

Genesis

Chapter Five

Adam's Lineage

Genesis 5:1-3

"This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.

He created them male and female,
and blessed them and called them
Mankind in the day they were created.

And Adam lived one hundred and
thirty years, and begot a son in his
own likeness, after his image, and
named him Seth."

The Genealogy of Adam

- **Colophon:** "A drawing or device at the beginning or end of a chapter or section of a book."--Webster
- This the account of Adam and his direct line to Noah.
- This is the third document thus far in the book of Genesis.
- This section will end in Genesis 6:9, where the account of Noah's genealogy begins.
- "Genesis begins the process of identifying the seed that will rule the earth (Gen. 1:26-28) and crush the Serpent (3:15)."-Waltke

Man Created With A Blessing

- The creation of man came with a blessing.
- Adam wants to communicate to all mankind the blessing that was given to him.
- "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."-**Genesis 1:28**

The Blessing From God Is Mission Oriented

- Be fruitful
- Multiply
- fill the earth
- Subdue the earth
- have dominion over every living thing that moves

- "This twofold commission to subdue and have dominion, to conquer and rule, embraces all productive human activities. Science and technology, research and development, theory and application, study and practice, and so forth are various ways of expressing these two concepts."
- Man was given the unique ability to evaluate and organize and build something from his past experiences to make the world a better place for himself and God's creation.
- Man has the unique privilege to work with God, and God's greatest joy is found in working with man. (Philippians 2:12-13)

Man Created Male And Female

- The differences between men and women are not accidents; since God "created them male and female" the differences are good and meaningful.
- Men are not women and women are not men; one of the saddest signs of our culture's depravity is the amount and degree of gender confusion today.
- But who is superior? A man is absolutely superior at being a man; a woman is absolutely superior at being a woman. But when a man tries to be a woman, or a woman tries to be a man, you have something that is out God's created order and what God intended for mankind.

Love In Creation

After losing his parents, this 3 year old orangutan was so depressed he wouldn't eat and didn't respond to any medical treatments. The veterinarians thought he would surely die from sadness.

The zoo keepers found an old sick dog on the grounds in the park at the zoo where the orangutan lived and took the dog to the animal treatment center. The dog arrived at the same time the orangutan was there being treated.

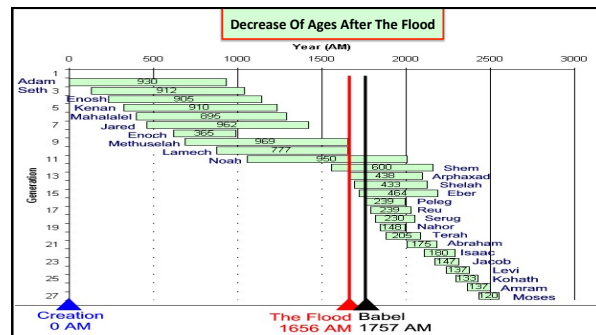
The 2 lost souls met and have been inseparable ever since.



Long Life Spans

- In this chapter, no one lived less than 365 years (and this is Enoch, who was a special case), and Methuselah lived a total of 969 years. How is this possible?
- Critics have thought this is speaking figuratively or counting months as years (but then Enoch fathered Methuselah when he was five and one-half years old).
- It is more likely that people did live longer before the flood. This is because the environment in the pre-flood world was so different, with the blanket of water vapors surrounding the earth (Genesis 1:6-8) keeping out harmful rays. In the post-flood world the life-spans began to be shorter.

Genesis Patriarch Table - Before and After the Flood							
Before the Flood				After the Flood			
Patriarchs	Age First Born	Years After	Age at Death	Patriarchs	Age First Born	Years After	Age at Death
1 Adam	130	800	930	1 Shem	100	500	600
2 Seth	105	807	912	2 Arphaxad	35	403	438
3 Enosh	90	815	905	3 Shelah	30	403	433
4 Kenan	70	840	910	4 Eber	34	430	464
5 Mahalaleel	65	830	895	5 Peleg	30	209	239
6 Jared	162	800	962	6 Reu	32	207	239
7 Enoch	65	300	365	7 Serug	30	200	230
8 Methuselah	187	782	969	8 Nahor	29	119	148
9 Lamech	182	595	777	9 Terah	70	205	275
10 Noah (600 yrs. old at the time of the flood)	500	450	950	10 Abraham (Isaac born)	100	75	175



Genesis 5:21-28

“Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters.

So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him. Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and begot Lamech.

After he begot Lamech, Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died. Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son.”

1 Corinthians 10:11

“Now **all these things happened** to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.”

The Foundation To Enoch's Walk

- "By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death," and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."-**Hebrews 11:5-6**

Enoch's Name Means Teaching

- Enoch teaches us through his life that we must **first believe that God exists.**
- Enoch teaches us through his life that **God rewards those who believe in Him.**
- Enoch teaches us through his life to **believe in the promises of God and prophesies of God.**
- Enoch teaches us through his life that **to believe in God is to walk with Him.**
- Enoch teaches us through his life that it is **impossible, not difficult, to please God without faith.**

Walking By Faith

- Walking by faith is the opposite of walking by our own understanding.
- Walking by faith is not **mentally consenting** to the truth of something because when it's only in our head it's not faith – it's knowledge. **Faith resides not in the head, but in the heart.**
- Walking by faith is a perpetual dependence upon the Lord. **A moment-by-moment reliance of our trust in God and Him alone.**

- Walking by faith is an **active trust in the goodness of Lord which then expresses itself in loyalty to His will.**
- Walking by faith means that we put our **total trust** in God's Word with **complete surrender** to what He has promised.
- Walking by faith is to **"believe God"** and not man and his traditions.
- Walking by faith is not **"what** you believe? But **"whom** you believe?"

