

Who is the Forty - Second Generation

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Matthew reveals a great mystery to us in Matthew 1:1-17

Notice there are forty-one generations from Abraham unto Jesus Christ.

Who, then, is the forty-second generation?

This forty-second generation is the Christ seed in the earth today.

"So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations." Matthew 1:17

From Abraham to David there were fourteen generations.

These fourteen generations were Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Phares, Esrom, Aram, Aminadab, Naasson, Salmon, Booz, Obed, Jesse, and David; count them, fourteen generations.

***There were fourteen generations from David
unto the carrying away into Babylon.***

These fourteen generations are: Solomon, Reboam, Abia, Asa, Josaphat, Joram, Ozias, Joatham, Achaz, Ezekias, Manasses, Amon, Josias, Jechonias; fourteen generations from David until God sent His people into the Babylonian captivity.

***Matthew recorded there were fourteen generations
from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ.***

Matthew's list included Salathiel, Zorobabel, Abiud, Eliakim, Azor, Sadoc, Achim, Eliud, Eleazar, Matthan, Jacob, Joseph, the husband of Mary who bore Jesus.

The Forty - Second Generation

As we count this list, we discover Matthew only records thirteen generations from the carrying away into Babylon unto Jesus. We know Jesus was the Christ, the anointed of the Father. As we search the Scriptures for God's Spiritual hidden truths, it becomes clear that

God has revealed a Kingdom mystery through the pen of Matthew. There are fourteen generations from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ.

The anointing did not end with Jesus. Christ, the promised seed of Abraham, makes the fourteenth generation.

To follow the anointing we must consider the Day of Pentecost. This was when the anointing fell on all those who were obedient to God's voice. Jesus informed the people:

"And, behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." *** Luke 24:49

Those who tarried in Jerusalem, the true place of worship, were endued with power from on high. The passing of the anointing was completed on the Day of Pentecost. The Christ anointing was the fourteenth generation from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ. God had fulfilled His promise to Abraham. Those who received this anointing became the seed of Abraham.

God has His Christ seed in the earth today. That promised seed in the earth today is the "forty-second" generation. The number forty-two is 6×7 . Six is the number of man and seven is the number of God's divine perfection. The forty-second generation will be those who have come into God's divine perfection. As Peter proclaimed to those who were there that day:

"... Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." *** Acts 2:38-39

The promise of the Father was not only for those who tarried in the Upper Room.

This promise is to you, your children, and to all who are afar off.

The Holy Spirit anointing is available to all whom God will call.

When the anointing falls we become Abraham's seed,

the forty-second generation,

and heirs to all God promised Abraham.

*Revealing the Mystery
of the Forty - Second Generation*

Many people today ask, "Who am I in God?" Those who know their God and His Word never have to ask this question, because they know by His Word that God has a special generation of sons He knew from the foundation of the world. The prophet Isaiah revealed this special generation:

"He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation? For He was cut out of the land of the living: for the transgression of My people was He stricken." Isaiah 53:8

Isaiah asked the question, "Who shall declare God's generation?" The word **generation** has the meaning of "*the time from a person's birth until he produces his first offspring.*" It also has the meaning "a class of men distinguished by a certain moral or spiritual character." Thus it relates to those who were called sons from the beginning of time as we know it. When God spoke to Job about his sons and his daughters, God asked Job:

"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding." Job 38:4

Many today are asking, "Who am I in God?". Many in the body of Christ today have no knowledge or understanding where they were when God laid the foundation of the earth. God asked Job this same question:

"Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? Or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? Or who laid the corner stone thereof; When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" Job 38:5-7

This is the longest dissertation to a man by God in the Bible. God asked Job to explain who had laid a measuring line upon the earth, or how were the foundations fastened, or who laid the corner stone. Then God gave Job a very important piece of knowledge when He asked Job where He was when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy. Praise the Lord, Job was there when God laid the foundation of the earth. This knowledge and understanding only had to be brought back to his remembrance by the Holy Spirit. He was there as one of the sons of God. All the sons of God and the morning stars were with God in the beginning before the world began. The Scriptures reveal this wonderful truth to us.

