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The Apostle Paul made a statement in Romans, chapter 5 which has caused us all to ask: "What in the world does this mean?" At first glance, it seems to be a confusing paradox. Paul said, "... death reigned from Adam to Moses..."

Let's look at it in context.

- 12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
- 13 until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
- 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the Figure of him that was to come. (Romans 5:12-14)

When I began to study the

Scriptures concerning the Earth lease, in which God gave mankind dominion over the Earth, the pieces of this puzzle began to come together. The Scriptural implications of Genesis 6:3 seem to reveal that man will have dominion on Earth for 120 Jubilees (6,000 years).

Moses was born with a death sentence on his head (Exodus 1:22-2:3). Every male child born at the time Moses was born was supposed to be drowned in the river. But they made a little ark and hid Moses on the river Nile. Moses lived exactly 120 years and when he died, his eyes were not dim neither were his natural forces abated. That would indicate that Moses was in good health when he died. Why did he die? There are several reasons, but I believe the ultimate reason is that time ran out for Moses' lifespan was a living prophetic revelation of Genesis 6:3 which states, "... My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." In this verse, a day represents a year. There seems to be two prophetic profiles in this verse.

First, it seems that Noah warned the wicked of the Earth for 120 years before the flood of judgent came and destroyed the wicked. Second, this verse also has prophetic implications by double reference to 120 Jubilee years. It seems that Moses was God's exact composite (Scriptural pictorial) of the righteous who will live and die during the Earth lease period of 120 Jubilees, whose bodies will not be left in the Earth but will be resurrected.

First Thessalonians 4:15 & 16 reveal, at the time of the Rapture, the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we, who remain alive until His appearing, shall be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air. It appears that the 120 years of Moses' life was God's way of revealing a Scriptural pictorial of all the righteous who will live on Earth during the 120 Jubilees and die before they enter into the Promised Land. The Promised Land serves as a parallel to Heaven and is also a type of foreshadowing of the Millennial reign of Christ.

Now, with this Scriptural foundation, we can understand more

clearly what the Apostle Paul meant by Romans his statement in "Nevertheless death reigned Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression who is the figure of him that was to come." The phrase "death reigned from Adam to Moses" can be very confusing, if you understand the prophetic implications. It seems like death still reigns. Someone asked the question: "Have you ever heard of anyone who didn't die because there wasn't enough death to go around?"

The Scripture specifically states that "death reigned from Adam to Moses." Here's the key that gives us insight into the understanding of this matter. When Moses died, Joshua took over. Joshua is the Hebrew name for "Jesus." Joshua was a type of Jesus who was to destroy him who had the power of death. "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil."

(Hebrews 2:14)

We find in Joshua 1:11 that Joshua said to the people, "... within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth you to possess it." The Jordan River seems to be a type of both spiritual and physical death. Joshua, being a type of Jesus, said, "... within three days we will cross the Jordan to possess the land." (paraphrased) Applying the concept of "one day as a thousand years," this indicates that 3,000 years from the time that Jesus was born there will be no more spiritual or physical death. Three thousand years from the birth of Jesus would put us at the end of the seventh millennium. In I Corinthians 15:26, Paul reveals death to be the last enemy that shall be destroyed.

This mystery is unveiled in Joshua 3:3-4:

And they commanded the people, saying. When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore.

This seems to be a prophetic profile revealing that Jesus (the Word) would pass through the river of death into the Promised Land (Heaven) 2,000 years ahead of God's people. Our High Priest, Jesus, crossed that river of death and entered into Heaven 2,000 years before the righteous dead will be resurrected and the Body of Christ (Church) will be caught up to heaven. It fits the profile exactly.

The muddy Jordan (a type of death) flooded its banks from the point where Joshua crossed all the way back to the city of Adam. "Death reigned from Adam to Moses"—Joshua dried up the river from the point of crossing to the Dead Sea. Death indeed reigned from Adam to Moses. Joshua was a Scriptural

composite of Jesus who destroyed him who had the power of death (Hebrews 2:14). This seems to solve the mystery concerning the Apostle Paul's statement that "... death reigned from Adam to Moses." The flood of death started with the first man (Adam) and continued to the death of Moses. He was symbolic of all the righteous who will die physically during the 120 Jubilees (6,000 years) of the Earth lease.

Moses' Life Profiles the Earth Lease

When we take an overall view of the Word of God concerning man's dominion on the Earth, we see very strong indications that after 120 Jubilees (6,000 years), the first stage of God's plan for man is finished. The seventh day is a day of rest which refers to the millennial reign of Christ (Revelation 20:1-4).

The Earth lease seems to have been divided into three segments of time: 2,000 years from Adam to the time God called Abraham; 2,000 years from Abraham to Christ; and 2,000 years

from Christ to the end of the Earth lease, making a total of 6,000 years.

It's interesting that Moses, in Psalm 90:9, made this statement, "... we spend our years as a tale that is told." Remember, he lived exactly 120 years, and it seems to tell the tale of the Earth lease period of 120 Jubilees. Moses' life was divided into exactly three segments of time: 40 years in Egypt; 40 years on the backside of the desert tending his father-in-law's sheep; and 40 years leading the Children of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land. Moses represents all the righteous of the Earth lease period who will die before they enter into the Promised Land (Heaven).

Then, in Exodus 24, we have an interesting incident that happened on Mt. Sinai which gives us an accurate profile of the resurrection of the righteous dead and its general time frame. Verse 16 reveals that the glory of the Lord abode on Mt. Sinai and a cloud covered it six days. After six days, God called Moses up into the cloud. Using the concept—a day is (with the Lord) as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day—we have a perfect profile. The

six days represent 6,000 years of the Earth lease. And Moses being called up in the cloud profiles the resurrection of all the righteous dead after the 6,000 years of the Earth lease has expired.

Then, in Matthew 16:28, Jesus said, "... There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom." Notice, He didn't say, "He would come in His Kingdom," but He said "some would see it." He was referring to the vision of the transfiguration. Beginning with the first verse of chapter 17, we see a New Testament profile of the resurrection of the righteous dead and the Rapture of the Church.

And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. (Matthew 17:1-3)

Exodus 24 profiles the resurrection of the righteous dead after six 1,000-year days of human history. The resurrection of the righteous dead and the Rapture of the Church seems to be confirmed in the first three verses of Matthew 17.

Moses had been dead over 1,500 years when he showed up on what we call the Mount of Transfiguration with Elijah and talked with Jesus. You can't get a more accurate profile of the resurrection of the righteous dead and the Rapture of the Church after six days (6,000 years) of human history. This seems to be a prophetic revelation for this generation. If this is an accurate profile, then it reveals that the Rapture can't take place until after the Earth lease has expired. Will it be exactly at the end of 6,000 years? There are Scriptural indications which seem to reveal that there will possibly be a space of six months to a year between the time the Earth lease expires and the Rapture of the Church.

Are you ready for what's about to transpire in the 21st Century? If not, it is time for you to prepare for one of the greatest events in 2,000 years of Church

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history. This event is much closer than most have imagined.

Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD... (Exodus 35:2a)

For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day. (Matthew 12:8)

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