested. He was very much convinced in his heart that Jesus is a real person - because of his genealogy. Mahabaratham, Ramayanam start with - once upon a time... so he got saved and became a Christian.

B.C AND A.D.

Not only Jesus is a real person, He also divided the history into two - B.C. and A.D. he divided the world's calendar into BC and AD. Everyone whether he believes in Christ or not, he uses the date - AD. Jesus not only divides the history into two, but every human heart - as before Christ and after Christ. Before Christ I was self-righteous - sinner - condemned to hell. After Christ - I am saved.

THREE GENERATIONS: 1: 17

I can go on and talk more about the genealogy. But my point is - Matthew mentions 3 groups of generations of

14 each. In each group there are 14 generations. But in 3rd group, there are only 13 generations. So the 42nd generation is missing. If so, who is this 42nd generation? Why are they missing?

Mt - divides the generation of Jesus into 3 categories from the time of Abraham. Abraham is the father of the Jewish nation. He is also the father of faith, father of us all. So from Abraham to David - 14 generations - from David to the Babylonian exile 14 generations and from exile till the birth of Jesus another 14 generations.

The Bible commentator compares these 3 groups as generations, degeneration and regeneration.

GENERATION;

Let me explain what it means: Generation means - beginning of the human race. When God created the first human beings Adam and Eve, he created them in His own image. They were sinless - perfect - holy - beautiful. They were just like God. They were the generations.

Abraham to David was a period of golden history for Jewish. God led them, gave them Promised Land, and gave them kingdoms and rulers.

DE-GENERATION:

it is when men fell into sin. They lost the image of God. They became slaves to sin, Satan, sickness. This is being compared to the 2nd group from David to the exile, when they were finally taken as captives by Babylonian king.

REGENERATION.

From the time of exile to the coming of Messiah 13 generations are mentioned. God saw the flight, the cry, and the difficulty. That's why God sent the Messiah Jesus to be born for the Purpose of regeneration. Regeneration means to bring us back to God, to restore our dignity, honor, love to restore whatever devil has stolen to break the yokes and chains of enemies, to set us free. So Jesus brings re generation in our lives. Whatever the devil has stolen, Jesus wants to restore it back - Our dignity, our value, our human worth, the image of God in us, the purpose for our lives etc.

MISSING GENERATION:

But in this list, there are only 13 generations – one is missing. But Bible talks about 14 generations, so Bible cannot be wrong. Who is this 42nd Generation? It is that generation that is from the death and resurrection of Jesus till His second coming.

Jesus is the 41st generation according to Matthews list.

If Jesus is the 41st generation, then the generation that comes after Jesus is the 42nd generation. Jesus did not have a natural generation. Jesus was cut off in his middle age. Jesus was crucified on the cross of Calvary. But when Jesus hung on the cross, he gave birth to the 42nd generation on the cross.

Isaiah 53: 8-10

He was taken from the prison and from judgment,

And who will declare His generation?

For He was cut off from the land of the living;

For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him;

He has put Him to grief.

When You make His soul an offering for sin,

He shall see *His* seed; He shall prolong His days,

And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.

42nd Generation:

So all the people from the crucifixion of Jesus on the cross, till His second coming are the 42nd generation. You and I have the privilege to be the last of the 42nd generation. We are that final generation of whom the prophetic words have been spoken. We are the generation that will crush the head of Satan.

Why does Satan tremble at the 42nd generation?

Because he has read the prophecy in Gen. 3:15. What does Gen. 3:15 say? “I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will strike your head and you will strike his heel.”

JESUS THE SEED OF WOMAN

This is what happened at the cross of calvary: Jesus was born as a seed of woman 2000 years ago. That's

why Jesus had to be born of a virgin. You and I are born of a seed of a man. Woman has no seed. But the Holy Spirit put Jesus in the womb of Mary. Blood is given to the child through father. Since Jesus had no earthly father, the blood Jesus had was from His Heavenly Father. So He was born as the seed of a woman.