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." Romans 8:19

God has a generation of sons who will have part in the first resurrection. The manifested sons are those who are going to declare His generation. Today many claim to be the sons of God, but as Paul related to the church at Rome, ". . . the earnest expectation of the whole creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God." *The word **manifestation** means "appearance; to be revealed, to be made visible to all."* So, this is why John asked the question:

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." I John 3:2

If we were already sons, then John would not have asked this question. Then John goes on to state, " . . . it does not appear what we shall be. . . " No one has any idea what the sons of God are going to be like when they are manifested and endowed with all the power of God to use all His authority. John goes on, " . . . but we know when He appears we shall be like Him. . . " When He appears, our Spiritual eyes will be opened, and we will see Him like He is, in all His glory. Praise the Lord!

The apostle Luke the physician, had a keen, analytical mind that enabled him to record the facts as he received them. Luke never saw Jesus, but he interviewed many people who had known Jesus. He then put down the facts of Jesus' life in order. Luke also recorded the book of Acts. Luke recorded the same question Isaiah had put forth:

"In His humiliation, His judgment was taken away: and who shall declare His generation: for His life is taken from the earth." Acts 8:33

Who shall declare His generation, the generation of sons who were with Him when He laid the foundation of the earth? Paul spoke much about these manifested sons. To the church at Rome, Paul wrote:

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

All things work together for good to them who truly love the Lord. And certainly all things work together for good, to those who are called according to His purpose. God has a purpose for each one He has called. Paul continues:

"For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren." Romans 8:29

Those God foreknew, He predestined. The word **foreknew** means *"to have the knowledge of beforehand."* The same word is translated **foreordained**. The word **predestined** means *"God has decreed from eternity past, and to appoint beforehand."* Why did God predestine the sons He knew from the beginning? He predestined them to be conformed into the image of His Son, that He may be the first born of many brethren. This is why John wrote, *" . . . when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."* This was not the end of Paul's revelation to the Romans:

"Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified; and whom He justified, them He also glorified." Romans 8:30

Those God predestined, He called. The word **called** means *"to give a name."* This was part of Jesus' revelation to John on the Isle of Patmos. Four times, Jesus revealed that a name would be given to them who qualify:

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it." Revelation 2:17

The overcomers will be given to eat of the hidden manna. The word **hidden** symbolically means "yet to be revealed." The word **manna** means "that which is kept in the heavenly temple for the food of angels and the blessed." Those who are blessed of God will be given a white stone with a new name written, which no one will know except those who receive this blessing from God. Then John continues:

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him My new name." Revelation 3:12

To qualify, we must first be overcomers. The overcomers are those who have overcome their carnal thinking and their fleshly desires. These have overcome the world and will have the name of God and the name of the city of God (New Jerusalem). Again Jesus reveals through the pen of John:

"And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads." Revelation 14:1

The one hundred and forty-four thousand are the sons of God who have the Father's name written in their foreheads. The Father is the Holy Spirit. These have God's sign of ownership in their foreheads. These have been redeemed from the earth. These have overcome their earthly existence, and as Jesus revealed unto John, these follow the Lamb where ever He goes. These, as Jesus revealed, have not been defiled by women (the church system). These become the firstfruit company to God and the Lamb, Revelation 14:4. Jesus concludes:

"And they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads." Revelation 22:4

Those whom God has predestined will see His face, because they have become like Him, and will see Him as He is. These are those who will make up God's Holy City, Mount Zion.

Paul also revealed those who are predestined are justified by God. The word **justified** means "to render righteous, to declare that one is just and righteous, as one ought to be, to be freed from the entanglements of the world." As God promised, these will be the ones He is going to glorify. The word **glorify** means "to hold in honor, to make glorious, to adorn with luster, to clothe in splendor." These are the promises God has made to those who were with Him in the beginning, when He laid the foundation of the earth. Paul furthered this explanation to the Ephesians:

"According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love." Ephesians 1:4

God's sons were chosen in Him before He laid the foundation of the world. And how are these to be? They should be holy and without blame, or they should stand blameless before their God in love.

"Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will." Ephesians 1:5

God predestinated these to be His adopted children by Jesus Christ. The word Paul used for the phrase **adoption of children** is the Greek word HUIOTHSIA and means *the adoption*

of sons. This is accomplished by a divine act on the part of God. God does this for the good pleasure of His own will. Paul continues his revelation:

"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will." Ephesians 1:11

God does not have to go outside Himself for anything. When He declares a truth by His Spirit to each of us, then that is His will for our lives. The Psalmist David made a statement about Jesus that is a message to all God's sons:

"Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of Me." Psalm 40:7

A book was written of Jesus' life before He ever came to this life which contained everything He would have to go through including the vast amount of suffering He would suffer. Paul added to David's statement in the book of Hebrews:

"Then said I, Lo, I come in the volume of the book it is written of Me, to do Thy will, O God." Hebrews 10:7

The Father's will was written in the book presented to Jesus before He made His earthly trek. Now, as we learned in Romans 8:29, Jesus was the firstborn of many brethren. So it stands to reason, that everyone of Jesus' brethren would also have been presented a book containing the Father's will for each and every son He knew from the beginning. Is there evidence in the Bible to indicate these books being written? David, the Psalmist stated:

"Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in Thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them." Psalm 139:16

David was a special vessel unto God, as are all His sons. Another example is the prophet Jonah.

"Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonaah the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before Me. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord." Jonah 1:1-3

We all know the story of Jonah. While Jonah was on this ship, a great storm arose, and they thought the ship was going to flounder. When they found out it was God's anger against Jonah, they threw him overboard.

"For Thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all Thy billows and Thy waves passed over me. Then I said, I am cast out of Thy sight; yet I will look again toward Thy holy temple. The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet, hast Thou brought up my life from corruption, O Lord my God." Jonah 2:3-6

Jonah's life was over in the belly of the fish.

"When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto Thee, into Thine holy temple." Jonah 2:7

But God was not finished with Jonah. God resurrected Jonah and took him in the Spirit before His throne, where Jonah repented:

"But I will sacrifice unto Thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord." Jonah 2:9

Jonah stated, "I will pay that that I have vowed." When did Jonah make this vow before the Lord? It was written in the book of Jonah's life before he came to the earth. When God told Jonah to arise and go to Nineveh, Jonah rebelled, but God held him to the promise Jonah had made when he agreed to fulfill the vow he had made to God. The fish got sick of Jonah and vomited him out on the land, and Jonah went to Nineveh to fulfill God's will.

Another place we discover in God's word where God had planned for His sons is recorded in the book of Hebrews. Again Paul declared:

"Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast Thou prepared Me:" Hebrews 10:5

Before Jesus ever came to this life, the body of Christ was already prepared for Him. When was this body prepared for Him? It was in the beginning, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy. Why did the sons of God shout for joy? Perhaps this was when their book was presented to them, and they knew and realized that they would be the overcoming, victorious ones, and that they would be the ones to declare His generation.

God's Word tells us there will be another generation on earth at the same time as the manifested sons. This is the generation of those who have rejected God and His calling. The all-wise Solomon wrote of this generation:

"There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother." Proverbs 30:11

We live in the generation where the children have turned away from the direction of their parents. This began in the 'sixties' when the children rebelled against all authority. And the same attitude has followed through to our day. Moses wrote in his law:

"And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death." Exodus 21:17

You may say that was under the law, but Jesus made this same statement:

"For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death." Matthew 15:4

We wonder sometimes why God's judgment is on our young people. It could be because God's Word was not taught in the homes. Solomon continues:

"There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness." Proverbs 30:12

How true this is today! The church is full of those who believe because they go to church or belong to this or that denomination, they are acceptable in the sight of God. Jesus spoke to the religious system of His day, but the same is true of the religious system of our day:

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess." Matthew 23:25

The scribes and Pharisees are still with us today. They simply go by different names. Luke recorded Jesus' words:

"And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness." Luke 11:39

Matthew recorded that the hypocrites are full of extortion and excess. Luke also recorded Jesus' words concerning the Pharisaical orders which are full of ravening (acts of plunder) and wickedness (depravity and malice).

