

## Satan's Family and God's Family (Part 2)

Genesis 4:25-5:32

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### Introduction

**Genesis 4:25-26** Adam lay with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, "God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him." **26** Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time men began to call on the name of the LORD.

Man began to call on the name of the Lord. This is the difference between those who follow Satan's evil desires and those who follow God. Those who follow God, calls upon Him, which means to worship Him wholeheartedly. This implies intimacy with God. The word Lord is actually YHWH, His name. Adam was a believer, and he taught his children about God; however, Cain's line rebelled against God and went away from His presence and embraced the satanic thoughts.

Note the sadness from Eve when she names her son, Seth. It is full of sadness, yet there is a glimmer of hope in her words. God's promise of the woman's Seed will prevail, and He alone holds His people in His hand. This is such a blessing and relieves our burden because we are not capable of saving ourselves. It is only by God's mercy and mighty hand that He saves us, and He never lets us go!

Before we look at the genealogy of Genesis 5, we must ask, why? Why is it so important to look at their names and ages and their sons? I can think of two reasons:

- These numbers are very specific. God is telling us the history between Creation and the Flood. Because it is so specific, there is no reason to doubt it is the actual genealogy. The order has not changed in other listings elsewhere

**1 Chronicles 1:1-3** Adam, Seth, Enosh, **2** Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, **3** Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah.

**Luke 3:23, 36-38** Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when He began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli, **36** the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, **37** the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Kenan, **38** the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

- It is the genealogy of the Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the genealogy of hope—the promised Deliverer is going to go through the line of Seth. This is the Messiah that God promised, the One who will crush Satan's head. In **Genesis 5**, we see the redemptive history, our future hope.

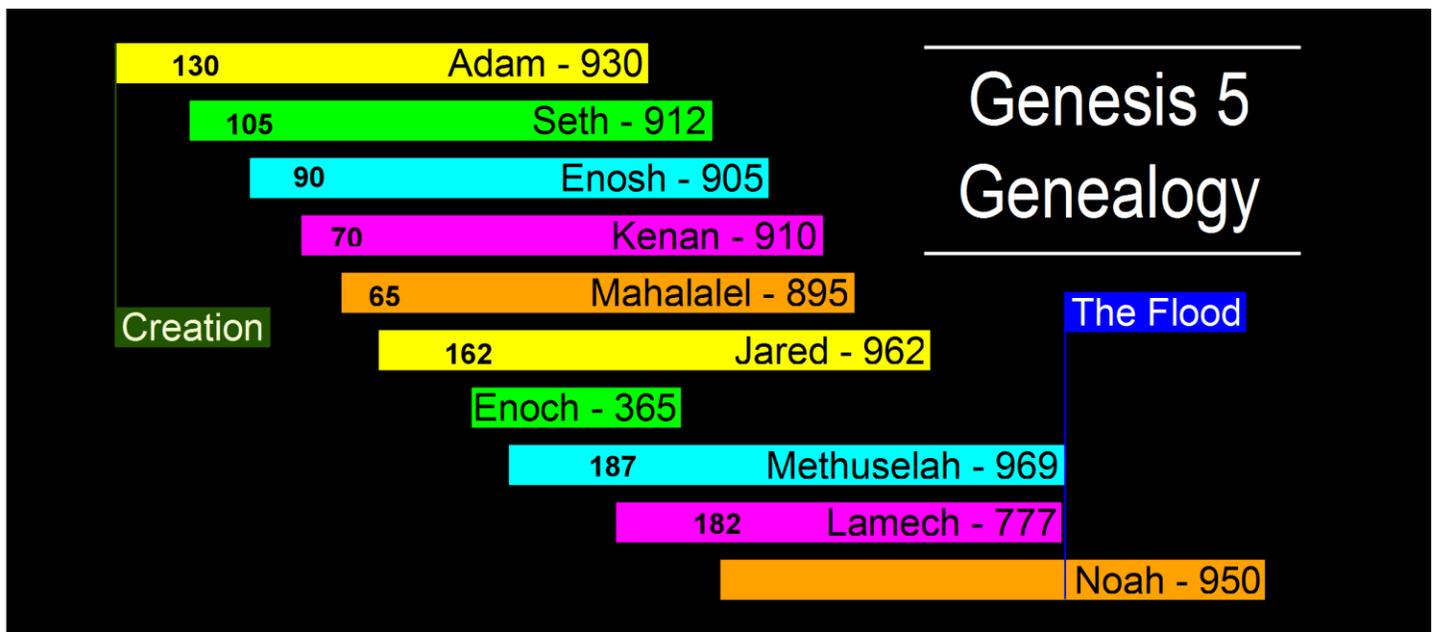
### I. The Reign of Death—Adam (5:1-20)

