



1000 9:1-3

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him."



THE DESIRE OF AGES, P. 471

It was generally believed by the Jews that sin is punished in this life. Every affliction was regarded as the penalty of some wrongdoing, either of the sufferer himself or of his parents. It is true that all suffering results from the transgression of God's law, but this truth had become perverted.

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Satan, the author of sin and all its results, had led men to look upon disease and death as proceeding from God, - as punishment arbitrarily inflicted on account of sin. Hence one upon whom some great affliction or calamity had fallen had the additional burden of being regarded as a great sinner.

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The belief of the Jews in regard to the relation of sin and suffering was held by Christ's disciples. While Jesus corrected their error, He did not explain the cause of the man's affliction, but told them what would be the result.

MISHNAH

"There is no death without sin, and there is no suffering without iniquity" (Shabbath 55a, Soncino ed., p. 255).

"A sick man does not recover from his sickness until all his sins are forgiven him" (Nedarim 41a, Soncino ed., p. 130).

EXODUS 20:5, DEUTERONOMY 5:9

You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I, JEHOVAH your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me

NUMBERS 14:18

"JEHOVAH is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but He will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation."

EXODUS 33:18-23

18 Moses said, "Please show me your glory." 19 And He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you My name 'JEHOVAH.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. 20 But," He said, "you cannot see My face, for man shall not see Me and live."

EXODUS 33:18-23

21 And JEHOVAH said, "Behold, there is a place by Me where you shall stand on the rock, 22 and while My glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with My hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen."



JEREMIAH 9:23-24

23 Thus says JEHOVAH: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, 24 but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am JEHOVAH who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the JEHOVÄH."

EXODUS 34:5-8

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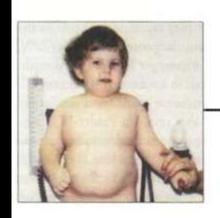
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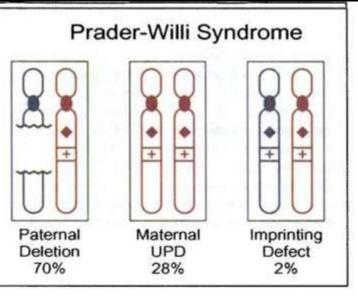
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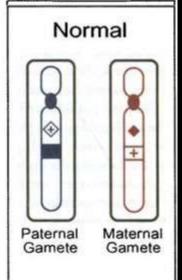
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EXODUS 3:14

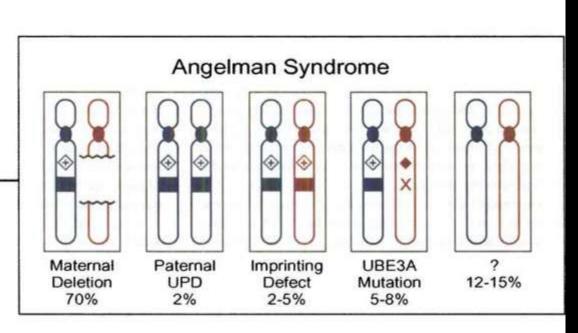
God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you."