Solomon continues His explanation of this end time depraved generation:

"There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! And their eyelids are lifted up." Proverbs 30:13

We live in the generation that is high and lifted up in self. The apostle Paul warned the faithful against such activities:

"For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." Romans 12:3

When we begin to think more highly of ourselves than we think of others, then we are in danger of becoming part of the generation that is lofty in their own eyes. These become prideful and haughty in themselves. Solomon gives us this warning:

"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." Proverbs 16:18

If we are lifted up in pride and have a haughty spirit, then destruction will come, and we will fall from the grace God granted to His whole creation. Solomon continues:

"Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud." Proverbs 16:19

Solomon knew the value of a humble spirit. He knew what God expected from His people, but he did not follow God's will. Like Solomon, many today forget God's Word, His will, and His ways, and because of this they will also suffer God's destruction.

"Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? There is more hope of a fool than of him." Proverbs 26:12

There is more hope for a fool in God's Kingdom, than there is for a man who is caught up in his own conceit (one who is wise in his own eyes). In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul asked them a question. Those who have lofty eyes should ask themselves this same question:

"For who maketh thee to differ from another? And what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it? I Corinthians 4:7

What do we have that we have not received from God? The question Paul asked is, "If we received it, why do we act like we have not received it? Why do we act like there is something in ourselves that we have what we have?" To the Galatians Paul wrote:

"For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself." Galatians 6:3

The world is full of those who have deceived themselves. They think they are something because they have a big ministry, or have made a lot of money, or have a high paying job, or have rule over a lot of people. But they only deceive themselves. One mistake, one sickness, or a change in the economy, and they can only watch the kingdom they have created for themselves crumble around them. We witness those who have lofty eyes go by the way of the world, and none follow them. Solomon continues his revelation of this wicked generation:

"There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men." Proverbs 30:14

Solomon speaks about the generation in which we live. When we think of teeth being like swords, and jaw teeth being as knives that devour the poor and needy, we immediately think of today's financial system.

In times past, when the criminal element loaned money to someone at a high rate of interest they were called 'loan sharks'. Once they got their teeth in you, it was almost impossible to pay them off. They kept adding more charges and interest until the hole got so deep you could never get out of it. Then, if you could not pay, they would do you bodily harm, or take something more valuable that you won to satisfy the debt.

This is exactly what the credit card companies, the banks, the IRS, and the city, county and township officials do. Those who collect your property taxes not only use strong arm tactics, but they also use mental strain to collect their pound of flesh. The credit card companies are fine as long as you pay your obligations on time. But if you are one day late, the interest rate is figured at 20 to 35%. This is more than the loan sharks charge.

The banks loan money on property. When a person buys a house or farm, and puts down the required down payment, and makes the payments on time for a number of years, and in many instances, makes improvements on the property, then if the economy goes down, or a person loses his job, or has illness, and misses two or three payments, the bank repossesses the home or farm, and the person loses his down payment, all his payments, and all the improvements he has done to the property.

The IRS is no different. Their collection tactics must have come from a gangster movie. If you are late in paying your taxes, the interest, and the penalties are astronomical. The mental strain is such that many cannot stand the pressure. They will call your house on an hourly basis, twenty-four hours a day, until a person in their desperation will do anything, or sign anything to get the IRS off their back.. Even though a person may own their home, if for any of the above reasons, they cannot pay their taxes through no fault of their own, the property

is repossessed and sold at sheriff's auction. The prophet Ezekiel warns us about this generation who has teeth as swords and jaw teeth like knives:

"In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord God." Ezekiel 22:12

Ezekiel calls those who do such things 'extortioners', and these have forgotten God with their way of doing what they call business. All interest, late fees and penalties are what God calls 'usury'.

"Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is lent upon usury:" Deuteronomy 23:19

Moses warned the children of Israel that all usury is against God's will, and His people should not charge usury on anything. The all-wise Solomon wrote:

"So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof." Proverbs 1:19

Today repossessions are at an all-time high, including residential, commercial, and agriculture. Again the prophet Ezekiel declares:

"Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? He shall not live: He hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him." Ezekiel 18:13

God's judgment hand is upon all these extortioners who do the things they do. Paul warned the Corinthians:

"Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world." I Corinthians 5:10

To fellowship with the fornicators, the covetous, the extortioners, and the idolaters, then you must go out into the world. These lusts should not be in the church, but they are, and they sit on the front row in their fancy clothes. This generation of extortioners seems to be worse than those in the past.