**Genesis 5:1-3** This is the written account of Adam's line. When God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. **2** He created them male and female and blessed them. And when they were created, He called them "man." **3** When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth.

- Written account

- Possibly from Noah who could have written this down
- We do not have any such document
- Seth image of Adam
  - Even though man is created in the image of God
  - Seth bore the image of his father, Adam
    - Seth inherited Adam's sin
    - Man still retains the image of God, but this has been marred by sin
- Pattern
  - Age of father when firstborn was born
  - Name of firstborn son
  - How long the father lived after firstborn was born
  - Other sons and daughters
  - Death
- Reign of death

**Romans 5:14a** Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses,



- Sin increased during this time

**Genesis 6:5** The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.

- Even though sin increased
  - God has always had a group of people who followed Him wholeheartedly

**1 Kings 19:14, 18** He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected Your covenant, broken down your altars, and put Your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." **18** Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him."

## II. The Defeat of Death—Enoch (5:21-24)

- Pattern breaks
  - More description on Enoch
  - He never dies
  - He walked with God
- Walking with God
  - Intimate relationship with God
  - Noah did (**Genesis 6:9**)
  - Abraham did (**Genesis 17:1; 48:15**)
- Enoch the preacher

**Jude 14-15** *Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of His holy ones 15 to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."*

**Note:** Jude was writing about the false teachers who have crept into churches and was teaching the false gospel (**Jude 10-13**). He warns that God will execute judgment against those who teach lies to His people, and that judgment comes at the coming of Christ. He will execute His judgment against all false teachers.

- What Jude writes, not recorded in Genesis
- Holy Spirit reveals to Jude what Enoch had said
- Enoch preached during his life to godless, sinful people
- He preached about the judgment of God
  - He was preaching about the upcoming flood
- Enoch never dies
  - He and Elijah (**2 Kings 2:1-18**) are the only ones to have never died
  - And he was no more
    - Sudden disappearance
      - Like the rapture of the church
    - Victory over death

**1 Corinthians 15:51-57** *Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- Blessed victory for all believers

**Psalms 116:15** *Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.*

### III. The Hope of New Creation—Noah (5:25-32)

- Methuselah
  - Name translation
    - Man of the weapon
    - When he dies, it shall come
      - Which name fits best?
      - When he dies, it shall come
      - The flood shall come the same year he dies
      - Enoch was told by God of His upcoming judgment
      - Enoch names his son as a warning to the people of God's judgment
      - Methuselah is proof of God's long patience and holiness

**2 Peter 3:9** *The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

**Note:** This verse is not what many people think it means. Peter is saying that God is patient that He will put off judgment until all of His people are saved. He withheld judgment, the Flood, so that Noah, the righteous man, was saved when the ark was finished.

- Enoch's warning
  - Why?
  - Because people followed their own evil desires

**2 Peter 3:3** *First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.*

- God was warning people for 969 years
- Only 8 saved

- Lamech (different Lamech from **Genesis 4:18-24**)

- Noah
  - Sounds like "comfort" and "rest"
  - Righteous man

**Genesis 6:9** *This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.*

- If it were not for Noah, whole humanity would have been destroyed
- He was a preacher of righteousness

**2 Peter 2:5** *if He did not spare the ancient world when He brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others;*