



The Book of Genesis

In the beginning...
מֵהֶלֶק אֵרֶב תִּיבָרֶב



Session 8

The Genealogy of Noah Chapter 5

The



Genesis

Part 1

Genesis 1, 2 Creation
Genesis 3 Fall of Man
Genesis 4 Cain & Abel

Genesis 5 Genealogy of Noah

Genesis 6-9 Flood of Noah

Genesis 10-11 Tower of Babel

Part 2

Genesis 12-20 Abraham

Genesis 21-26 Isaac

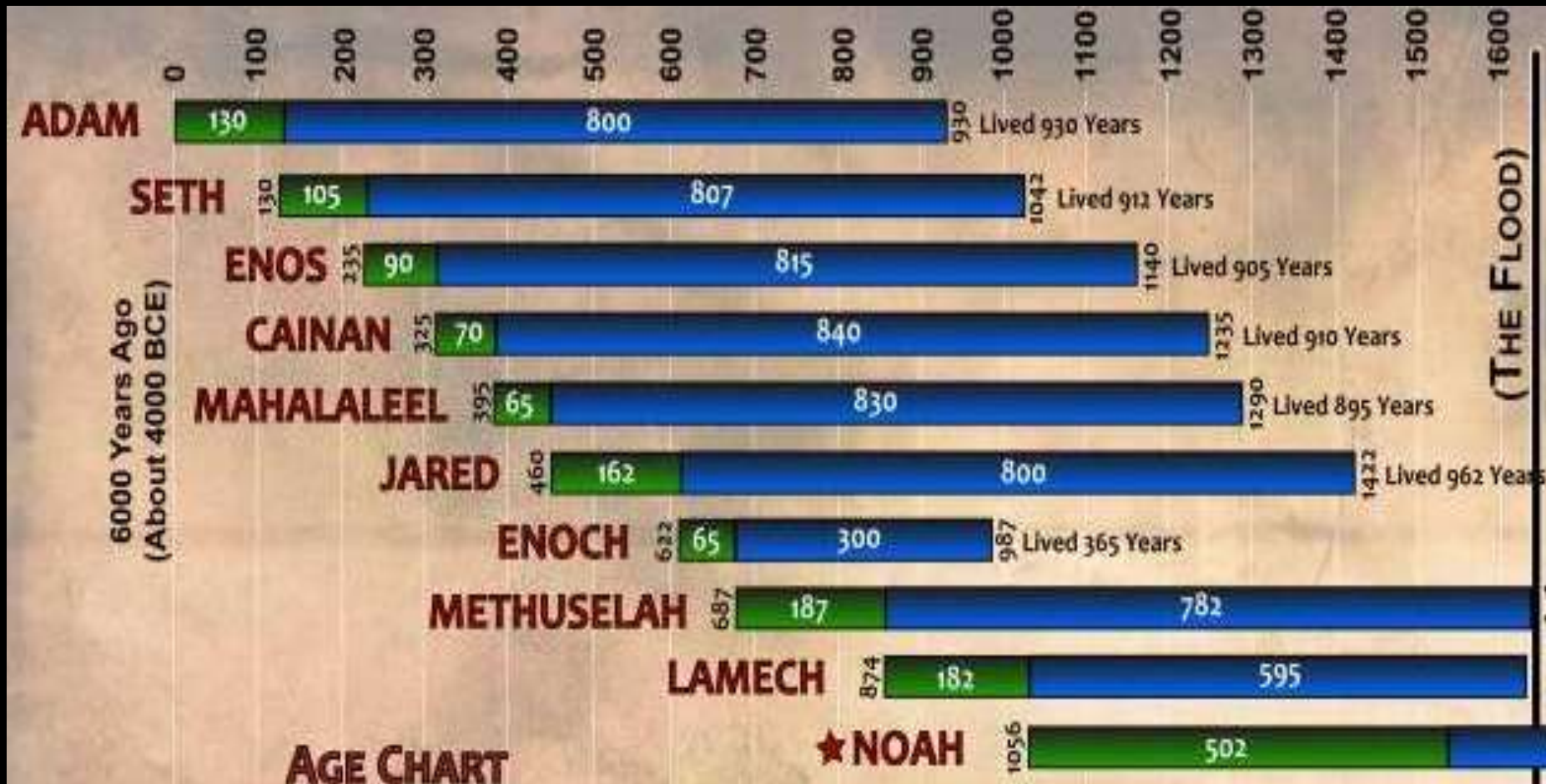
Genesis 27-36 Jacob

Genesis 37-50 Joseph

Can we take this seriously?