As we have seen, the generation of the righteous, those whom God has called from the foundation of the earth co-exist with the generation of the unrighteous. Jesus spoke concerning this evil and adulterous generation:

"But He answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:" Matthew 12:39

Jesus was speaking of this evil and adulterous generation we see all around us. They are all looking for a sign of Jesus coming to do all their battles, make everything right, then turn it over to them, so they can start the corruption all over again.

The only sign God is going to give us is the sign of Jonah, who when he was rebellious and disobedient to God, suffered the fish's belly. It was then he swore to God to pay the vow he

had vowed before he came to this life. God is desiring repentance in His people so they do not have to suffer a similar fate. Jesus goes on:

"The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here." Matthew 12:41

The testimony of the men of Nineveh is the message to God's people today because they heard the testimony of the prophet Jonah and repented. Yet today, the people hear the message of today's prophets, and turn their faces away and close their ears, and go their own way, doing everyday things. Jesus continues:

"The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here." Matthew 12:42

The queen of the south came to see Solomon with all his wisdom and wealth. But Solomon's wisdom and wealth is nothing compared to what God has planned for His people. The promises Jesus made to this generation are greater than Jonah or Solomon. Why? It is because those who will receive God's glory must overcome in this vile, corrupt generation in which we live. The generation of the wicked will suffer as no previous generation has suffered. Luke records Jesus' words:

"That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation." Luke 11:50-51

The blood of all the prophets that was shed from the foundation of the world until now will be required of this generation. God is going to pour out His wrath in all His fury upon this generation. The prophet Jeremiah also related about the generation of the wicked:

"Cut off thine hair, O Jerusalem, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on high places; for the Lord hath rejected and forsaken the generation of His wrath." Jeremiah 7:29

God has rejected and forsaken the generation of His wrath. Many believe this is speaking of the people of the world, but God has included the church who has turned away from God in this group. In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul gives us insight into this unrighteous generation:

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God." I Corinthians 6:9-10

The unrighteous will not inherit the Kingdom of God. Then He lists the deceivers, the fornicators, the idolaters, the adulterers, the effeminate, the abusers of themselves with mankind, the thieves, the covetous, the drunkards, the revilers, and the extortioners. Extortioners do not find themselves in a very good list, do they?

The word **effeminate** means "a male prostitute" or a boy kept for sodomite relations. Today they call themselves 'gay'. But a better word for them is "sick." None of the list above will inherit the Kingdom of God.

Beloved, we are to declare that God has a generation of righteous ones. But along with this is the generation of the wicked. Moses describes what God is going to do with this unrighteous generation:

"And He said, I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith." Deuteronomy 32:20

God has hid His face from this wicked generation and the children who have no faith because they are a very froward generation. The word froward means "perverse." Webster's dictionary describes the word perverse as "a person practicing sexual perversion." The Psalmist Asaph also spoke of this perverse generation:

"And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God." Psalm 78:8

Those whose hearts are not right toward God are part of this wicked, unregenerate generation. In the book of Acts, Luke testified:

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38

Those who ask for the gift of the Holy Ghost and their heart is right toward God will be blessed with that gift. But many in this generation have made a mockery of this gift. Luke also records the words of Peter:

"And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation." Acts 2:40

The word **untoward** means "crooked, perverse, wicked, and unfair." Peter exhorts us to save ourselves from this generation and become part of those whose whole life exudes righteousness.

We have seen what we can expect as the generation of the righteous, and what we can look forward to as God's manifested sons. The prophet Isaiah tells us:

"Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generation from the beginning? I the Lord, the first, and with the last; I am He." Isaiah 41:4

God has called the generations from the beginning. This same truth about Christ Jesus being the first and the last was recorded by John on the Isle of Patmos:

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." Revelation 22:13

He was the beginning of all things, and He will be the end of all things as we know it. Isaiah also reveals:

"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure;" Isaiah 46:10

God operates this world both for the righteous and unrighteous by the counsel of His own will, and for His pleasure. Our God is a just and holy God. When people choose their own way, then they will suffer for their choices, or be rewarded for them. An unknown Psalmist wrote about the generation of the righteous:

