

## The 7-year Tribulation Deception / part 1

### **How long is one generation in the Bible?**

The answer to that question is that a generation in the Bible is of a duration of 40 years. However, that does not mean that the Bible teaches that a man's life is only 40 years. According to **Psalm 90:10**, the average lifespan of man is between 70 and 80 years. Then, how is a generation calculated to be only 40 years in the Bible? The answer to that question is that a generation is not defined by age of man, but it is the period of time within which one generation completes its adult life, and the responsibilities associated with adulthood, and the next generation reaches full adulthood, and takes over these responsibilities, whether of family, or business, or work, or religious duties, such as given to Priests, and Levites. In in the Law of Moses, the first five books of the Bible called The Torah, **a male reached adulthood at 20 years of age**. Over the next 40 years, he was expected to assume, and fulfill, all his responsibilities; of family, by getting married and raising a family; to enter priesthood, or perform the duties of a Levite; or start participating full time in the family business, or work full time to support his family; or to go to war if needed; basically, to fulfill all responsibilities associated with adulthood. Once he got to **the age of 60**, it was expected that his children would be fully mature adults, and they in turn, would take over the responsibilities that come with adulthood; so, **in a period of time lasting 40 years, one generation was supposed to hand over the baton of life to the next generation. This is how one generation was calculated to be 40 years in length.**

**Leviticus 27:3** And thy estimation shall be of the male **from twenty years old even unto sixty years old**, even thy estimation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

**Numbers 1:2** Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male by their polls; 3. From **twenty years old and upward**, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies.

**Numbers 1:45** So were all those that were numbered of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from **twenty years old** and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel;

**Numbers 32:11** Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from **twenty years old and upward**, shall see the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me:

In **Deut. 1:35** we read: Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil **generation** see that good land, which I swore to give unto your fathers.

**Psalm 95:10** **Forty years long was I grieved with this generation**, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:

**Numbers 32:11** tells us that the men that were **20 years of age old or older** would not enter the Promised Land. In **Deut. 1:35**, we are told that that 'evil **generation**' would not see the

Promised Land. **Psalm 95:10** tells us that the generation that God was grieved with were the men that were 20 years of age or older that came out of Egypt with Moses; and it **took 40 years for that generation to pass away**; 40 years before their children were old enough to go and finish the job that their fathers refused to do. So, the adult lifespan of a man was calculated to be 40 years, and that is how long a period of time was allotted to one generation. In the light of End of the world Bible prophecies, which Matthew 24:34, Mark 13:30, and Luke 21:32, we can understand Jesus' teaching that those events that He prophesied would happen during the Tribulation would last just short of the lifespan of one generation, which is 40 years; He did not mean the lifespan of man, which is 70 – 80 years.