

The History of Time (the “completion of Man’s creation”) according to Augustine

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Creation
creation of first man; period from Adam to Flood (10 generations)	from Flood to Abraham (10 generations)	from Abraham to Moses to David (14 generations)	from David to the Exile in Babylon (14 generations)	from the Exile in Babylon to the Incarnation	from the Incarnation to the Final Judgment (present history)	eternal Sabbath, <i>Man’s creation is now finished</i>	<i>De Civ. bk. xxii.</i>
infancy (in oblivion, Flood)	boyhood (language, Hebrew)	adolescence	manhood		(adulthood under grace)	resurrection, separate cities	<i>De Civ. bk. xvi.</i>
before the Law		under the Law			under grace	eternal peace or damnation	<i>Enchiridion cxviii</i>
infancy (in oblivion)	childhood	adolescence	early adulthood till conversion		adulthood after conversion (Heaven, Hell, Purgatory)	resurrection, eternal salvation, or damnation	<i>Confessions (typology)</i>
infancy (in oblivion) “greedy baby”	language, “a great sinner for a small boy”, Madaura	the pear-incident, Carthage, <i>Hortensius</i> , philosophy, sex	Manichees, Rome, Milan, Platonics, Ambrose, chastity	Platonics, God’s immateriality, evil: privation, two wills, conversion	conversion, Cassiciacum, baptism, vision of Ostia	protagonist has become narrator, surveys time	<i>Confessions (narrative)</i>
Book I, 1-7.	Book I, 8-20.	Books II-IV	Books V-VI	Books VII-VIII	Book IX	Books X-XIII	<i>Confessions (structure)</i>