

The Effects of Sin on the Human Race

Genesis 5

Introduction

In the last half of chapter four, (Genesis 4:17-26), we were shown the contrast between the descendants of Cain and that of Seth, Adam's third son.

- Cain's descendants, altered the design of God for marriage (Lamech had two wives).

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- They disdained the value of life (Lamech murders a man and then boasts about it).
- They produced cities, music, and all kinds of implements to aid them in the pursuit of their goals for life.

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- Some of the descendants of Seth promoted the worship of the Lord.
- It is in **Genesis 5** that we are given the names of the descendants of Seth and shown that Noah is a direct descendant of Seth.

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- We also learn that death is now the common lot of mankind because of Adam's sin (Romans 5:12).

Scripture

Genesis 5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. ² Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created.

Adam dies

³ When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him **Seth**. ⁴ The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. ⁵ Thus all the days that **Adam** lived were 930 years, and **he died**.

Explanation

- The chapter begins with a summary statement about God's creation and blessing of Adam as the image of God.
- We learn that the image of God in humans is passed on to the children, but, sadly, it now is tainted by

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- human sinfulness (“he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image”).
- Being in God’s image means humans have the privilege and responsibility to represent Him on earth and enjoy His blessings.

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- As we read Genesis chapter five, notice the details about the age of each descendant when he has his first-born son.
- Notice that each descendant has multiple sons and daughters (large families).

Seth dies

⁶ When Seth had lived 105 years, he fathered **Enosh**. ⁷ Seth lived after he fathered Enosh 807 years and had other sons and daughters. ⁸ Thus all the days of **Seth** were 912 years, and **he died**.

Enosh dies

⁹ When Enosh had lived 90 years, he fathered **Kenan**. ¹⁰ Enosh lived after he fathered Kenan 815 years and had other sons and daughters. ¹¹ Thus all the days of **Enosh** were 905 years, and **he died**.

Kenan dies

¹² When Kenan had lived 70 years, he fathered **Mahalalel**. ¹³ Kenan lived after he fathered Mahalalel 840 years and had other sons and daughters. ¹⁴ Thus all the days of **Kenan** were 910 years, and **he died**.

Mahalalel dies

¹⁵ When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he fathered **Jared**. ¹⁶ Mahalalel lived after he fathered Jared 830 years and had other sons and daughters. ¹⁷ Thus all the days of **Mahalalel** were 895 years, and **he died**.

Mahalalel dies

¹⁸ When Jared had lived 162 years, he fathered **Enoch**. ¹⁹ Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. ²⁰ Thus all the days of **Jared** were 962 years, and **he died**.

Enoch does not die!

²¹ When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered **Methuselah**. ²² Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. ²³ Thus all the days of **Enoch** were 365 years. ²⁴ Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for **God took him.**

Methuselah dies

²⁵ When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he fathered Lamech. ²⁶

Methuselah lived after he fathered Lamech 782 years and had other sons and daughters. ²⁷ Thus all the days of **Methuselah** were 969 years, and he died.

Lamech dies

²⁸ When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son ²⁹ and called his name **Noah**, saying, "Out of the ground that the LORD has cursed, this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands."