- Chapter 5 gives us 10 generations from Adam to Noah
- From the chronology given we find that there were 1,656 years from Creation to the Flood
- Yet we are told of 'impossibly long' lifespans
- Can we take this seriously?

Pre Flood Lifetimes



Historical Verification

- Acts 14:17: *“Nevertheless He left not himself without witness”*
- In the 19th century a number of ancient lists were discovered on cuneiform tablets
 - WB 444 (Weld-Blundell Prism)
 - The Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, UK
- They are known as the Sumerian King Lists, and give a list of kings who lived & reigned **before the flood!**



Historical Verification

- There was already a well known list recorded by the Babylonian priest, Berossus
- He had translated it into Greek c.280 B.C. for Antiochus I
 - 1 of 4 successors to Alexander the Great
- Critics had regarded the list as spurious and attributed it mythology
- However the discovery of the Sumerian King Lists shed new light on the validity of Berossus' list (and the Biblical account!)

Historical Verification

- The Sumerian King list is not a list of the 10 generations recorded in Genesis 5...
- But it does corroborate the Genesis account
- The list gives us 8 (or 10) kings who ruled over 5 cities before *“the Flood swept thereover”*
- After the Flood the list records a dramatic decrease in the life-spans when compared to the kings before the Flood

Historical Verification

- Critics (ever struggling to hold their ground) point out that the ages of the kings in the list are impossible...
 - The oldest is said to have reigned for 43,200 years
- But that is because they apply 'years' as the unit of measurement when actually the measure is 'saros' (sari),
- Berosus gives us a number 432,000 units (?) for the pre Flood era

Historical Verification

- The Sumerians used a 'sexagesimal' system of mathematics (based on the number 60)
- *“Well, 60 months equal 5 years, and if we divide 432,000 by 5 we are left with the product of 86,400, which happens also to be the number of weeks in the 1,656 years Genesis gives us”! - Dr Bill Cooper*
- *“Berosus wasn't giving us a period of time measured in years, but one that is measured in Lunar months, and the 7-day units of those months”! - The Authenticity of Genesis*

Historical Verification

- *“So once again, and in distinct contradiction to all that the modernists say, Genesis shows itself to be the older and by far the purer account. Moreover, the longevity of its patriarchs – a point of much scoffing in the modernist camp – is seen to be corroborated to a surprising degree by two independent and very ancient sources”*

- The Authenticity of Genesis
Dr Bill Cooper

Divine Authentication

2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.

Proverbs 25:2

- What has God concealed?

A Conundrum

- Who is the oldest man in the Bible?

Methuselah; he lived 969 years.

- Yet he died before his father!

How can that be?

- His father was Enoch...

At age 65, something happened;
he then “walked with God” 300 years...

Methuselah

twm *muth*, a root that means “death”

hl v *shalach*, which means “to bring,” or
“to send forth.”

“His death shall bring.”

The Life of Methuselah

Methuselah

187

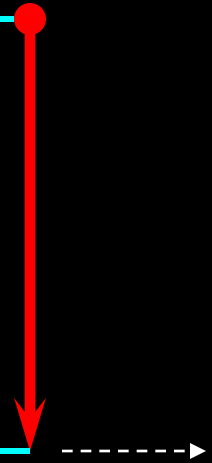
782

Lamech

182

Noah

600



Genealogy of Genesis 5

: Adam

: Seth

: Enosh

: Cainan

: Mahalaleel

: Jared

: Enoch

: Methuselah

: Lamech

: Noah

Genesis 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;

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

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:

Adam

◻ Ra *adomah*, means “man.”

Genesis 5

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

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

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

Gen 5:4-6

Seth

tve *seth*, which means “appointed.”

Eve said, “For God hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.”

