

# Psalms 78:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children:

## Analysis

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The purpose continues: "That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children" (Hebrew *l-ma-an yedu dor acharon banim yivvaldu yaqumu vi-sapru livneyhem*). Three generations appear: current teaching future who will teach their children. The chain must not break. "Know" requires understanding, not mere hearing. "Declare" indicates active proclamation. Each generation serves as link in faith's transmission.

## Historical Context

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This three-generation vision appears throughout Scripture: Abraham-Isaac-Jacob, David-Solomon-Rehoboam, Timothy's grandmother-mother-Timothy (2 Timothy 1:5). Paul commanded Timothy: teach "faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2)—four generations. The Great Commission extends this globally and chronologically until Christ returns.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does viewing yourself as a link in faith's multigenerational chain change your sense of responsibility?
2. What are you teaching the next generation that they can transmit to their children?
3. How does the church function as spiritual family when biological families fail to transmit faith?

## Interlinear Text

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לִמָּעַן	יָדַע וְ	דָּוָר	אֶת הָרֶוֶן	לְבָנֵיהֶם:
H4616	might know	That the generation	to come	them even the children
	H3045	H1755	H314	H1121
יֵלֵד דָּו	יִקָּם מִו	וְיִסְפָּר וְ	לְבָנֵיהֶם:	
which should be born	who should arise	and declare	them even the children	
H3205	H6965	H5608	H1121	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 102:18** (Resurrection): This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.

**Psalms 90:16** (Parallel theme): Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

**Psalms 145:4** (Resurrection): One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

**Joel 1:3** (Parallel theme): Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

