

Genesis Chapter 5

Ge 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;

The phrase, "book of the generations" only appears twice in scripture. The other instance is found in [Mat.1:1](#) concerning the generation of Jesus Christ (there is no record of death in the Matthew account). Your name will appear in one of two books: Adams, or Christs. ([Php.4:3](#), [Rev.20:15](#)). To be found in the book of life "ye must be born again", [Jn.3:7](#). If not, you will die in Adam, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." [1Co 15:22](#). See also [1Cor.15:45](#) and [Rom.5:12-19](#).

Ge 5:2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. As we studied in Chap.2, Eve was created from Adam and for Adam ([Gen.2:18](#), [1Cor.11:9](#)). Eve does not represent the feminine side of God. The woman is the glory of the man ([1Cor.11:7](#)). Only Adam was made in God's likeness.

Ge 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:

In verse 3 we find an incredible revelation concerning the number one issue facing mankind; he is no longer born in the image of God, but in the image of Adam. He is still a trinity of body, soul, and spirit - but the spirit is dead ([1Cor.2:11](#)) and in the flesh "dwelleth no good thing" [Rom.7:18](#). Thus, man is not born "a child of God" but rather a child of the Devil ([Jn.8:44](#)) and is guided and blinded by his spirit ([Eph.2:2](#), [2Cor.4:4](#)). It is the job of every believer to preach "...repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" ([Acts 20:21](#)) and warn this lost world to get out from under the wrath of God ([Jn.3:36](#)).

Ge 5:4-5 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.

Before the flood, men were capable of living hundreds of years. How? First, there was most likely a difference in the atmosphere. The world is speculated to have been up to 30% richer in oxygen. Additionally, the firmament may have served to filter the harmful rays of the sun. Second, we find no mention of war or disease. But regardless of how long anyone lived, they died. Adam lived long enough to be a contemporary of Noah's father Lamech.

Ge 5:6-24 And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos...

Seth's genealogy is given in the following verses. Enos (Seth's son) gave his son the name of Cainan, giving the impression that "the way of Cain" was already creeping into his side of the family. The names Enoch and Lamech also show up down the line. Enoch, however, began to walk with God ([vs.22](#)) after giving birth to Methuselah (*about 687 years from creation*) which is said to mean: "When he is dead it shall be sent". According to Jude, Enoch preached against his ungodly generation ([Jude 14-16](#)) and prophesied of the Second Advent. Because of Enoch's walk with God, he "...was translated (God took him – [Gen.5:24](#), raptured) 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." [Heb.11:5](#). Enoch was raptured and "was not found" – Why? Because he walked with God. He is a picture of the church. Believers are already passed from death unto life ([Jn.5:24](#), [1Cor.15:55](#)) and are alive in Christ ([Gal.2:20](#), [1Cor.15:22](#)).

Ge 5:27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died. The oldest man still died

Ge 5:28-30 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...

Noah was born about 69 years after Enoch's translation and was in agreement with his preaching. I suspect Noah's father Lamech agreed as well based on the naming of Noah. Lamech died 5 years before the flood and lived a total of 777 years (triple 7). Seven is God's number of completion. God was finished with man at this point, except for Noah who was perfect in his generations ([Gen.6:9](#)).

Ge 5:31-32 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.

Lamech was around to see and teach his grandsons for 95 years. At this time there was still no written word of God, just what was passed on by men of God. It is not too different from today actually. Most people don't read the bible even if they own one. Paul makes us aware that we are living epistles known and read of all men, [2Cor.3:2-3](#).