BORN OF THE INCORRUPTABLE SEED

John 1:12 says – We are also born again in the same way, not through the will of man or flesh but born of God. That’s our incorruptible divine nature. Anyone who calls on the name of Jesus is born again of this seed of God. Multitudes and multitudes are born of God. Today more than 33% in this world claim to be Christians. Some amazing facts!

SATAN'S TRICK

Even at the birth of Jesus, Satan had a master trick. When King Herod heard that king Jesus was born, he tried to kill all the babies that were 2 years old. Why? He did not want the Messiah to come, so he killed. But Satan forgot one thing. He could not stop the plan of God. God’s plan was to send the Messiah through the seed of woman. Exactly as planned, God sent the

Messiah, born of the seed of woman into this world and Satan could not destroy Jesus.

But Satan reads the Bible more than the believer. He knows every verse in the Bible. More than that he believes in the Bible. He knows every word in the Bible will be fulfilled. Book of James says, Yes Satan believes and trembles.

Well, Satan is mad. Why? He knows that this seed of woman will crush His head. Already Satan's head is crushed. So this 42nd generation will again and again crush the head of Satan. Rom 16:30

Satan does not want this 42nd generation. He hates the 42nd generation, so he will do all that he can do to stop, kill, divert, destroy the 42nd generation.

SATANS COMMITTEE MEETING

Addressing a worldwide convention of demons, Satan told them: 'As long as Christians stay close to God we've no power over them, so: 1) Keep them busy with non-essentials. 2) Tempt them to overspend and go into debt. 3) Make them work long hours to maintain empty lifestyles. 4) Discourage them from spending family time, for when homes disintegrate there's no refuge from work. 5) Over stimulate their minds with television and computers so that they can't hear God speaking to them. 6) Fill their coffee tables and nightstands with newspapers and magazines so they've no time for Bible reading. 7) Flood their letter boxes

with sweepstakes, promotions and get-rich-quick schemes; keep them chasing material things. 8) Put glamorous models on TV and on magazine covers to keep them focused on outward appearances; that way they'll be dissatisfied with themselves and their mates. 9) Make sure couples are too exhausted for physical intimacy; that way they'll be tempted to look elsewhere. 10) Emphasize Santa and the Easter Bunny; that way you'll divert them from the real meaning of the holidays. 11) Involve them in 'good' causes so they won't have any time for 'eternal' ones. 12) Make them self-sufficient. Keep them so busy working in their own strength that they'll never know the joy of God's power working through them. Do these twelve things faithfully

So Satan had his committee meeting. He calls all his demonic angels and asked how we can stop this seed of woman multiplying. So one demon said let us make abortion – common. People can have sex. They don't need to have children. Kill all the children in the womb. Another demon said to divert the young people with TV, media, internet, SMS, pornography, drugs, free sex, music.....

Satan knows the prophetic word in Rev.12. The woman with the male baby. The male baby is the bride-the firstborn. The male baby is the one who crushes Satan.

So Satan wants to destroy the child at any cost through fighting, killing etc.

You have a divine destiny in your life:

My friend - I want to tell you. You have a destiny, you have a prophetic destiny. Devil is afraid of you. Devil knows that you will crush his head. Devil knows if you get saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, his kingdom will be lost. So that's why he does all that he can to stop you from reading the Bible, getting saved, etc.

We say like this - if devil reminds you of the past, remind him of his past, if he terrifies you with the future, tell him of his future. You are the 42nd generation.

God has got a great plan for your life. He wants to bless you, redeem your soul from destruction. He wants to regenerate you. Devil is a thief, killer, robber. He wants to steal the joy, the peace, the life, the blessings.

CHOICE IS YOURS:

The choice is yours today. Are you going to allow Satan to torment your life and destroy your life? Many commit suicide. Everyday we read about it. There is a spirit of

suicide. There is a spirit of murder and killing and hatred. Only Jesus can set you free from these demonic spirits. Today accept Jesus as your savior and be born again. Regeneration with water – Titus 3:5 is talking about baptism in water. It is making a covenant with God. If you have not yet made a covenant with Jesus in water baptism, today you can obey and make that commitment.