Lamech dies

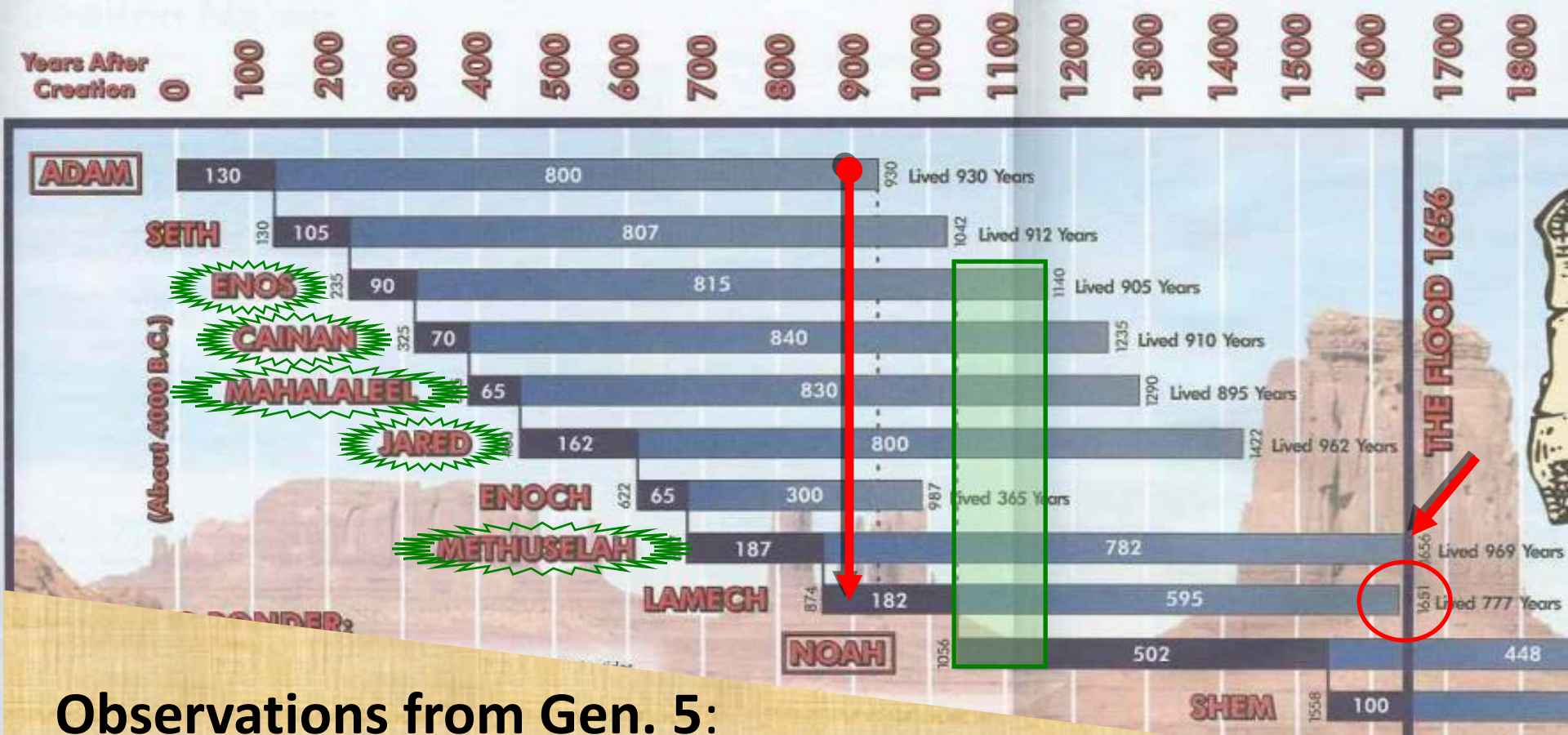
³⁰ Lamech lived after he fathered Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters. ³¹ Thus all the days of **Lamech** were 777 years, and **he died**.

Noah

³² After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered **Shem**, **Ham**, and **Japheth**.

Pre-Flood Genealogy

Names	Age at Birth of named Son	Age he died
Adam	130	930
Seth	105	912
Enos	90	905
Kenan	70	910
Mahalaleel	65	895
Jared	162	962
Enoch	65	Taken to Heaven
Methusaleh	187	969
Lamech	182	777
Noah	500	---
Years to the flood	100	100
Total Years from Creation to Flood	1,656	



Observations from Gen. 5:

1. Adam was alive for the first 56 years of Noah's father's life.
2. Noah could have known Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, and Methuselah personally.
3. Noah's father, Lamech, died five years before the Flood.
4. Methuselah died the year of the Flood.

Enoch Walked with God

God graciously gave everyone the opportunity to walk with Him.

The choice each of them faced is, “Do I really want to do what is necessary to walk with God?”

- Read handout: “What it means to walk with God.”

Enoch was a Prophet

God revealed future events to Enoch for we read in the NT in **Jude 1:14-15**:

“It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, ¹⁵ to execute judgment on all and to convict

Enoch was a Preacher

all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

Enoch Pleased God

^{NLT} **Hebrews 11:5** It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying-- "he disappeared, because God took him." For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God.

Lamech names Noah

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- God must have given Lamech

Lamech names Noah

- prophetic insight of Noah's future. The name "Noah" means "rest."
- Lamech hoped that through Noah God would somehow bring humans relief from the painful toil of their hands.

Summary

- After the fall, humans continue to bear the image of God.
- Because of Adam's sin, people died.
- Most of the humans (preflood) did not serve God.

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- God, in mercy, gave Enoch a message of coming judgment for their sin if they did not repent.
- There were a few who chose to worship God and walk with Him. Sadly, most did not choose to walk with God.

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