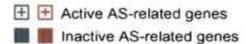


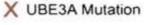




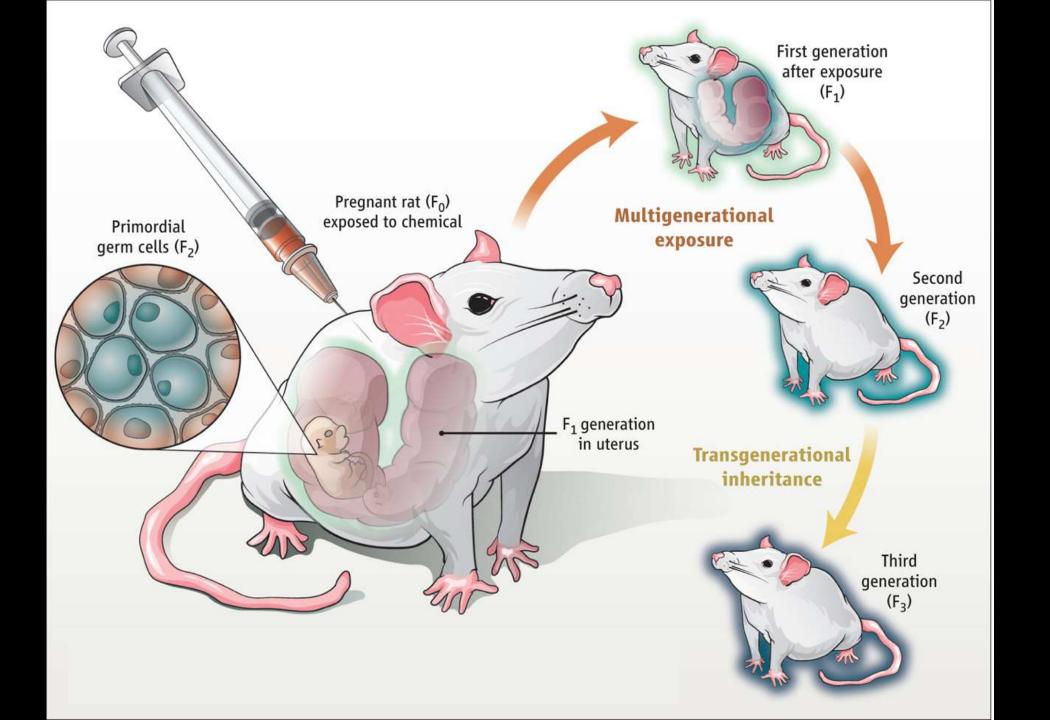












THE REVIEW AND HERALD, JULY 29, 1884

Our ancestors have bequeathed to us customs and appetites which are filling the world with disease. The sins of the parents, through perverted appetite, are with fearful power visited upon the children to the third and fourth generations.

THE REVIEW AND HERALD, JULY 29, 1884

The bad eating of many generations, the gluttonous and self-indulgent habits of the people, are filling our poorhouses, our prisons, and our insane asylums. Intemperance in drinking tea and coffee, wine, beer, rum, and brandy, and the use of tobacco, opium, and other narcotics, has resulted in great mental and physical degeneracy, and this degeneracy is constantly increasing.

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES, FEBRUARY 11, 1886

Let old and young remember that for every violation of the laws of life, nature will utter her protest. The penalty will fall upon the mental as well as the physical powers. And it does not end with the guilty trifler. The effects of his misdemeanors are seen in his offspring, and thus hereditary evils are passed down, even to the third or fourth generation...

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DEUTERONOMY 24:16

Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers.

Each one shall be put to death for his own sin.

EZEKIEL 18:20

The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

JEREMIAH 31:30

But everyone shall die for his own sin.
Each man who eats sour grapes, his teeth
shall be set on edge.

God did not mean in this threatening that the children should be compelled to suffer for their parents' sins, but that the example of the parents would be imitated by the children. If the children of wicked parents should serve God and do righteousness, he would reward their right-doing. But the effects of a sinful life are often inherited by the children.

They follow in the footsteps of their parents. Sinful example has its influence from father to son, to the third and fourth generations. If parents indulge in depraved appetites, they will, in almost every case, see the same acted over in their children. The children will develop, characters similar to those of their parents; and unless they are renewed by grace, and overcome, they are truly unfortunate.

If parents are continually rebellious, and inclined to disobey God, their children will generally imitate their example. Godly parents, who instruct their children by precept and example in the ways of righteousness, will generally see their children following in their footsteps.

The example of God-fearing parents will be imitated by their children, and their children's children will imitate the right example their parents have set before them; and thus the influence is seen from generation to generation.

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LEVITICUS 26:40-42

40 But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers in their treachery that they committed against me, and also in walking contrary to me, 41 so that I walked contrary to them and brought them into the land of their enemies – if then their uncircumcised heart is humbled and they make amends for their iniquity, 42 then I will remember my covenant with Jacob, and I will remember my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:22

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

ACTS 17:26

And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,

ROMANS 5:12

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

JOHN 17:3

And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

1 JOHN 5:11-13

11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

JOHN 5:24-25

24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. 25 Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

ROMANS 5:10

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.

1 JOHN 3:14

We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.

