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When Adam Had Lived 130 Years, He Had a Son Named Seth

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When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son named Seth DIG: How had Adam died in the Garden of Eden? What shift in gears are we told about in this genealogy? Did Seth have other brothers and sisters? What aren't we told about them? What was special about the line of Seth?

These verses give us the structure that is used throughout the remainder of the chapter (with two exceptions). First comes the age of the father at the birth of his firstborn son (**130 years**), then the name of the **son (Seth)**. Second, the **son's** birth, and succeeding children are then described. The third part of the structure is the mention of how many years the father lived after the birth of **his son (800 years)**. Fourth, is the reference to the fathering of other **sons and daughters**. Last, is the recording of the father's age at **his death (930 years)**.



When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image, and he named him Seth. The reference to **Adam** comes quite naturally at the head of the line of **Seth. He** was born when **Adam** was already **130 years** old. It seems odd that so much time would have elapsed before Eve began to have children after Abel's murder. And it may have been that **ADONAI** closed her womb for a time to strengthen her faith as **He** did with Hannah and Sarah. But it is more likely that **Adam** and Eve had other children

before **Seth**, but **he** was the one whom **Elohim** revealed would be the true substitute for Abel. **He** would be **the son** who would inherit the promises.

Adam's son was **in his own likeness, in his own image**. There is a shift of gears here. **Adam** was created in the **image and likeness** of **God**, but **Adam's** children were created in the **image and likeness** of **Adam**. **He** had a sin nature after the Fall. If you duplicate an original it stays sharp, clear and unblemished. However, if you continue to make copies from copies, they get corrupted. We are witnessing the beginning of that process here.

After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. The writer here is interested in a particular line, the line of the promised **Seed (3:15)**, and in that sense, ignores **Seth's** other brothers and sisters, although we are told that **he** did have them. Then the **first generation** of the line ended. The Bible records: **Altogether, Adam lived 930 years, and then he died. God** had said in **the Garden** of Eden: **You are free to eat from any tree in the Garden: but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die (2:16-17)**. **He** had a perfect sinless body and if **he** had been obedient to **the LORD he** would have lived forever. But when **he** sinned, sin entered **his** body and started the aging process that would eventually lead to **his** death. **Adam** had died spiritually earlier (**3:7-8**), but here **he** finally died physically.