Genesis 4:25

Genesis 5

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

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

Gen 5:7-8

Enosh

vna/ which means “mortal,” “frail,” or “miserable.”

It is from the root *anash*, to be incurable; used of a wound, grief, woe, sickness, or wickedness.

Genesis 5

⁹ And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan:

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

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

Gen 5:9-11

Kenan

ḡn'ýqe which can mean “sorrow,”
“dirge,” or “elegy.”

Genesis 5

¹² And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalaleel:

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

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

Gen 5:12-14

Mahalalel

l L'hmm. which means “blessed” or “praise”;

and

l a *El*, the name for God.

“The Blessed God.”

Genesis 5

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

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

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

Gen 5:15-17

Jared (Yared)

dry_y from the verb *yaradh*, meaning

“shall come down.”

Genesis 5

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

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

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

Gen 5:15-17

Enoch

תועב

which means “commencement,”

or

“Teaching.”

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam,
prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord
cometh with ten thousands of his saints,
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.

Jude 14,15

Enoch's Prophecy

- We know the Lord's coming is **sure**
- We know **who will accompany** the Lord
- We know the **purpose** of His coming
- We know the **result** of the Lord's coming

Nadir of Apostasy

- Enoch was translated (raptured)
 - at the height of apostasy between Adam and Noah
- Elijah was translated
 - at the height of apostasy between Abraham and Christ
- These are models given for our instruction “upon whom the ends of the world are come” – 1 Cor 10

Genesis 5

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

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

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

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

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.

Hebrews 11:5

Enoch “Walked with God”

- Not a casual stroll: 300 years

Heb 11:5

- Agreement; surrender; witness

Amos 3:3

- Privilege available today

Col 2:6; Gal 5:25; 2 Cor 5:7

- See again our study in Psalm 119

Methuselah

tWm *muth*, a root that means “death”

HI v *shalach*, which means “to bring,” or
“to send forth.”

“His death shall bring.”

Genesis 5

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

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

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

Gen 5:25-27

The Year of the Flood

Methuselah

187

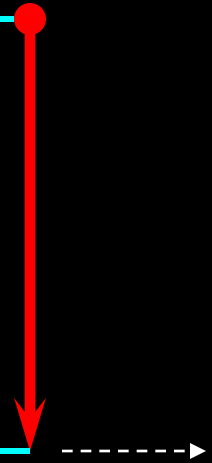
782

Lamech

182

Noah

600



Lamech

למ,ל ' a root still evident today in our own English word, “lament” or “lamentation.”

“Despairing.”

Genesis 5

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

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 5:28-29

Noah

חַנּוּךְ which is derived from *nacham*,
“to bring relief” or “comfort,”

“Comfort, or Rest”

Genealogy of Genesis 5

- : Adam* - *'Man'*
- : Seth* - *'Appointed'*
- : Enosh* - *'Mortal'*
- : Cainan* - *'Sorrow'*
- : Mahalaleel* - *'Blessed God'*
- : Jared* - *'Come down'*
- : Enoch* - *'Teaching'*
- : Methuselah* - *'His death shall bring'*
- : Lamech* - *'Despairing'*
- : Noah* - *'Comfort'*

Genealogy of Genesis 5

*Man (is) Appointed Mortal Sorrow; (but)
(the) Blessed God Shall Come down
Teaching (that) His death shall bring (the)
Despairing Comfort, Rest*

One Integrated Design

The New Testament

is in the Old Testament concealed;

The Old Testament

is in the New Testament revealed.

The Tenth Man

Adam

Seth

Enosh

Kenan

Mahalalel

Jared

Enoch

Methuselah

Lamech

Noah

Shem

Arphaxad

Salah

Eber

Peleg

Reu

Serug

Nahor

Terah

Abraham

Isaac

Jacob

Judah

Pharez

Hezron

Ram

Amminadab

Nahshon

Salman

Boaz

Genesis 5

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

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

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

Gen 5:30-32

Next Session

- *Why* did God send the Flood?
 - What did Jesus mean when He warned us,
“as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be”?
- Matthew 24:37
- Who were the “*Nephilim*”?



The Book of Genesis

In the beginning...
מֵהֶלֶק אֵרֶב תִּיבָרֶב