

1st generation

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10 2nd generation

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Say each generation had 10 10 0 0 0
 ten iniquities imputed into 40 10 10 0 0
 them, and that the fullness of iniquity was 100, then the 10 10 0 0
 judgment of God would fall upon them 40 10 10 0
 once the fullness was reached. If iniquities were 10 10 10
 passed down only to the 3rd & 4th generation, then 10 10
 iniquities would never reach their fullness and the 40 10
 judgment would not fall on these peoples. 10

40 Total Iniquities

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[*1] 10 10 10

Those who hate God 80 10 10

This might mean two things: 10 10

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Do not keep His commandments. 10

2. Haters of God are also the demons. 100 Total Iniquities

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This part of the verse in Exodus 20:5b may not mean what many have assumed it means. If you look at the word “generation”, the first thought that comes to mind is that He is talking about the generations of people. But what if He is talking about the generations of “demons”? And if He was, how would that work? Do demons have a genealogy?

ARE INIQUITIES PASSED DOWN THROUGH THREE OR FOUR GENERATIONS, OR TO ALL OF THEM?

Iniquities are one of the great mysteries of the Bible. Iniquities are called the mystery-of-lawlessness in some versions of the Scriptures. In Exodus, God spoke to His people the following concerning iniquities. This Scripture is like a curse spoken on those who were disobedient, in rebellion to God's commandments, and on those who would not follow Him. This curse was inherited by the succeeding generations of the family of those who received this curse.

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Iniquities are not sin, in themselves. They are a “hidden desire in your heart to do evil or sin”. The iniquities in your heart will urge you, or tempt you to sin, although you do have the power to say “no” to these temptations. And unless God is sought in prayer and repentance to remove these iniquities, they will be passed down to subsequent generations, thus polluting your bloodline and your future generations. Iniquities will cause your children and grandchildren to be tempted to sin, further increasing the burden of iniquities passed on to future generations. And no, God is not being mean to us by pronouncing this curse upon us. This is a part of God's righteous judgment upon us, and is just a part of our “boot-camp” experience here on earth, to see if we will willingly serve, love, and obey Him.

Iniquities have also been described as “a moral flaw in your heart”, or

Example Number one:

Ten Generations of a people:

(1st-Gen)(2nd-Gen)(3rd-Gen)(4th-Gen)(5th-Gen)(6th-Gen)(7th-Gen)(8th-Gen)(9th-Gen)(10th=Gen)

<u>10</u>	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	<u>10</u>	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0
	20	<u>10</u>	10	10	10	0	0	0	0
		30	<u>10</u>	10	10	10	0	0	0
			40	<u>10</u>	10	10	10	0	0
				40	<u>10</u>	10	10	10	0
					40	<u>10</u>	10	10	10

Suppose that each generation had ten new **iniquities** imputed into them because of each generation's new **sins**, and say that the fullness of iniquity was 100, and this would trigger the judgment of God so that they would be destroyed, dispersed, go into captivity, or otherwise be chastened.

But if iniquities were passed down only to the 3rd – 4th generations, then their iniquities would probably never reach the fullness of 100, and God's judgment would most likely not fall on these peoples because the iniquities would not yet be mature.

The second ten Generations of a people: **(Example Number Two)**

(1st-Gen)(2nd-Gen)(3rd-Gen)(4th-Gen)(5th-Gen)(6th-Gen)(7th-Gen)(8th-Gen)(9th-Gen)(10th=Gen)

<u>10</u>	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
10	<u>10</u>	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	20	<u>10</u>	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
		30	<u>10</u>	10	10	10	10	10	10
			40	<u>10</u>	10	10	10	10	10
				50	<u>10</u>	10	10	10	10

Remember, 10 new iniquities are imputed to each generation. However, if "all" iniquities are continually passed down to each succeeding generation, then eventually the fullness of iniquity is reached, causing judgment to come upon these people, and they would be destroyed, dispersed, go into captivity, or otherwise be chastened, just as in the previous example number one.

Their accumulation of iniquities "would" indeed reach the fullness and maturity of 100 iniquities, and God's judgment "would" then most likely fall upon them, because their iniquities would be mature.

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