Enoch was Taken Away

- The word for “taken away” in the original text is “metatethame” which means, “translate, remove, change”.
- Enoch through his faith in God had been raptured into the presence of God.
- Do we believe what God has told us about our own rapture?
- Enoch serves as an example to all who believe in what God has told them about His coming judgment even in the midst of all the corruption and confusion of the present day.
- Those who walk with God are not appointed for the day of wrath but salvation through faith in Jesus.

The Rapture

- Rapture is used in terms of being “caught up” to heaven
- Rapture is not used in the scripture
- “harpazio” 1Thess 5:17 ;2 Cor 12:4--snatched away, pluck, pull, take (by force).

Enoch's Prophecy In Jude

- Enoch was one of the first prophets.
- Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."-**Jude 14-15**

FOUR FACTS EMPHASIZED BY ENOCH'S PROPHECY (JUDE 14,15):

- We know the Lord's coming is sure.
- We know who will accompany the Lord at His Return (ten thousands of His saints).
- We know the purpose of His coming (execute judgment).
- We know the result of the Lord's coming (sinners judged).

WALKING WITH GOD

- Walking signifies the whole round of the activities of the individual life before God that results in God being pleased with the believer and useful for His purposes.
- “He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”-**Micah 6:8**
- The believer's walk is a relationship with God through faith.
- “Walked with God' is metaphorical and indicates that Enoch had a lifestyle characterized by his devotion to God. The sense of 'walk' (halak) in its verbal stem indicates a communion or intimacy with God.”-Matthews

THE BELIEVER IS TO WALK:

- IN THE NEWNESS OF LIFE---ROM. 6:4
- WITH THE SPIRIT---ROM. 8:4
- BY FAITH---II COR. 5:7
- IN GOOD WORKS---EPH 2:10
- IN LOVE----EPH 5:2
- IN WISDOM----COL. 4:5
- IN TRUTH----II JOHN 4
- IN THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD---V.6

THE BELIEVER IS NOT TO WALK:

- AFTER THE FLESH—ROM. 8:4
- AFTER THE MANNER OF MEN---I COR. 3:3
- IN CRAFTINESS----II COR. 4:2
- BY SIGHT---II COR. 5:7
- IN EMPTY MINDENESS—EPH 4:17
- IN IDLENESS---II THESS. 3:6-15

Enoch Prophesied Through The Name Of His Son

- IT SEEMS ENOCH PROPHESED THE END OF THE PRE-FLOOD WORLD THROUGH HIS SON.
- METHUSELAH'S NAME MEANS “HIS DEATH SHALL BRING”
- FROM THE ROOT *MUTH* = “TO DIE”
- AND *SHALAK* = “TO SEND FORTH”; “BRING ABOUT” (60X: “SEND JUDGEMENT ON THE EARTH”, PLAGUES OF EGYPT, FAMINE, FIRE, ETC.

THE YEAR METHUSELAH DIED THE FLOOD CAME

- Methuselah lived 782 years after he had Lamech
- Lamech was 182 years old when he had Noah
- Noah was 600 yrs old when the flood came (Gen 7:6)
- $600 + 182 = 782$, the year Methuselah died
- Methuselah's long life was no accident. It was because of the grace of God. When Methuselah died, the flood came. God kept him alive longer than anybody to give people as long as possible to repent.

God Rewards Those Who Seek Him

- These two elements seem most simple, but, alas, how many professing Christians act as if God were not living; and how many others, through seeking after Him, are not *expecting from Him* as Rewarder!"-Newell
- We must believe that God is there and that He will reveal Himself to the seeking heart.
- Faith is the one gift that when used will please God because we acknowledge Him in relationship to us!

- It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings. —Proverbs 25:2
- "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"-**Matthew 7:7-11**
- Ask, seek, and knock are in the present active tense which means we are to continually keep asking, seeking and knocking.

Genesis 5:29-32

"And he called his name Noah, saying,
"This one will comfort us concerning
our work and the toil of our hands,
because of the ground which the LORD
has cursed."

After he begot Noah, Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years; and he died. And Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah begot Shem, Ham, and Japheth."

Noah's Name

- It is interesting that Lamech called his son, "Rest".
- Lamech believed that through his son an evil and corrupt world would be saved and find rest.
- God spared the human race through Noah..
- "This is the greatest glory of the primitive world, that it had so many good, wise, and holy men at the same time. We must not think that these are ordinary names of plain people; but next to Christ and John the Baptist, they were the most outstanding heroes this world has ever produced. And on the Last Day we shall behold and admire their grandeur." (Luther, cited in Boice)
- The Bible considers Noah as a great hero of the faith!

Death A Key Theme

- In the line of Seth's seed death is the prominent theme, "And he died..." is mentioned 8 times.
- "The finality of death caused by sin, and so powerfully demonstrated in the genealogy of Genesis..."-Cole
- "Even though the death motif is strong in this chapter, there is even more emphasis on God's grace. We see this in the references to life, fertility (sons and daughters), Enoch's translation, and other blessings."-Constable