"This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord." Psalm 102:18

We are that generation who was created by God to praise His holy name. Another unknown Psalmist declared:

"His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed." Psalm 112:2

God's seed are those who operate their lives by the direction given them by the Holy Spirit. And as the promise reads, "The upright shall be blessed." The Psalmist David gives us further insight:

"There were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of the righteous." Psalm 14:5

The word **fear** means "to stand in awe of our great God." The generation of the righteous should stand in awe and respect for their example of what they are to become. Asaph, the Psalmist, also speaks about this generation:

"I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us." Psalm 78:2-3

Asaph stated he would open his mouth in a parable. The word parable means "a sentence of ethical wisdom, or a similitude of an event." So Asaph was going to utter dark sayings. The phrase **dark sayings** means "perplexing, puzzling questions." These perplexing, puzzling questions have been passed down by our fathers who understood the ancient writings. This goes along with the words of Paul to the Corinthians:

"For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel." I Corinthians 4:15

There are ten thousand instructors in Christ, but how many fathers are there, who in Christ Jesus, have begotten or have brought to life their sons through the gospel? Asaph continues:

"We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength, and His wonderful works that He hath done." Psalm 78:4

The fathers have not hidden the Word of God from their children. They have revealed to the generation to come, the praises of the Lord, His strengths, His wonderful works, and the glory He will reveal to His generation of sons.

"For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children." Psalm 78:5

We have the testimony of Jacob in the Old Testament. Jacob represents God's ancient people, Israel. God has appointed a new law, the law of liberty in His Israel of today, which

is Spiritual Israel. God commanded the fathers to reveal these truths to their children, those who they teach. How many pastors today have this vision?

"That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children. That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments:" Psalm 78:6-7

Asaph was declaring the millennial teachings in Christ Jesus, showing us the difference between the righteous generation and the unrighteous generation. Asaph also declared:

"And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God." Psalm 78:8

Those whom God called, sanctified, justified, and glorified were not of the rebellious generation. The righteous have their hearts set towards God and their spirit is steadfast in God. The generation of the righteous are given many great and wonderful promises. The generation God called from the beginning will be empowered by the Holy Spirit of promise like no other generation before or after it. The apostle Timothy gives us insight into this generation:

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." II Timothy 2:19.

God chose this generation when He laid the foundation of the earth. This is why the morning stars sang together and the sons of God shouted for joy. By the Spirit, Peter wrote about this generation:

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light:" I Peter 2:9

This last generation is a chosen generation, a peculiar generation of predestined people who will make up God's holy nation. These have been called out of the darkness of this world, and walk in the marvellous light of God's Word. These have read the volume of the book that was presented to them before the foundation of the world, and have vowed to keep the vow they made to God to do His will on the earth. Timothy explains the calling these have in God:

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began," II Timothy 1:9

The calling God has in His predestined people, as Timothy explains, was given them before the world began. This calling was to fulfill God's purpose and grace in each one of us. In his letter to the Romans, Paul speaks about this calling in God's chosen generation:

"Now to Him that is of power to stablish you according to My gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began," Romans 16:25

God has kept this mystery sealed up since the world began, and He is revealing this mystery to His people at the end of the age. Many believe the promise of eternal life was given to us by Jesus, but Paul revealed to us in his letter to Titus:

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;" Titus 1:2

The promise of eternal life was proclaimed to His sons and morning stars before the world began. This explanation was why the morning stars were singing and the sons of God were shouting for joy. Jesus also spoke of this generation:

"Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled."
Matthew 24:34

This generation of God's peculiar people will not pass away until all things are fulfilled. This will be at the end of the millennium when man has lived the full one thousand year day, and has overcome the curse of death God pronounced on His Adam creation in the Garden.

God has called us with an holy calling, and it is His good pleasure to give this little flock the Kingdom of God, Luke 12:32. We need to praise God that we have found the strait gate to enter in to His Holy City that is coming down from God out of heaven (the Spiritual realm), so that we may become part of His eternal promises. We need to become that generation who were created to praise the Lord. God has given us His Word, and we need to become that Word. Praise the Lord!