

# Genesis - Lesson 5

## Genesis Chapter 5

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Memory verses for this week: *Psa 81:15 The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever. Psa 81:16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.*

**Introduction:** We continue our study on the book of Genesis this week as we cover Chapter 5 on the Generations of Adam through Seth. In Gen. 4:16-24, we have the record of Cain's offspring. The Cainites were progressive. They built cities and made inventions. In Gen. 5:1-32, we have the record of the offspring of Seth. This is the God-fearing line of the human race. Nothing is said about them accomplishing great earthly things. Perhaps as strangers and pilgrims, they were looking for something better.

### I. FROM ADAM TO ENOCH

*Gen 5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;*

*Gen 5:2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.*

*Gen 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:*

The entire world began with the federal headship of Adam. Verse one opens with an unusual statement as it says "the book of the generations of Adam." This statement stands alone in the Bible, with the exception of Matt. 1:1. Only two such statements in the Bible.

*Mat 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*

There is quite a contrast between Genesis 4:1 and Matthew 1:1.

- a. Adam is the federal head of fleshly human race. v. 1
- b. Christ is the federal head of the born again race. Matt. 1:1
- c. This is why we read of the first Adam and the last Adam.

*1Co 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.*

*1Co 15:46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.*

*1Co 15:47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.*

Man was created in the likeness of God. Seth was begotten in the likeness of Adam. Sin is what entered into Adam and Eve's lives and that made the difference. No longer was there peace and joy in their existence, but now there was a Universal Reign of Death. In the first 20 verses of Chapter 5, it says "he died" six times. It is spoken 8 times in the whole chapter. Bible is crystal clear in that sin entered through Adam.

*Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

*Rom 5:13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.*

*Rom 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.*

*1Co 15:20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.*

*1Co 15:21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.*

*1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

*1Co 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.*

## **II. The Extreme Age Of The Patriarchs**

*Gen 5:4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:*

*Gen 5:5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.*

*Gen 5:6 And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos:*

*Gen 5:7 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:*

*Gen 5:8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.*

*Gen 5:9 And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan:*

*Gen 5:10 And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:*

*Gen 5:11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.*

*Gen 5:12 And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalaleel:*

*Gen 5:13 And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters:*

*Gen 5:14 And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.*

*Gen 5:15 And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared:*

*Gen 5:16 And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:*

*Gen 5:17 And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.*

*Gen 5:18 And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch:*

*Gen 5:19 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:*

*Gen 5:20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.*

Why did these early men and women of the bible live so long? We do not know for certain, but perhaps it would not be wrong to suggest some possible reasons. There could have been the effect of eating of the tree of life. But since it says eating of it would cause them to live forever in their current state, God drove them from the garden so this would not happen.

**Gen 3:22** *And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Gen 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.*

Possibly the degeneration of genes would not be deadly for hundreds of years. We know they were in a perfect environment initially in the garden of Eden and the atmospheric conditions may have been different before the flood. While we these early men lived hundreds of years, we today rarely live to be a 100 years of age. I read a quote by Benjamin Franklin this week in regards to using our time wisely. He said: "Doest thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that 's the stuff life is made of.

The historical and spiritual significance would be tremendous. Note that Adam lived during the first 56 years of Noah's father.

	Year Of Birth	Year Of Death
Adam	1	930
Seth	130	1042
Enos	235	1140
Canaan	325	1235
Mahaleel	396	1290
Jared	460	1422
Enoch	622	Translated- 987
Methusela	687	Year of the flood-1656
Lamech	874	1651
Noah	1056	2006

### III. ENOCH THE MAN WHO DID NOT DIE.

*Gen 5:21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:*

*Gen 5:22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:*

*Gen 5:23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:*

*Gen 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.*

*Gen 5:25 And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech:*

*Gen 5:26 And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters:*

Not many in the bible were removed from the earth without dying. Enoch was translated and Elijah was taken out miraculously into heaven by God by a whirlwind.

*2Ki 2:11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and **Elijah** went up by a whirlwind into heaven.*

*Jud 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,*

*Jud 1:15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.*

*Heb 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased*

*God.*

There is typology of Enoch in not seeing death. Enoch a type of Christ who was translated bodily into heaven, a victor over the grave. He is also a type of the living saints that shall be raptured, at the Second Coming.

*1Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.*

*1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

*1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

*1Th 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

*1Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,*

*1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

*1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

*1Co 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.*

*1Co 15:55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?*

#### **IV. Enoch's Walk With God**

*Gen 5:27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.*

*Gen 5:28 And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son:*

*Gen 5:29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.*

*Gen 5:30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters:*

*Gen 5:31 And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.*

*Gen 5:32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.*

Enoch was blessed and walked with God. The beginning of his walk began with the birth of Methuselah. "Methuselah" means "it shall be sent," referring to the flood which came the same year Methuselah died. (1656). I can tell you that having a child is reason for us to desire to walk with the Lord. This was probably a turning point in Enoch's life and he drew close to the Lord. To walk with God requires agreement.

*Amo 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*

To walk with the Lord we must follow the divine way.

*1Jn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:*

*1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

*1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

In verse 22, we see how long Enoch walked with the Lord. Think what spiritual progress could be made in 300 years of walking with God. The consummation of his walk is mentioned in verse 24.

*Gen 5:23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:*

*Gen 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.*

*Heb 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.*

The bible gives us instructions on how we are to walk.

1. We are walk by faith.

*2Co 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)*

*Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

2. We are to walk in the light.

*1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

3. We are to walk in the newness of life.

*Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

4. We are to walk in the Spirit.

*Gal 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*

*Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*

*Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

5. We should walk in love to be in harmony with the Lord.

***Eph 5:1*** *Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;*

*Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.*

6. To be in a mind like Christ's mind, we need to walk circumspectly in the world.

*Eph 5:15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,*

*Eph 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

7. We are to walk worthily.

***Eph 4:1*** *I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,*

*Eph 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;*

*Eph 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

8. And most of all, we are to walk in Christ.

*Col 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:*

*Col 2:7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.*

## STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Who was the man that walked with God and did not die?

Enoch

2. What happened to him?

Bible says God took him. (He was translated according to Hebrews.)

*Heb 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.*

3. Who was the oldest man recorded in the Bible?

Methuselah lived nine hundred sixty and nine years

4. How would you explain the long life of those who lived before the days of the flood?

Came from a perfect environment that perhaps had less ability for germs to spread and the atmosphere may have been different than today.

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*Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*

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