

# ***The Cycle of Life***

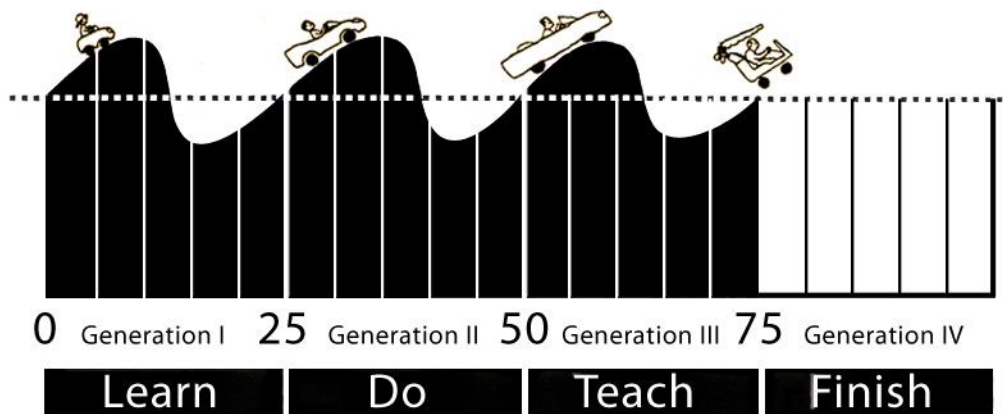
**“Learning to ‘Live’, ‘Let Go’ and ‘Receive’!”**

*There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under heaven;  
a time to be born and a time to die,*

*He has made everything beautiful in its time.  
He has also set eternity in the hearts of men;  
yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.*

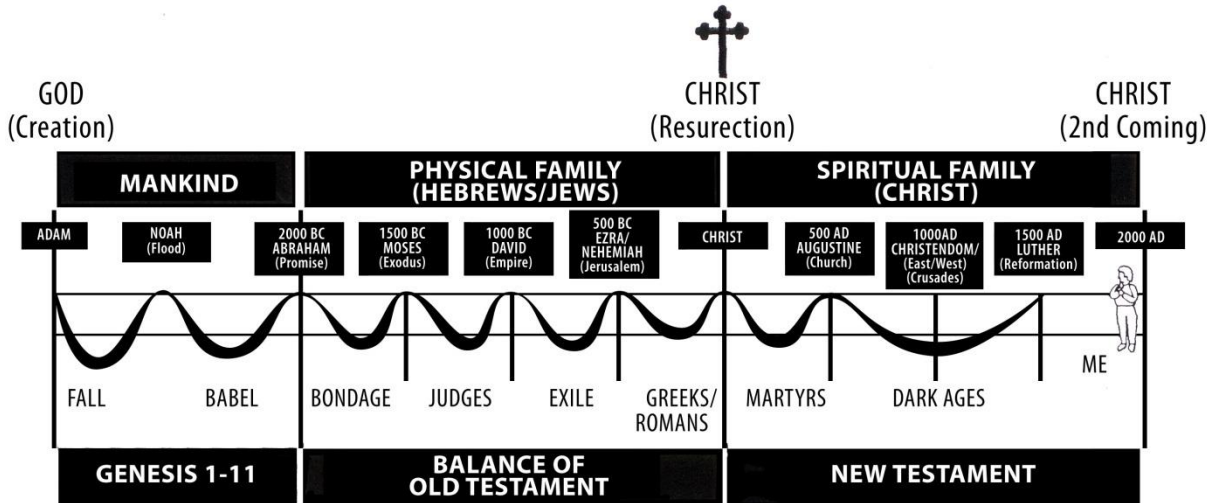
(Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 11)

## **Our Time Line**



<u>Generation</u>	I	II	III	IV
<u>Age</u>	0-25	25-50	50-75	75-Onward
<u>Role</u>	Child	Parent	Grandparent	Gt Grandparent
<u>Activity</u>	Learn	Do	Teach	Finish
<u>Emphasis</u>	Self	Self/Others	Others/Self	Others
<u>Audience</u>	Me	Peers	Posterity	God
<u>Motivator</u>	Pleasure	Possessions	Position	Relationships
<u>View</u>	Now	Lifetime	History	Eternity
<u>Day</u>	Midnight-6 am	6am-Noon	Noon-6pm	6pm-Midnight
<u>Season</u>	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
<u>Record</u>	Goals	Resume'	Memoirs	Memories

# The Bible Time Line



<u>Generation</u>	I	II	III	IV
<u>Text</u>	Genesis 1:1-11	Genesis 12:1-31	Matthew-Jude	Revelation
<u>Dates</u>	Creation-2000 BC	2000 BC-33AD	33AD-Rapture	Forever
<u>Characters</u>	Adam-Abraham	Abraham to Jesus	Jesus to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming	Heavenly Hosts
<u>Religion</u>	Pagans	Hebrews	Christians	Saints

### Personal Note

“Interestingly, history (His Story as recorded in the Bible and the church) seems to follow a rather methodical pattern, like many of our lives, and to be marked by a similar roller-coaster of ups and downs, (500 year) peaks and valleys.....

It is difficult to see either a monumental peak or valley since the Reformation in 1500 A.D. But if we continue these 500 year cycles it seems likely we are on the threshold of a very historic time around the year 2000 A.D. Many seem to have a sense of anticipation, or foreboding, almost as if we were feeling the “birth pangs” of an event about to occur. The end of the “cold war”, the fragmentation of historic institutions and the explosion of technology have left us unsettled. For the first time in history, computer networking, “globalization” and the intertwining of economies all seem to point to the possibility of a new “one world” era.

For those who are drawn to eschatology, this may herald the “end times” spoken of so graphically by Daniel (in the Book of Daniel) and by Jesus (e.g. Mt 24). For others, such a series of events point to unlimited new opportunities. And for others it portends terrible chaos and difficulties as we go through the coming years.

I am not a prophet. But I sense we are moving into a time of political, economic and social change greater than we have seen for 500 years—perhaps greater than we have ever known. **Therefore, I believe we need to be prepared spiritually and physically! To me this means being sure we are “fully surrendered” and “ready” to meet Him whether He comes here or calls us Home; and also “being ready” to weather any storms and to help others spiritually and physically if chaotic times do occur during our life time.”**

*(These words, written in 1999 for “Four Generations: A Journey Through Life”, appear appropriate for 2020)*

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